

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 8, 2012 ~ Easter

## Prelude

**Choral Anthem:** "Easter Anthem" - William Billings (1746-1800)

## Welcome

**\*Call to Worship** - from Psalm 118

Leader: We give thanks to God who is good!

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: God is my strength and might; God is my salvation.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that God has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*Hymns:** "Sing the day" (insert)

"Christ the Lord is risen today" #280 HWB

**New Testament reading:** Acts 10:34-43

**Children's gathering song:** "Come and see" #20 HWB

**Children's time:** - Shuji Moriichi

**Hymn:** "Christ has arisen" #267 HWB

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

God, with all creation we rejoice in the resurrection, in your "Yes!" to the world's "No."

Yet we also confess that we often choose the path of death instead of allowing you to transform us

with the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.

Honor our pledge to love you and to be witnesses to your good news, recounting your deeds in our lives.

## Assurance

**Gospel reading:** Mark 16:1-8

**Sermon:** "The story after 'The End'"

**\*Hymn:** "I know that my Redeemer lives" #277

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

STJ: Sing the Journey

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sharing our Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother 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 worship leader)

### Introduction of guests

**\*Sending hymn:** "Lift your glad voices" #275 HWB

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

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### Community Time

There will be no Christian education classes today.

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### TODAY:

**Worship leader:** Shawn Helmeke

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Anna Gambucci

**Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Guitar:** Chris Semanchin Jones

**Violin:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Ushers:** Darrell Martin & Paula Okerstrom

**Nursery:** Andy Martinson & *one additional volunteer needed*

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Easter 2: Acts 4:32-35, John 20:19-31

**Worship leader:** Joan Kreider

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Gregg Richardson

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Ushers:** Aine McCarthy & Cori Skogerboe

**Nursery:** Heather Wengerd & Candace Lutt

**Fellowship:** Beth & Gregg Richardson

**Fellowship buddy:** Jenny Wandersee

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**April 1:**

**Attendance: 90**

**Offering:** not yet recorded

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### Concerns:

Arlene Geissinger undergoing surgery to donate a kidney.

Tyler Zabriskie (and family) as he travels to Pakistan.

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*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.*

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**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus**  
*Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Shelly Hendricks,*

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**FMC office hours: April 9-13**

**Pastor:** Mon 11-5:00; Wed & Thurs 3-5. Tuesday is a study day. On Thursday Joetta will participate in the area Mennonite pastor cluster meeting in Cannon Falls.

**Ministry Staff:** Wed 1:45-7; Thurs 1:45-7

**Email bulletin items by Wednesday evening.** Bulletin is printed on Thursday.

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**Space still available! Spirit—Skills—Strategy: Creating a Culture of Peace nonviolence training, April 13-15,** 1 p.m. Friday through 6 p.m. Sunday (Sunday morning free). Facilitators are Phil Stoltzfus and Janet Chisholm, former director of Fellowship of Reconciliation and designer of the CCP curriculum. Deepen your engagement with the inner and outer work involved in nonviolent communication and strategic nonviolence. Cost \$100, scholarships available. To register: minstaff@faithmennonite.org.

**Interest survey--Quilt frame:** There is an opportunity to acquire a quilt frame for FMC, at no cost. If you would enjoy the use of a quilt frame—also usable for making banners and wall hangings—with a quilters group, or on your own, and support exploring this offer, **please respond** to either Marybeth Luing or Donna Stucky. We'll tally responses and make a decision **April 18**.

**Church Meetings and Events** (online calendar at: www.faithmennonite.org)

**April 10** – Sunday Text Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Café, SP

**April 11** – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

**April 13-15** – Creating a Culture of Peace nonviolence training

**April 18** – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m., Nafziger home

**April 18** – FMC Crafters, 7 p.m., library

**April 21** – April Birthday Brunch, 9:30 a.m., Schlabach home

**April 24** – Christian Education Commission, 4 p.m., church office

**April 25** – Missions & Service Commission, 5 p.m., chapel

## Announcements

**Mennonite Central Committee appeal for Syria.** In response to the crisis in Syria and its neighboring countries, where many Syrians are fleeing for safety, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has issued an appeal for \$500,000 and relief kits to assist partner organizations in the Middle East as they provide humanitarian aid and build peace at the community level. Following is a list of items if you would like to assemble a relief kit. **FMC will also take up a special offering on April 22, the Sunday that relief kits are due.** Contents (new items only):

- 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapping)
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13-24oz/380-710ml ; place bottle in a resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars of laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha, Sunlight or Zote brands; contact your local MCC warehouse with questions)
- 1 squeeze-tube toothpaste (minimum 6oz/130ml; leave in box)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes (leave in packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs(6 to 8in/15 to 20cm)
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18-24 thin maxi)

**Terry Peterson** is looking for **handy-man jobs**. If you have yard work, painting, or light construction-related projects that you need help with, Terry would be glad to work for you.

**Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m., Book-signing event for nonviolent activist and priest John Dear,** St. Francis Cabrini (1500 Franklin Ave., Mpls), in connection to his latest book, *Lazarus, Come Forth!*

Second annual fundraising dinner, “**Creating a New Paradigm for Young Black Males in Minnesota,**” to benefit Brotherhood, Inc., a grass-roots organization in St. Paul focused on uplifting young African American males, ages 16-24, who have been involved in the criminal justice system or gangs, or who are at risk of such involvement.

**Wednesday, April 18, 5:30 p.m.,** University of St. Thomas St. Paul campus. The event will include a silent auction, dinner, live music and other performances. Keynote address by Repa Mekha, Executive Director of Nexus Community Partners. A limited number of tickets at the community rate of \$25.00 are available. If you would like to attend at this rate, RSVP to nvlevypounds@stthomas.edu. See:

www.brotherhoodmn.org. –*Pat Eliason*

**Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Mark 16:1-8**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

L: For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God within us,  
For the Word of God among us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**