

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 12, 2009 ~ Easter
None can stop the Spirit!

Prelude

Easter Anthem: “The Lord is risen indeed” ~ Ensemble

Welcome

Call to Worship (Isaiah 25:6-9)

L: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

C: a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines.

L: And God will destroy on this mountain

C: the shroud that is cast over all peoples; God will swallow up death forever.

L: Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of her people she will take away from all the earth. It will be said on that day

All: *Lo, this is our God; we have waited that he might save us; Let us be glad and rejoice in God’s salvation.*

Hymns: “Christ the Lord is risen today” #280 HWB
“This joyful Eastertide” #276 HWB

Gospel reading: Mark 16:1-8

Children’s Gathering Hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s time: God rolls stones away

Hymn: “Christ has arisen” #267 HWB (vv. 1, 4, 5, 6)

Epistle reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sermon: “Stones and stories: Let ’em roll”

Hymn: “O sons and daughters, let us sing” #274 HWB (vv. 1, 4, 5)

The story continues: Andi Kuenning

Affirmation of faith:

L: Let’s keep giving thanks to the Lord all our days.

P: God’s unfailing love goes on forever.

L: The Lord is our strength,

P: the Lord has become our salvation.

L: What we have experienced, we now believe.

P: What we believe, we now share with others.

L: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: *We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

L: The Lord is risen again in each of us.

All: *The Lord is risen indeed!*

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

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

Introduction of Guests

***Sending hymn:** “I know that my redeemer lives” #277 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

There will be no Christian Education classes today; classes will resume next Sunday.

TODAY: Easter: Rolling the Stone Away

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

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

Ensemble: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg, David Mayou, Sandra Westby

Drums: Stacy Griffin, John Ratigan, **Banjo:** Chris Jones

Drama: Pat Eliason, Chris Jones, Marcia Siggelkow, Yeshi Tolessa,

Nursery volunteers: Karen Wiebe, Kami Blackwell Kinney, & Skogerboe

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter 2: The Story Continues

Sermon: Greg Renstrom

Song leader: Gregg Richardson

Piano: Cathy Smetana

Nursery volunteers: Andi Kuenning & Thaine Dirks

Fellowship: Volunteers 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: 91 Offering: \$2,903

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Michael Bischoff

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: April 13-17

Pastor: Wed 12-5; Thurs 10-5; Friday 8:30-1:00. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m.

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

Women's Retreat Registrations due TODAY.

We are looking for an infant car seat to borrow. Anyone have one you'd be willing to loan out? Contact John Ratigan or Kristin Green, 612-721-8786

Pat Eliason's phone numbers have changed. Old: 612-331-2015
New: 612-388-2812 (cell); Work: 612-624-6384

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.

Church Meetings and Events

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

April 14 – Lectionary Discussion (Acts 3:12-19; 1 Jn 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48), 8:30 a.m., Trotters, Marshall & Cleveland, SP

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

April 15 – PACO meal planning meeting, 6 p.m., FMC chapel

April 16 – Women's retreat committee, 5:30 p.m., FMC chapel

April 18 – Church painting blitz, 8 a.m., FMC Fellowship Hall

April 23 – Race Forum, St. Olaf Catholic Church, evening

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

April 30 – May newsletter items due to Gregg Richardson, noon

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.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

C: Thanks be to God

Announcements

Urgent-Families Moving Forward has cut staff hours, and they are turning away more than 300 families that call them for shelter each month. They are struggling to weather the challenges of this tight economy. At Families Moving Forward, \$5.00 a week gives hope to a family. To make a donation go to www.familiesmovingforward.org.

Volunteers Needed for the April 25th fundraising meal that FMC is hosting for the Pan-African Community Organization (PACO). We need people to assist with cooking, set-up, and clean-up for the event. This will be a great chance to get to know people from PACO. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary. This event is a kick-off of a longer-term partnership between FMC and PACO. If you aren't able to volunteer, please come for the West African drumming and dancing performance at 4:00 pm and the African meal at 5:30 pm. Invite friends!

Wilderness Wind offers canoe trips, cabins, a yurt, and retreats this summer. A Mennonite camp based in Ely, Minnesota near the Boundary Waters, an encounter with the Creator and creation is perfect for families, friends, and youth groups. New this year - a Writer's Retreat canoe trip with Jeff Gundy, Survival Skills (outdoor challenges) with Cheryl Mast, Seniors in Denial canoe trip, and a Quilter's Retreat. Check www.wildernesswind.org or call 316-217-1129.

Going out for coffee or lunch? Join us at **St. Martin's Table**, a locally owned, non-profit restaurant/bookstore that believes in dining low on the food chain. Vegetarian and vegan soups and salads are made from organic and as much as possible, locally-grown produce. Sandwiches are made with daily homemade bread. Call 612-3393920 for more info and for the soups of the day. Tips are donated to organizations that work to alleviate hunger. Visit www.communityofstmartin.org.

Interfaith Worship – April 19, 6:00 p.m. Celebrate the diversity in the Twin Cities Christian community. St. Paul's Church is hosting an evening of worship, music and fellowship. Ensembles will include music from Ethiopian/Amharic, Chinese, Russian, and Kenyan background, as well as a group from Minneapolis North High School, Spanish-language worship led by the worship team from Iglesia Centro Cristiano de Minneapolis, as well as St. Paul's Senior Choir. All are invited; a free-will offering will be received. 1901 Portland Avenue, Minneapolis.

OutFront MN JustFair Lobby Day – Thursday, April 23 - Plan now to join your voice with others for an interfaith message of support for marriage equality. Register at www.outfront.org. For those interested in going as a group from FMC with our banner, contact Katie Hochstedler katie.hochstedler@gmail.com