

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 11, 2010

Easter 2 ~ New heavens and a new earth

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship – based on Isaiah 65

L: For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;

P: Do not remember the former things!

L: Be glad and rejoice in what I am creating:

P: no more weeping or cries of distress.

L: They shall build houses and inhabit them;

P: they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

L: No more shall there be an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

P: for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth.

L: New heavens and a new earth...

ALL: Be glad and rejoice!

*Hymns: “The strife is over” #263 HWB (vv 1, 2, 4)
“O day of peace” #408 HWB

New Testament reading: Acts 5:27-32

Children’s gathering song: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s time: Celebrating 100 years!

Song: “Bwana awabariki” #422 HWB

Prayer

Offering and Offertory

Gospel reading: John 20:19-31

Sermon: “‘Appropriate’ Resurrection Responses”

Testimony of something new ~ Kami Blackwell Kinney

Hymn: “Dona nobis pacem Domine” #294 HWB

Sharing *During Eastertide we will light a candle after each thanksgiving or prayer request is offered.*

Prayers of the People ~ Greg Renstrom, Deacon

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

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** “We walk by faith” #570 HWB

***Benediction** #763 HWB

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

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

- **Children’s singing – 11 a.m.** Education wing chapel

- **Christian education – 11:15-noon** Adult classes:

- Parent connection to Gather ‘Round – balcony
- Speaking of Faith – Library
- Ways to Pray – Chapel, Education wing

TODAY: Easter 2: New Authority (Acts 5:27-32; John 20:19-31)

Worship leader: Gregg Richardson **Sermon:** Susan Kennel Harrison

Song leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg **Piano:** Melissa Falb

Children’s time: Richard Westby

Nursery volunteers: Karen Wiebe & Mark Kaufman

This morning Susan Kennel Harrison, a doctoral student in theology at Toronto School of Theology, will preach. Susan is spending this semester at the Collegeville Institute at St. John’s Abbey. She has been active in interfaith dialogue and has assisted MCC in their theological exchange visits with Iran. She will also meet with the Speaking of Faith adult education class.

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter 3: A New Way of Seeing (Acts 9:1-6)

Worship leader: Gregg Richardson **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Sara Yoder **Piano:** Sandra Westby

Nursery volunteers: Cleta Roth & Gerald Schlabach

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.

April 4: Attendance: 149 Offering: \$1,941

Faith Mennonite Church

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: April 12-16

Pastor: Mon 1-4; Wed & Thurs 9-4. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m.

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

Office Assistant: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

FMC donated 75 lbs. of food to Community Emergency Service this month. Thanks to Dick Westby and his grandsons for bringing the donation to CES.

Looking Ahead: Please mark your calendar for two upcoming events and watch for more details.

- **April 27, Choral Concert by Canadian Mennonite University Chamber Choir, 7 p.m. @ FMC** We will need overnight hosts for the choir members and will serve them a pre-concert meal. Please contact Arlene Geissing (meal) or Minke Sundseth (overnight hosting) if you can help.
- **May 1, Stewardship University, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. @ FMC** – This is a unique opportunity to consider “My lifestyle, faith & money: Are they speaking the same language?” Keynote presentation on Socially Responsible Investing and break-out sessions on budgeting for contentment; self-care as part of good health; long-term care; wise use of credit and debit cards; and community development investing. Our own Cynthia Miller, Minke Sundseth, and Shelly & Matthew Hendricks will be among the presenters.

Church Meetings and Events

April 14 – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., chapel

April 16 – VBS Planning Group, 8 p.m. Siggelkow’s

April 17 – Birthday Brunch, Schlabach’s, 9:30 a.m.

April 20 – Missions & Service Commission, 6:30 p.m., Chapel

April 21 – Deacon’s Commission, Richardson’s, 9:30 a.m.

April 27 – Canadian Mennonite University Choir, 7 p.m.

May 1 – Stewardship University, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., FMC

May 4 - Christian Education Commission, 7:30 p.m., church office

May 7-8 – Women’s Retreat, Carondelet Center

Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

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 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: 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

2010 MCC Festival and Sale Volunteer Forms were placed in mailboxes two weeks ago. Completed forms can be returned to **Teresa Wasick, board member.**

Delegates needed for Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting, June 24-27. The Annual Meeting will be held in Mountain Lake this year, June 24 (evening) -27 (noon). FMC may send 3 voting delegates in addition to the pastor. **Anyone interested in serving as a delegate should contact the church office.** A schedule of events is posted on the foyer bulletin board. Childcare is provided for families with children.

April Birthday Brunch – Saturday 17th If you or a family member has a birthday in April, Joetta invites you for brunch on Saturday, April 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Families & significant others invited. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area or email: jschlabach@faithmennonite.org

House to share – Rebecca Johnson is looking for two people to share a house with her in Southeast Minneapolis – two singles or one couple is fine. Anyone interested should give her a call at 612-267-5306 for further information. The house comes with washer and dryer, use of freezer space, etc.

Tom Johnson's address is 3434 Crest Avenue SE, Apt #2, Albuquerque, NM 87106. You can reach him by calling his cell phone at 612-655-1414 (note, this is a correction from last week's phone number).

Free crib available – Very nice crib with two drawers and a mattress.. Please talk to Kristin Green, ratigangreen@yahoo.com 612-721-8786.

Quaker Songwriter/Activist Carrie Newcomer to Perform in Area, April 15, 7:30 p.m. — Carrie Newcomer will be performing at Ginkgo Coffeehouse, celebrating the release of her new album on Rounder Records, Before and After. Ginkgo Coffeehouse, 1375 Van Buren Ave., St. Paul.

A Common Word: Love in Christianity and Islam Thursday, April 15, 2010, 7:30pm to 9pm, John Roach Center Auditorium, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Campus A Common Word is a Muslim declaration, signed by hundreds of Muslim scholars, clerics, and intellectuals worldwide, which emphasizes the commonality of love in Islam and Christianity. A panel featuring Dr. Jamal Badawi, Zafar Siddiqui, Dr. Terence Nichols, and Minnesota Council of Churches' Gail Anderson will discuss this declaration's implication for Muslim Christian relations.