

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

May 1, 2011 ~ Easter 2

Turn to Jesus, Go with the Spirit

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, we take refuge in you.

People: You are our God, our chosen portion.

Leader: With you at our right hand, we will not be shaken.

People: Our hearts will be glad, and we will rejoice in you.

Leader: In your presence our joy is complete.

All: Lord, we take refuge in you. Amen

*Hymns: "Lift your glad voices" #275 HWB

"Jesus stand among us" #25 HWB

Hearing the Word

Prayer for illumination

New Testament reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

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

Children's time: "Feeling things we cannot see"

Song: "'Tis not with eyes of flesh we see" #571 HWB

Gospel reading: John 20:19-31

Sermon: "Confessions of a doubter"

Prayer of confession

Communion

We will gather at the tables at front and back in groups of 10-12 as the ushers guide. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served and then partake together. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ's body are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.

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 (Persons who have brought letters for the Bread for the World Offering of Letters can bring them up and place them in the basket in front of the pulpit.)

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** "The Lord lift you up" #73 STJ

***Benediction**

L: You have turned from fear to the risen Jesus. Thought you have not seen him, believe.

All: We go with the Spirit, receiving the outcomes of our faith—new birth into a living hope.

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- 10:30 **Fellowship time**

- 10:45 **Children's singing time / activities** – Chapel, education wing

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

Adult Education – basement fellowship hall

Pastor-Congregation Evaluation – Part 1 Members of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and the Church Council will facilitate focus groups in which everyone is invited to share feedback about congregational life and our pastoral leadership. Part 2 of the Evaluation will be an on-line survey that will be conducted during the first two weeks of May.

TODAY: Easter 2: Doubt and belief (John 20:19-31)

Worship leader: Tyler Zabriskie **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

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter 3: Confusion & clarity (Luke 24:13-35)

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach **Sermon:** Gregg Richardson

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick **Piano:** Karen Zeug

Ushers: Darrell Martin & Shawn Helmeke

Nursery: Kristi Zabriskie & Jenny Wandersee

Fellowship: 2 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.

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*Please stand if you are able

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the [authorities], Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in 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

TODAY, 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 Inter-faith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM) and 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, 4 p.m.

Wilderness Wind news: 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*

FMC Soup Group, 1st Monday, 2nd Tuesday, 3rd Thursday & 4th Friday of every month. This is an opportunity for our church community to share meals together on a regular basis. Anyone from the congregation is welcome to come (and to bring friends and family if they would like). Soup and bread is provided.

- Monday, May 2nd – home of Joan Kreider, 2162 Carroll Ave, SP 55104 **Please RSVP TODAY to joan.e.kreider@comcast.net**
- Tuesday, May 10th – TBD **If you'd like to host, please contact Aryn Baxter**
- Thursday, May 19th – home of Marybeth Luing
- Friday, May 27th – home of Shelly and Matthew Hendricks

Taizé worship service, Wednesday, May 4, 6:30-7:30 pm, Prospect Park United Methodist Church, Malcolm and Orlin Avenues SE. This is jointly hosted by PPUMC and Cabrini Catholic Church. All are welcome to this time of sung prayer and silence.

Adult Education in May

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

May 15 - Songs for our 50th Anniversary, led by singer/songwriter Bret Hesla, resident composer. In honor of Faith's 50th Anniversary, Bret has composed several pieces for congregational singing with guitar or piano accompaniment. The FMC anniversary committee invites all Faith members and attendees to the adult education forum this day to join in singing through these remarkable compositions. Bret's music is characterized by its singability, so everyone will feel comfortable regardless of musical ability. Song texts are based on our anniversary theme and scripture passages. Bret has been using office space at Faith this past year and is a former member of the Community of St. Martin. - *Sandra Westby and Neil Okerlund*

May 22 - Presentation by Kathy McGinley of **Ten Thousand Villages**.