

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
March 16, 2008 ~ Palm/Passion Sunday
Out of the Depths

Gathering Music

Proclamation: Matthew 21:1-11

***Processional Hymn:** “Hosanna, loud Hosanna” #238 HWB

***Welcome and Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 118)

**Response: Alleluia! We give thanks to you, Yahweh,
for you are good; your love is everlasting!**

***Hymn** “When I survey the wondrous cross” #260 HWB

Prayer of Confession: #698 HWB

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Children’s Gathering Hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s Time “Footwashing”

Hymn: “For God so loved us” #167 HWB

The passion: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Hymn: “O sacred head now wounded” #252 HWB

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. AMEN

Offering & Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to the pastor or worship leader)

Introduction of Guests

***Sending Hymn:** “Calvary” #249 HWB

***Benediction**

Postlude

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Community Time

- Fellowship time 10:45-11:00 a.m.

- Christian Education (11 – noon)

Children’s classes begin with singing in the nursery.

Adult offerings:

- Exploring the New Testament—Library
- Faith and Human Development—Chapel (201, Education wing)

A parent resource room is directly below the sanctuary, between the men's and women's washrooms. A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education wing. Please ask an usher if you wish to be guided to the nursery.

TODAY: Lent Six (Palm/Passion Sunday): Into the depths

Readers: Matthew Blackwell-Kinney, Sam Bartel, Arlene Holdeman, Candace Lutt, Neil Okerlund, Rhonda Martin, Joetta Schlabach

Worship Leader: Noah Skogerboe

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Sandra Westby **Flute:** Jennifer Wandersee

Childcare: Cynthia Miller & Yeshi Tolessa

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

Organ: David Mayou

Childcare: Volunteer needed

Snow Shoveling (Mar. 17-23): Volunteer needed

March 9: Attendance: not recorded Offering: \$1,369.25

Thank you. Darrell, Cynthia, Geneva, and Callie would like to thank the congregation for the many cards, prayers, and support they have received during the recent weeks following the deaths of Michael and Darrell's father. We have felt your presence with us.

Faith Mennonite Church

Interim Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

**Deacons: Candace Lutt, Martha Mayou, Mike Okerstrom,
Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick**

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: March 17-21

Pastor's Hours: Mon, 1-5; Wed & Thurs, 9-4; Friday, 8:30-11:00. Joetta will be in Faribault on Tuesday for a meeting with area Mennonite pastors. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m.

Office Assistant Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

Families Moving Forward – Friday March 28 & Saturday March 29

This will be the only time in 2008 that Faith Church will be hosting the meal and childcare at Families Moving Forward. Volunteers for Saturday are still needed. If you would like to be involved with this project, contact Karen Wiebe at 612-276-1217.

Church Meetings and Events

March 18 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m. @ FMC

March 20 – Maundy Thursday Meal and Service, 6:30 p.m.

March 21 – Community Good Friday Service, noon, Minnehaha
Communion Lutheran Church, 4101 37th Ave S., MPLS

March 23 – Easter breakfast, 8:30 a.m.; worship, 9:45 a.m. (no
Christian education classes)

April 2 – Bethel College Choir concert, 7 p.m., Luther Seminary

April 20 – FMC Neighborhood Gatherings, 5-7 p.m. in homes

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall
not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Matthew 27:15-26 (read by congregation)

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus* Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, ‘Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus* Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, ‘Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.’ ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas.’ ²²Pilate said to them, ‘Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ All of them said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ ²³Then he asked, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Let him be crucified!’

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood;* see to it yourselves.’ ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, ‘His blood be on us and on our children!’ ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified

Announcements

A big **thank you** to Faith for the kindness and love shown to Atlee, Haven and our extended families during this difficult time of grieving the death of Dellis and Michael. Your support through Joetta, Darrell, Cynthia, Tom and Rebecca, Joan and Yeshi in Fargo, the Sunday brunch for our families before the memorial, and your ongoing prayers are very meaningful to us. Thank you to those of you who attended the memorial and shared your gift of song. I ask for your ongoing thoughts and prayers as the boys and I settle into our new reality. — Erin Geiser

Help needed for the Maunday Thursday meal. Please contact Sandra Westby and/or sign up on the list at the back of the church if you are able to help in any of these capacities:

- make and bring a pot of soup (2 pots needed, including one vegan).
- bring fruit or bread
- come at 6:00 to cut bread and fruit
- do dishes and clean up after the service.

Easter Sunday March 23, 8:30 a.m. breakfast A volunteer is needed to coordinate the meal portion of the morning. That person will be responsible for finding the other volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up and dish washing. Sign-up sheet is on back table. Please bring an egg dish, bread or fruit.

Peace Vigil on Lake Street Bridge, Wednesday, March 19, 5-6 p.m. Bring the troops home. End the U.S. War & Occupation of Iraq! (Interested persons can carpool from FMC at 4:45)

Potluck Dinner and Program at 6:30 p.m. at Macalester Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Av., St. Paul.

Program Speakers include: Wes Davies and Brandon Day (Iraq Veterans Against the War) speaking about their experiences from Afghanistan and Iraq and the resent Washington testimonies as part of “Winter Soldier,” and Sami Rasouli, an Iraqi American sharing from his first-hand account of conditions in Iraq today. Sponsored by Women Against Military Madness and Twin Cities Peace Campaign.

Farewell from Silas Crews Silas left this week for the Netherlands where his girlfriend will be doing a professional internship with her business. They are moving their things to the East Coast since she anticipates going to grad school when they return. Silas regretted not being able to give his farewell in person. He can be contacted through email: silascrews@gmail.com

The Concert Choir from Bethel College in North Newton, Kan., will give a benefit concert for the Twin Cities Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale Wed., April 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Incarnation at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. The seminary's address is 2481 Como Ave. and the chapel is located in the Olsen Student Center at 1490 Fulham (corner of Fulham and Hendon Ave.). The 45-voice choir sings a repertoire of mostly sacred music under the direction of Dr. William Eash. Contact: 612-669-7552.

News from the global church. Mennonite Mission Network worker Gretchen Kingsley and Ute Paul, both members of the Mennonite Team in the Argentine Chaco, have prepared a Christian education teaching tool appropriate for Toba indigenous churches. Pray that the first booklets for sale will be accepted and that the biblical stories may come alive for the children.