

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
April 10, 2011 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent  
*Becoming human: called and shaped by Jesus*

**Prelude Fughetta** in F ~ Handel; *My Song is Love Unknown* ~ John Ireland

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you.

**People: O Lord, hear our cry.**

Leader: If you keep a record of sins, who would stand a chance?

**People: O Lord, hear our cry.**

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness.

**All: We wait for you, O Lord. We hope in your word.**

***Blessed be your name.***

**\*Hymns:** "Holy Spirit, come with power" #26 HWB  
"O Breath of Life" #35 STJ

**Prayer of Confession & Silence**

**Words of Assurance**

Leader: Breathe on us, Lord. Put your spirit within us and make us live.

**All: We place our hope in you. Amen**

**Scripture reading:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:17-27

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

**Reader's theater:** Jesus and Lazarus ~ Matthew Hendricks & Aryn Baxter

**Children's time:** The color of Lent: purple ~ Shelly Hendricks

**Song:** "When grief is raw" #637 HWB (vv. 1-3)

**Reflections on moving from death to life**

Richard Westby: "On praise of God"

**Hymn:** "God of the earth, the sky, the sea" #53 HWB (vv. 1 & 4)

Joan Kreider: "Becoming a welcoming congregation: new life from dry bones"

**Hymn:** "New earth, heavens new" #299 HWB (vv. 1 & 3)

**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** (We will also receive gifts to **Mennonite Central Committee [MCC]** for disaster relief. Checks will be sent to MCC)

**Announcements** (please give in writing to worship leader)

**Introduction of guests**

**\*Sung benediction:** "Go, my friends, in grace" (insert in back of hymnal)

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

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Community Time

- 10:30 **Fellowship time**

- 10:45 **Children's singing time / activities**

- 11:00 **Education for all ages**

Adult Christian Education: Vision for Christian families & relationships –  
Basement fellowship hall

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**TODAY:** Lent 5: Becoming Human: Called to Life

**Worship leader:** Kristi Zabriskie

**Song Leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Flute trio:** Gail Bullard, Marybeth Luig and Jenny Wandersee

**Ushers:** Rachel Hoskins & Cori Skogerboe

**Nursery:** Wendy Brunner & Cori Skogerboe

**Fellowship:** Paula Okerstrom & Brooke Derrickson

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**NEXT SUNDAY:** Lent 6: Palm Sunday: Called to Worship

**Worship leader:** Kristi Zabriskie

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Pierre Gingerich

**Piano:** Cathy Smetana

**Ushers:** Darrell Martin & Cori Skogerboe

**Nursery:** Andy Martinson & Annette Semanchin-Jones

**Fellowship:** 2 volunteers needed

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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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**April 3: Attendance:** 99

**Offering:** \$2058

(Weekly budgeted need: \$2984)

**Sanctuary Painting Project Update**

**Received to date:** \$24,550

**Amount remaining:** \$11,450

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**\*Please stand if you are able**

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**FMC OFFICE HOURS:** April 11-15

**Pastor:** Mon 10-3:30; Wed & Thurs 10-5. Tuesday is a study day.

**Ministry Staff Person:** Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

**Office Assistant,** Julie Cross: Tues, Weds & Thurs 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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

[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org). Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

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**FMC Soup Group** An opportunity for our church community to share meals together on a regular basis. Each week someone from the congregation will host a meal at church (or their home) and anyone is welcome to come (and to bring friends and family if they would like). Soup and bread will be provided. RSVPs are requested for accurate planning.

- **Second Tuesday, April 12, 6 p.m., FMC** This will be followed at 7 p.m. with a time for fellowship and reflection on a Lent biblical text with friends from Cabrini Catholic Church. Please RSVP to Joetta by tomorrow, 612-375-9483 or [jschlabach@faithmennonite.org](mailto:jschlabach@faithmennonite.org).

**Easter cards for college students and others.** Please take a moment this morning to sign and/or write a note to our college students and others at a distance. Cards are on back table.

### **Church Meetings and Events**

April 12 - Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Restaurant

April 12 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Soup Group, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall, followed by  
Lent sharing with Cabrini Catholic Church at 7 p.m.

April 13 - Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

April 16 - Birthday Brunch, 10-11:30 a.m., Schlabach home

April 20 - Deacon Commission, 9 a.m., Richardson's

April 21 - Maundy Thursday, 6 – 8 p.m., Fellowship Hall

April 24 - Easter Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. & Worship, 9:45 a.m.

April 29 - 4th Friday Soup Group

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### **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

### **John 11:17-27**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

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.*

### **Announcements**

#### **Notices for parents:**

- Remember to **pick up children from the nursery before 10:40.**  
**Children may be dropped off again for Sunday School starting at 10:55.** The nursery will be closed between those times for cleaning, preparation and staff transitions.
- **Beginning this Sunday, April 10, Meagan** is taking a short leave to finish up the semester and get her farm work at Dream of Wild Health off to a good start. Dream of Wild Health is a small, organic seed-saving farm in Hugo, MN that grows vegetables and fruits for farmer's markets and donations. It's owned by a native community that is committed to preserving traditional agricultural traditions and ancient crop varieties. The farm is committed to empowering the native community through adult work-readiness programs and children's camps. Meagan will be continuing her work as the farm manager and thus needs some time in the spring to prepare fields and start seedlings. She looks forward to returning in the middle of May.
- During Meagan's absence, **Carmen Huaynate-Ellens**, of the Missio Dei community, will work as our nursery staff person. Carmen has nursery experience in her home country of Peru and in California.
- **Children in worship:** During worship, the back area of the sanctuary is intended for parents with infants and toddlers who are too young to be in the nursery. We ask that older children sit with their parent(s) or parenting partner and not be unattended in the back of the sanctuary.

**Lost & Found:** A number of items left in the kitchen and elsewhere in church are **displayed today** on a table in the basement fellowship hall. They will be removed after church on April 17 and donated to a thrift store. Please check to see if anything belongs to you! (Or help yourself, if you need something!)

**TTV is holding a special Oriental Rug Event Oct. 12-16, 2011** with hundreds of fair trade rugs from Pakistan of exceptional quality and value, and not produced with child labor. **Volunteer carpenters are needed** to prepare six plywood platforms & bases. Detailed instructions material costs provided. Call Dan Leisen or Julie Dappen.

Find important **signup sheets** on back fellowship table:

- **Letters to Senators Franken and Klobuchar and Rep Ellison** asking for support of a new US policy toward Colombia
- **Petition to stop secretive deportations in Hennepin County**
- **April Birthday Brunch**
- **Fellowship time hosting**
- **FMC 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Anniversary Celebration**