

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 17, 2011 ~ Palm Sunday

Becoming human: called and shaped by Jesus

Prelude

Processional reading: Matthew 21:1-11

***Processional hymn:** “Hosanna, loud hosanna” #238 HWB

Children remain at front of sanctuary.

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Let us rejoice in all our Lord has done,

All: for it is marvelous in our eyes. Hosanna! We bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

***Hymn:** “Halle, halle, halle!” #17 STJ

Children’s time: “Jesus rides on a donkey” ~ 2nd-5th grade class

Conversation with children ~ Andy Martinson

Song: “Jesus is coming”

1. Oh Jesus, Oh Jesus, Oh Jesus, Jesus is coming, oh yes I know.

Refrain: Oh yes, I know. (5x)

2. Oh freedom...

Prayer of Confession & Silence

Words of Assurance

Leader: Lord, we trust in you. Redeem us now, we pray.

All: To you, God, we commit all our hope and all our worship. Amen

Scripture reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:36-46

Sermon: “From coronation to the cross”

Hymn: “What wondrous love is this” #530 HWB

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

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

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- 10:30 **Fellowship time**

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.

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

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

Adult Christian Education: Bread for the World offering of letters, led by Hermann Weinlick, basement fellowship hall.

TODAY: Palm Sunday. *Becoming Human: Called to Struggle*

Worship leader: Kristi Zabriskie

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

Piano: Cathy Smetana

Reader: Matthew Blackwell Kinney

Vocal Ensemble: Anna Gambucci, Pierre Gingerich-Boberg, Jacob Schlabach, Kristi Zabriskie

Ushers: Darrell Martin & Cori Skogerboe

Nursery: Andy Martinson & Annette Semanchin-Jones

Fellowship: Cleta Roth–Gingerich

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter (Matthew 28:1-18)

Worship leader: Kristi Zabriskie

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: David Mayou

Ushers: Rhonda Martin & Rachel Hoskins

Nursery: Laurie Kaufman & Donna Minter

Easter Morning Schedule:

8:30 – Breakfast (sign up at back of church to bring a menu item)

9:45 – Celebration of the resurrection. We will welcome Kristi and Tyler Zabriskie into membership and honor the faith development of their daughter Joy.

There will be no education classes.

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.

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

***Please stand if you are able**

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: April 18-22

Pastor: Mon 9-noon; Wed 11:30-4:30; 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. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

April 10: Attendance: 107 **Offering:** \$2263
(Weekly budgeted need: \$2984)

Special offering for MCC disaster response: \$2090

Sanctuary Painting Project Update

Received to date: \$25,119 **Amount remaining:** \$10,881

Church Meetings and Events

April 19 - Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Restaurant

April 20 – Deacon Commission, 9-11 a.m., Richardsons

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 - Friday Soup Group, 6 p.m., Brunner-Minter home, 2419 w 22nd
St., Mpls. 55423

May 3 – Worship Commission, 4:30-6 p.m., FMC

May 4 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC

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Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Matthew 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

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

Holy Week Observances at FMC and beyond There are many opportunities in our community to lead us in reflecting on the meaning of Jesus' death. Please consider participating in one or more of the following:

- **April 20, 7:30 p.m. Taizé Service, Wesley Church**, 101 E. Grant St., Minneapolis. Readings, silence, prayer and music led by Steven C. Anderson. ~ *Greg Renstrom*
- **April 21, 6-8 p.m. Maundy Thursday** meal with communion and foot/hand washing, FMC fellowship hall (please sign-up today if you can bring soup, bread, or fruit for the meal) Childcare will be offered if needed. Contact the church office by Monday.
- **April 22, Good Friday, 7 p.m.** services at **Bethany Lutheran Church** (2511 E Franklin Ave) and **Cabrini Catholic Church** (1500 Franklin Ave SE)
- **April 23, Easter Vigil, 9 p.m., Cabrini Catholic Church**, this is a several-hour dramatic service that begins with the outdoor lighting of a bonfire (at 8:45), includes readings of salvation history, and will culminate in an adult baptism. (Joetta is planning to attend; please let her know if you would like to go along.)

FMC celebrates Easter! Our Easter celebration will begin next Sunday with **breakfast at 8:30 a.m.** Please sign up to day if you are able to bring a dish to share. *Everyone* is welcome whether or not you are able to bring something. **Worship will begin at 9:45 a.m.**

Notices for parents:

- **Meagan O'Brien** is on leave from nursery duty until mid-May. She will finish the semester and get her farm work at Dream of Wild Health off to a good start. **Carmen Huaynate-Ellens**, Missio Dei community, is working as our nursery staff person, and 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.

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.