

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
April 26, 2009 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter
None can stop the Spirit!

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: See how the Lord has loved us:

C: God had claimed us like a parent claims a child.

L: Trusting, we can sleep through the night;

C: secure, we can worship with integrity.

L: When we call, God will answer,

C: so though we tremble, we need not despair.

L: Cynics may say that God has turned away,

All: but we know we are held in God's hand.

Hymns: "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing" #278 HWB

"You are the God within life" #537 HWB

New Testament reading: Acts 3:12-19

Children's Gathering Hymn: "Come and See" #20 HWB

Children's time: Cooking and eating with neighbors

Hymn: "Great God the Giver" #458 HWB

Gospel reading: Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon: "Hospitality, Signs & Suffering: Resurrection Clues"

Hymn: "He comes to us as one unknown" #498 HWB (vv. 1, 4, 5)

The story continues: Minke Sundseth

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

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 (*We will include letters written for the Bread for the World offering of letters.*)

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**

Community Time

- **Fellowship time - 10:45-11:10 a.m.** (in basement fellowship hall)

- **Children's music – 11 a.m.**, Room 201, education wing

- **Christian Education – 11:15 – noon**

Adult classes:

• Spirituality and Health – Library

• New Orleans MDS Report – Basement Fellowship Hall

Ruth Gerber, Arlene Geissinger, Katie Hochstedler, Joetta Schlabach, and Teresa Wasick will show pictures and report on their week of post-Katrina home reconstruction in New Orleans with Mennonite Disaster Service, March 8-13.

TODAY: Witness to these things

Worship leader: Alisa Bardo-Martinson **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Adam Nafziger **Piano:** Sandra Westby

Musicians: Chris Jones, Jennifer Wandersee

Nursery volunteers: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg & Brooke Derrickson

Fellowship: New Orleans volunteers

NEXT SUNDAY: I know my own (John 10:11-18)

Worship leader: Marian Heinrich **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick **Piano:** Melissa Falb

Nursery volunteers: Gregg Richardson & Shelly Bartel

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.

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Michael Bischoff

Deacons: Kami Blackwell Kinney, Cleta Roth Gingerich

Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: April 27-May 1

Pastor: Wed & Thurs 10-4; Friday 8:30-1:00. Tuesday is a study day.
Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on Monday and Wednesday, 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

April 19: Attendance: 72 Offering: \$2,519

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee will hold its quarterly meeting **today at noon**. Please share any affirmations or concerns about congregational life with any of the PPRC members: Thaine Dirks, Matthew Hendricks, Beth Richardson (chair), or Heather Wengerd.

Church Meetings and Events

April 28 –Lectionary Discussion (Acts 8:26-40; 1 Jn 4:7-21; Jn 15:1-8)

8:30 a.m., Trotters, Corner of Marshall & Cleveland, SP

April 28 – May newsletter items due to Gregg Richardson, noon

May 4 – Summer Worship Planning Meeting, 7-9 p.m., FMC chapel

May 6 – Missions & Service Meeting, 7-9 p.m., FMC chapel

May 8-9 – FMC Women’s Retreat, Carondelet Ctr, 1890 Randolph Ave, SP

Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Luke 24:36-48

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

Congratulations to the Ratigan Green family as they welcome Siobhan (shi-VAWN) Claire, who was born last Sunday at 8:29 am. She is healthy and weighed in at 9 pounds 10.5 ounces and is 22.5 inches long. (Anyone who would like to provide a meal for the Ratigan Greens should contact Adam Nafziger adammynafziger@yahoo.com or 612-722-3317)

Joetta received unanimous approval for ordination from the Pastoral Leadership Committee of Central Plains Conference following an interview last Sunday. Her ordination is scheduled to take place during morning worship on July 12.

Daniel Winings, pastor of Shalom Mennonite church, Eau Claire, WI, will be ordained next Sunday in a 3:30 p.m. service at their worship location: Temple Shalom Synagogue, 1223 Emery St. Shalom Mennonite is a church plant supported by Emmanuel Mennonite Church.

The May adult education series is being organized by the Missions & Service Commission. May 3 and 17 will feature presentations by organizations that we support and/or partner with. May 10 will be an update of the work that Michael Bischoff has been leading this year. All sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for more details in the May newsletter.

Your Action Needed We are updating the **FMC pictorial directory**. If your photo was in the last pictorial directory (2007) we have that photo on file. If you were not here in 2007 or wish to update your photo, please e-mail a photograph of you or your family to minkesundseth@gmail.com by May 1. If you are not able to provide a digital photo, contact Dan Leisen faithmc@faithmennointe.org and he will arrange a time to take your photo.

Prayer Request — The Mennonite Church USA Peace and Justice Support Network is a partner in the Ecumenical Christian Peace Witness in Iraq, scheduled for this Wednesday, April 29, in Washington, D.C. Leo Hartshorn, Mission Network minister for peace and justice, requests prayer that this effort will lead toward ending hostile activity in Iraq.

Next weekend! May 2-3 & 4 — Wilderness Wind needs volunteers to open up camp. The camp needs people to help get the camp ready for this season. Folks will be needed in Ely Minnesota for general cleaning, airing out tents, and cooking meals for other volunteer help. Contact the camp at 316-217-1129 or www.wildernesswind.org .