

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

March 30, 2008 ~ Easter 2

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: O living Christ, come to us in the glory of your risen power;
come to us in the humility of your wondrous love.

P: Come and reign among us!

L: Let the doors we have closed to you be opened.

**P: Let new life course through our veins, new love bind us
together; and new vision spur us on to follow you forever.**

All: Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen.

***Hymns:** “Lift your glad voices” #275 HWB
“Come ye faithful, raise the strain” #265 HWB

Scripture reading: Acts 2:14a; 22-32

Affirmation of faith

Women: We believe in a bright and amazing God
who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf;
who has risen in splendor and majesty;
who decorates the universe with sparkling water,
clear white light, twinkling stars and sharp colors,
over and over and over again.

Men: We believe that Jesus is the light of the world;
that God believes in us, and trusts us,
even though we make the same mistakes
over and over and over again.

All: We commit ourselves to Jesus,
to one another as brothers and sisters,
and to the Maker’s business in the world.

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

Children’s Time

Hymn: “Jesus, we are here” #6 STJ

Gospel reading: John 20:19-31

Sermon: “Holy Doubt”

Hymn: “For the Healing of the Nation” #367 HWB

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Update from Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests

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

***Sung benediction:** “This joyful Eastertide” #276 HWB

Passing the Peace

Postlude

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:

- Spirituality and Food—Fellowship Hall
- 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: Easter two: God dispels our doubts

Worship Leader: Noah Skogerboe

Sermon: Carol Wise, Executive Director of Brethren Mennonite Council

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Melissa Falb

Childcare: Volunteers needed

Fellowship time: Sandra Westby

Thank you to Nikki Fitch, Adam Nafziger (and Linus!) and Jennifer Wandersee for helping to decorate the sanctuary for the Easter Season.

Faith Mennonite Church
Interim Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

**Deacons: Candace Lutt, Martha Mayou, Mike Okerstrom,
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: March 31-April 4

Pastor's Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9-4; Fri, 8:30-noon. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m. Joetta will be returning from Goshen on Monday.

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

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:
faithmc@faithmennonite.org

March 23: Attendance: 86 Offering: \$4,886

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter three / communion Sunday
"The God of revelation opens our eyes"

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Worship Leader: Matthew Hendricks

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Karen Zeug

Childcare: Annette Semancin Jones & Sandy Westby

Fellowship time: Tom Johnson

Church Meetings and Events

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

April 5 – Christian Education Commission, 9 a.m. at FMC

April 10 – Deacon's Commission, 1 p.m. at Richardson's

April 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m. @ FMC Chapel

April 16 – Missions & Service, 7 p.m. at FMC

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

April 25-26 – FMC Women's Retreat, Carondelet Center

Acts 2:14a; 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,
“He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood (*over*)

among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

TONIGHT – 26TH Anniversary Commemoration of the Life of Archbishop Oscar Romero, 6:30 p.m., FMC sanctuary. Hosted by the Community of St. Martin and Pax Christi.

Time to Register for the Women’s Retreat (April 25-26)

Registrations for the spring Women’s Retreat – “Spiritual Care through the Seasons of Life” are due TODAY.

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 45-voice choir sings a repertoire of mostly sacred music under the direction of Dr. William Eash.

Muslim-Christian Cooperation in Peacemaking, April 10. Two peacemakers will speak at the University of St. Thomas, Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Sami Rasouli of Muslim Peacemaker Teams, Iraq and Ahmed Haile, Peace Studies instructor at Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya. 3M Auditorium, Owens Science Center, 2115 Summit Av., St. Paul. For more information contact Gerald Schlabach.

Join OutFront Minnesota’s justFair Lobby Day on Thursday, April 17.

This year will be an important opportunity to engage with lawmakers who are considering whether to support GLBT people and their families as full members of the state but they need to see that the risks in voting their conscience will be supported by their constituents. See bulletin board for more information.

Bethel University Community Hymn Sing, Sunday, April 6, 3 p.m.,

Join with hundreds of voices singing your favorite hymns. Refreshments will follow. Freewill offering. 3900 Bethel Drive in St. Paul.