

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
April 22, 2012 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter

Prelude
Welcome

***Call to Worship** - Adapted from Psalms 49 and 95

Leader: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

People: Both low and high, rich and poor together.

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

People: For the Lord is a great God, and reigns above all gods.

Leader: In God's hand are the depths of the earth,
the heights of the mountains are God's also.

**All: The sea belongs to God, for God made it,
and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.**

***Hymns:** "God whose giving" #383 HWB
"Creating God, your fingers trace" #325 HWB

Confession (insert)

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

Children's time – Shelly Hendricks

Hymn: "The peace of the earth be with you" #77 STJ

New Testament reading: Luke 24:36-48

Sermon: "Believing, trusting and caring for abundance"

***Hymn:** "Spirit come, dispel our sadness" #290 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 (*Special gifts for MCC may be written to FMC with
"MCC-Middle East" written on the memo line.*)

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sung Benediction:** "God is working his purpose out" #638 HWB, vv. 1, 4

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 a.m. Fellowship time

11:00 a.m. Education classes for all ages. Adult ed. options: Theological Explorations in the chapel, Sabbath Economics in the fellowship hall, Parenting Class in the basement parent resource room.

TODAY: Signs of Resurrection: Creation's Abundance

Worship leader: Joan Kreider

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Rhonda Martin & Shawn Helmeke

Nursery: Laurie Kaufman & Noah Skogerboe

Fellowship: Cori Skogerboe

Fellowship buddy: Hermann Weinlick

NEXT SUNDAY: Signs of Resurrection: Sharing life with another

Worship leader: Joan Kreider

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger

Sharing: Arlene Geissinger & Marilyn Miller

Piano: Karen Zeug

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: --Donna Stucky & Kristi Zabriskie

Fellowship: *volunteer needed*

Fellowship buddy: Sandra Westby

April 15: **Attendance: 78** **Offering:** \$2411.50 (\$50 designated)
Weekly amount need to meet budget: \$2,692

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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FMC office hours: April 23-27

Pastor: Mon 9-5:00; Wed 10-5; Thurs 9:30-noon. Tuesday is a study day. On Thursday afternoon Joetta will participate in a “Prophetic Voices” event sponsored by ISALAH and from Friday to Sunday she and Gerald will participate in the annual Central Plains Conference Pastor-Spouse gathering in Schuyler, NE

Ministry Staff: Phil is out of town this week attending the 50th anniversary of the Mennonite Congregation of Boston.

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

Eastertide Worship. During the season of Easter our worship theme is “Signs of Resurrection.” We will continue to sing Easter hymns and we will look to the past, in Scripture, and to our present experiences, to discover and proclaim the signs of hope and life that emerge from Jesus’ death and resurrection. Here is a preview of upcoming Sundays
April 29: Signs of Resurrection: Giving one’s life for another (with sharing by several FMC members)

May 6: Signs of Resurrection: Surprising Inclusion

May 13: Signs of Resurrection: Invitation and Connection

May 20: Children’s Day

May 27: Pentecost

Mennonite Central Committee appeal for Syria. In response to the crisis in Syria and its neighboring countries, where many Syrians are fleeing for safety, MCC has issued an appeal for \$500,000 and relief kits to assist partner organizations in the Middle East as they provide aid and build peace at the community level. **FMC is encouraging additional gifts for MCC’s Syria work during the offering today.**

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

April 24 – Sunday Text Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Café, SP

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

April 25 – May newsletter deadline, noon to Gregg Richardson

April 26 – Soup Group, 6 p.m., at the church

May 7 – Soup Group, 6 p.m., Joan Kreider home

May 9 – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

May 15 – Worship commission, 7 p.m., Joan Kreider home

May 20 – Children’s Day Worship & Picnic; final day of Christian Ed.

Confession - based on Deuteronomy 8:11-19

Although we eat our fill and live in fine houses, and our savings and investments multiply,

You remind us, O God, not to exalt ourselves or forget you.

For it was you who brought our spiritual ancestors out of Egypt, out of slavery, and fed them in the wilderness. It was you who allowed our immigrant ancestors to settle in this country, making a home in the vast, virgin resources.

You remind us, O God, not to exalt ourselves or forget you. We will not say “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.”

Remember, remember the Lord your God, for it is God who gives us power to get wealth and it is God who calls us to humbly care for the gifts of creation.

We remember. We confess our careless use of resources. We commit ourselves to care for and wisely use the resources you have given us.

Gospel reading: John 20:19-31

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

Soup Group, Thursday, April 26, 6 p.m. at the church, hosted by Joetta. Everyone welcome! Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 25 to Joetta.

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 in the next few days** to either Marybeth Luing or Donna Stucky.

Longfellow Community Council **Resource Fair, Pie Potluck, and Annual Meeting**, Wednesday, April 25, 6-8:00 p.m., Minnehaha Academy, 3100 W. River Parkway, Mpls.

UST law professor Mark Osler will give a presentation on “Hard Questions, Loving Answers and Worthwhile Engagement on the **Minnesota Marriage Amendment**” on **Wednesday, April 25**, 7 p.m., University of St. Thomas, 3M Auditorium, Room 150, Owens Science Hall. Osler will discuss how people can engage in worthwhile discussions on the Minnesota Marriage Amendment facing voters this fall.

Volunteers needed to staff Wilderness Wind booth at the Midwest Mountaineering Expo, 309 Cedar Ave. S, Mpls, **Friday, April 27, 4-9; Saturday, April 28, 9-6; Sunday, April 29, 11-5.** Anyone with any experience of Wilderness Wind would be welcome for any amount of time.

The Sundseth boys are signed up for **VBS/Summer Camp at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** (the church behind the East Lake Library) in the first week after Minneapolis schools get out, **June 11-14.** Other families from FMC have used this option for VBS in the past as well. The program meets for four mornings in a row, is open to all, and is free for 3-6th graders. www.htlcmpls.org/learning/summer-camp/

Saturday, April 28, come out and **sing out to defeat the marriage amendment!** Join in the filming of a music video to celebrate Christ’s message of love & inclusivity. 1:00-3:30 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, Chicago Ave. & 39th St., Mpls.

Tuesday, May 1, March for Immigrant & Workers Rights on International Workers Day, 3:30 p.m., Lake St & Nicollet Ave, Mpls. Join with Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee for the annual march for immigrant & workers rights on International Workers Day.