

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
April 5, 2009 ~ Palm/Passion Sunday
Our Lives Are In Your Hands

Prelude
Welcome

Call to Worship

In Song: “Cantate deo” ~ Women’s Ensemble, Neil Okerlund, director

In words:

L: Look, people of God, see what is coming!

All: *What a surprise...our King on a donkey!*

Right: Our teacher shows us what humility looks like

Left: and how deceptive appearances can be.

L: We praise you, God, for giving us yet another glimpse of your upside-down Kingdom.

Right: You are both ever-new and lovingly steadfast,

Left: on the move and reliably faithful.

All: *You are our God and we give you thanks. Amen.*

Processional Hymn: “Blessed be the name” (insert)

Children’s time: Jesus’ victory ride (Mark 11:1-11)

Hymn: “O sacred Head now wounded” #252 HWB (vv.1 & 4)

The passion: Mark 14:1-15:47

Responsive solo: “Jesus walked this lonely valley”

Responding to the word: Philippians 2:5-11 (insert)

Hymn: “Christ, who is in the form of God” (insert)

Text by David Koyzis, based on Philippians 2:6-11

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 and Offertory “Jesu, joy of our desiring” ~ Women’s ensemble

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

Introduction of Guests

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

***Sending hymn:** “You are all we have” #26 STJ

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

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

- Children’s music – 11 a.m., Room 201, education wing

- Christian Education –11:15 – noon

Adult classes:

- The Spirituality of Imperfection - Room 201, education wing
- Spirituality and Health – Library

TODAY: Palm/Passion Sunday

Worship leader: Deedee Stevens Neal **Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Melissa Falb; Sandra Westby **Drum:** John Ratigan

Readers: Erin Geiser, Leah Gingerich, Matthew Kinney, Rhonda Martin, David Mayou, Greg Renstrom, Joetta Schlabach, Hermann Weinlick, Richard Westby

Cross bearers: Noah Kreider-Carlson, Sophia Harder-Kouay, John Mayou

Women’s Ensemble: Stacy Griffin, Arlene Holdeman, Joetta Schlabach, Deedee Stevens Neal, Donna Stucky, Melissa Hochstetler

Nursery volunteers: Gerald Schlabach, Dan Leisen & Thaine Dirks

Fellowship: John Ratigan & Kristin Green

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter: Rolling the Stone Away

Worship leader: Deedee Stevens Neal **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg **Organ:** David Mayou

Nursery volunteers: Karen Wiebe, Kami Blackwell Kinney and one volunteer needed.

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.

March 29: Attendance: 105 Offering: \$1,740

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Michael Bischoff

Deacons: Kami Blackwell Kinney, Cleta Roth Gingerich,
Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: April 6-10

Pastor: Monday 11-2; Wed 10-4; Thurs 11-5; Friday 8:30-11:30.

Michael Bischoff: Thursday 9-noon

Office Assistant: Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

*Email all bulletin items before **Thursday evening** to:*

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

Holy Week Schedule at FMC

Maundy Thursday Meal & Communion Service, 6 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Please sign up to bring bread or fruit; Child care provided.

Good Friday, Community Worship Service, noon, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st Street

Easter Sunday we will have our annual Easter Breakfast, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please bring one of the following to share: an egg casserole, rolls or muffins, or fresh fruit. Sample egg casserole and roll recipes are available at the back of the sanctuary. Worship at 9:45.

No education.

Thank you to Joan Kreider and Kristen Green who have created the visuals during Lent and to all who have participated as readers, musicians and singers, and children's time leaders. Other members of the Lent Worship Planning Group were: Alisa Bardo-Martinson, Adam Nafziger, and Deedee Stevens Neal.

Church Meetings and Events

April 6 – Missions & Service, Commission, 9 a.m., FMC

April 7 – Lectionary Discussion (Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31), 8:30 a.m., Trotters, Cleveland & Marshall, SP

April 7 – Fall Retreat Committee, 5 p.m., Schlabach's

April 13 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC chapel

April 15 – Deacon's Commission, 9:30 a.m., Richardson's

April 25 – Pan-African Community Organization Fund-raiser, 4-7 p.m., FMC

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Philippians 2:5-11

L: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

C: but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

L: And being found in human form, he humbled himself

C: and became obedient to the point of death—

All: even death on a cross.

L: Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

C: so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

All: and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

Announcements

Women's Retreat Registrations due next Sunday, April 12.

FMC Painting marathon on Saturday, April 18 starting @ 8:am until (as long as you are able). If 2 or 3 folks could spend some time Friday evening (4/17) priming, that'll give us a jump on Saturday's work. If you can give our building a few hours of TLC, talk to Glenn Geissinger this Sunday or call (952-470-1847) or email (glenn.geissinger@gmail.com) and tell him what painting equipment you can bring to this effort.

Approximately 90 people gathered at Faith Mennonite Church last Sunday afternoon for the Interfaith Forum on **"Immigration and Food Justice."** Thank you to the excellent work of the organizing committee: Michael Bischoff, Christy Bischoff, Sarah Classen, Melissa Hochstetler, Donna Minter, Gregg Richardson, and Ry Siggelkow; to everyone who provided snacks; to Dan Leisen for taking photos; to all of the FMCers present who helped provide hospitality; and to Leslie Minkler for helping wash dishes afterward.

Pan-African Meal and Entertainment to support the Pan-African Community Organization, Saturday April 25th, 4:00 – 7:00 pm at FMC. In FMC's discernment this past fall about community relationships we were called to expand, connections with East African neighbors in Seward came out as a clear priority. In following up in that area, FMC is developing an ongoing partnership with the Pan-African Community Organization (PACO), which is based in Seward. We are working with PACO to help them establish a new Learning Center in the neighborhood, which will provide ESL for adults and a range of other services for African immigrants. We would like to encourage everyone at FMC to get to know people and programs at PACO at this fundraising meal, hosted by FMC. The schedule will be:

4:00 – 5:00 pm African Cultural Show with the Titambe West African Dance Ensemble

5:00 – 5:30 pm Presentation and Stories from the Pan-African Community Organization

5:30 – 7:00 pm Pan-African Meal, with dishes from several African cultures
Suggest donation for the event: \$10 - \$30 per person. Pay as you are able.
Contact Michael Bischoff (612-521-1889) with questions.

From Mennonite Mission Network

On Palm Sunday and Easter, churches in many parts of Africa incarnate visible testimonies to the whole community, including woven palm branches and resurrection parades. Pray that the church worldwide would expand its witness during this season of joyous celebration.