

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

April 6, 2008 ~ Easter 3

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Response: Gracious are you, Yahweh, and righteous;  
you are full of compassion.**

**\*Hymns:** "Thine is the glory" #269 HWB  
"Christ is risen, shout Hosanna" #272 HWB

**Affirmation of faith**

Leader: 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.

**C: 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** "Recognizing Jesus"

**Hymn:** "Christ's is the world" #62 STJ

**Gospel reading:** Luke 24:13-35

**Sermon:** "The Bread of Recognition"

**Communion** (*We will gather in groups around tables at front and back;  
come down the center aisle and return by the outside aisles. Please  
hold the elements until all are served. Gluten free bread is available  
in each basket.*)

**Communion Song:** "When the poor ones" ~Stacy Griffin

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**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:** "Abide with me" #653 HWB (v. 1 & 3)

**\*Benediction & Passing the Peace**

**Postlude**

Community Time

- Fellowship time 10:45-11:00 a.m. (in basement fellowship hall)

- Christian Education (11:00 – noon)

**Children's classes** begin with singing in the nursery at 11 a.m.

**Adults:**

The adults will meet together today in the fellowship hall for a  
conversion with the various commissions about their work and  
vision.

*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 three: God opens our eyes

**Worship Leader:** Matthew Hendricks **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Hermann Weinlick **Piano:** Karen Zeug

**Childcare:** Annette Semanchin Jones & Sandra Westby

**Fellowship time:** Dan Leisen & Tom Johnson

---

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Easter four: God leads us to abundant life

**Worship Leader:** Matthew Hendricks **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg **Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Childcare:** Beth Richardson & Volunteer Needed

**Fellowship time:** Volunteers Needed

---

## Faith Mennonite Church

Interim Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

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

2720 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406 Ph: 612-375-9483  
E: [faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org) Web: [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org)

### FMC OFFICE HOURS: April 7-11

**Pastor's Hours:** Mon, 1-5 p.m.; Wed & Thurs 9-4; Fri, 8:30-12:30.  
(Tuesday is a study day.) 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](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

---

**March 30:** Attendance: 78 Offering: \$880; \$500 designated

---

### Church Meetings and Events

- 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
- May 11 – Pentecost/Baptism & Church Membership Sunday

**Baptism & Church Membership Sunday.** We are planning a service of baptism for Leslie Minkler on May 11. Other persons interested in exploring church membership at this time may speak with Joetta or one of the deacons.

**Lost and Found** — There are a number of lost and forgotten items that have accumulated in the church kitchen recently. These items are on the table downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please look the collection over and retrieve anything that you've forgotten here.

**Bethel University Community Hymn Sing, TODAY, 3 p.m.** Join with hundreds of voices singing your favorite hymns. Refreshments will follow. A free-will offering will be taken. 3900 Bethel Drive in St. Paul.



Then they told what had happened on the road,  
and how he had made known to them  
in the breaking of the bread. Luke 24:35

Faith Mennonite Church  
April 6, 2008  
Luke 24:13-35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,<sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.<sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,<sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.<sup>17</sup> And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad.<sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’<sup>19</sup> He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,<sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.<sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.<sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,<sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’<sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!<sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.<sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them.<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.<sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.<sup>34</sup> They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Announcements

**The trustees are calling a work morning Sat. April 12 at 8am** to remove loose, crumbling plaster in the NE sanctuary corner & along the east wall, workers will remove 2 pews & climb ladders w/ hammers, masonry chisels, etc while clean-up crew waits below to clean-up plaster; not for vertigo-prone volunteers; wear appropriate clothes & expect to finish before noon. See or call Glenn Giessinger to volunteer.

**Muslim-Christian Cooperation in Peacemaking, April 10.** Sami Rasouli of Muslim Peacemaker Teams, Iraq and Ahmed Haile, Peace Studies instructor at Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya. Free and open to the public. 7p.m., 3M Auditorium, Owens Science Center, 2115 Summit Av., St. Paul.

**The Rose Ensemble presents: *Peace Among the Nations: Abraham in Judaism, Christianity & Islam* Saturday, April 12, 8:00pm Sunday, April 13, 7:00pm.** Through music and interfaith discussion, we will together explore the tale of Abraham. For more info go to <http://www.roseensemble.org/performances/overview.html#abraham>

Join **OutFront Minnesota’s justFair Lobby Day at the capitol, Thursday, April 17.** Engage with lawmakers who are considering whether to support GLBT people and their families as full members of the state. See bulletin board for more information.

**Volunteers needed for Project Homeless Connect** a one-stop shop model to help people experiencing homelessness connect with services they choose or need. On **Monday, April 28**, Hennepin County and the city of Minneapolis are partnering with service providers, businesses, citizens, and faith communities to bring multiple resources to the Minneapolis Convention Center. 1000 volunteers are needed. To find out how you can volunteer or contribute: [www.homelessconnectminneapolis.org](http://www.homelessconnectminneapolis.org).

**St. Martin’s Table Book Sale Fri. April 25, 4-11 pm & Sat. April 26, 9 am-5pm.** 2001 Riverside Av., Mpls. Phone: 612 339-3920

**Peace Village 2008, June 23-July 3** Since 1994 Peace Village, an outreach of the Community of St. Martin, has offered programs in peacemaking and conflict resolution for children and families. The goal is to help children and families learn the importance of peacemaking and conflict resolution in an increasingly troubled world. This year’s program is for children who have completed kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms are available on the back table at church. For more information, contact Beka Hamlett-Leisen 612-724-4339. *Share a brochure with a neighbor!*