

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

April 24, 2011 ~ Easter

*Turn to Jesus, Go with the Spirit*

**Prelude**

**Gospel proclamation:** Matthew 28:1-10

**\*Hymn:** “Christ the Lord is risen today” #280 HWB

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We give you thanks, O Lord.

**People: Your steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: You open the gates of righteousness:

**People: we enter them with thanksgiving.**

Leader: You have made this glorious day—

**People: we rejoice and are glad in it!**

Leader: With all your people, we proclaim:

**All: Christ the Lord is risen today! Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “Low in the grave he lay” #273 HWB

**Hearing the Word**

**Prayer for illumination**

**New Testament reading:** Acts 10:34-43

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

**Children’s time:** “God give each the gift of life”

**Song:** “Christ has arisen” #267 HWB

**Sermon:** “From fear to a whole new world”

**Testimony and reception of new members** ~ Kristi & Tyler Zabriskie

**Growing in faith** ~ Joy Zabriskie

**\*Affirmation of faith:** #135 STJ

**\*Hymn:** “God sent his son” #345 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**

**\*Sending hymn:** “This joyful Eastertide” #276 HWB

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

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Community Time

There will be no Christian education classes today.

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**TODAY:** Easter (Matthew 28:1-10)

**Worship leader:** Kristi Zabriskie

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Reader:** Matthew Blackwell Kinney

**Song Leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Organ:** David Mayou

**Brass quartet:** Matthew Blackwell Kinney,

Neil Okerlund, Gregg Richardson, & Matthew Thomas

**Instrumental duet:** Chris Jones, guitar & Jennifer Wandersee, flute

**Ushers:** Rhonda Martin & Rachel Hoskins

**Nursery:** Laurie Kaufman & Donna Minter

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Easter 2: Doubt and belief (John 20:19-31)

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Anna Gambucci

**Piano:** Sandra Westby & Adam Nafziger

**Ushers:** Nikki Nafziger & Rachel Okerstrom

**Nursery:** Jacob Schlabach & Noah Skogerboe

**Fellowship:** Alisa Bardo-Martinson & Rachel Hoskins

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**April 17:**

**Attendance:** 91

**Offering:** \$1792.50

**MCC:** \$50  
(Weekly budgeted need: \$2984)

**Sanctuary Painting Project Update**

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

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

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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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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund**  
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**FMC OFFICE HOURS:** April 25-29

**Pastor:** Mon 1-5; Wed 9-4; Thurs 10-noon & 2:30-5. 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.*

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### **Adult Education in May:**

May 1 - Pastor-Congregation Evaluation Focus Groups

May 8 - Unity: in the Bible and in our Conference

May 15 - Songs for our 50th Anniversary, led by singer/songwriter Bret Hesla

May 22 - Presentation by Kathy McGinley of Ten Thousand Villages

*Note: May 29 - September 4: Summer break. Classes resume Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.*

**Bread for the World Offering of Letters - May 1** Last Sunday, Hermann Weinlick facilitated an adult education session providing information on the legislative advocacy work of Bread for the World, a Christian organization that attempts to influence US domestic and foreign policy to alleviate hunger and poverty. Participants wrote letters to their US congressional members on the issue BFW prioritized for this year. On May 1 we will receive a special Offering of Letters to which all may contribute. Between now and then, please visit: <http://www.bread.org/ol/2011/>. Follow the links to find a sample letter to congressional members. **Bring any letters you write (in addressed & stamped envelopes) to church on May 1.**

### **Church Meetings and Events**

April 26 - Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Restaurant

April 29 - Friday Soup Group, 6 p.m., Brunner-Minter home, 2419 w 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Mpls. 55423

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

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

May 11 – Church Council, 7 p.m. FMC

May 25 – Deacon Commission, noon-2 p.m., Hendricks

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### Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come; see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

### Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through 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

**Wilderness Wind news:** We would benefit from **volunteer kitchen assistance needed** any time from **May 3 to 8** as we prepare for a volunteer crew of 20 people coming the following week. Thank you!!! -*Kathy Landis, Wilderness Wind Director*

**Sunday May 1, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. South High School Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.** 3131 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. S, Minneapolis. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for ages 10 and under. – *Dick Westby*

**FMC Soup Group, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month.** This is 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 and anyone from the congregation is welcome to come (and to bring friends and family if they would like). Soup and bread is provided.

- Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – home of Donna Minter & Bruce Brunner  
**Please RSVP by Thursday to [donnaminter@comcast.net](mailto:donnaminter@comcast.net)**
- Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – home of Joan Kreider
- Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – TBD **If you'd like to host, please contact Aryn Baxter**
- Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – TBD **If you'd like to host, please contact Aryn Baxter**
- Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – home of Shelly and Matthew Hendricks

**April 28<sup>th</sup> is Dining Out for Life, AIDS fundraiser.** Restaurants give a percentage of their income from the day to the Aliveness Project. This nonprofit has an on-site meals program, food shelf, case management, integrative therapies and more.

**Wolf Bartel, who sings with the South Metro Chorale,** invites choral music lovers to one of their **spring concerts**, "In the Presence of Angels," on April 29, 30 or May 3. Locations and ticket information can be found at: [www.southmetrochorale.org](http://www.southmetrochorale.org)

**Sunday, May 1, 2:30-3 p.m. FAITH ACTION VIGIL** 19 to Support Civil Immigrant Detainees and Their Families of All Nationalities, Ramsey County Adult Detention Center, 425 Grove Street, St. Paul. Hosted by the Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM) and this month's partner, Mayflower United Church of Christ. **After the Faith Action Vigil: Join Us for the May Day March** for Immigration Rights and Labor Rights. Starts at the St. Paul Cathedral at 4 p.m.