

## FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

May 3, 2009 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter

*None can stop the Spirit!*

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Call to Worship ~ Psalm 23 *From Psalms Anew: In Inclusive Language*

L: Yahweh, you are my shepherd; I shall not want.

**P: In verdant pastures you give me repose. Beside restful waters you lead me; you refresh my soul.**

L: You guide me in right paths for your name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

**P: Your rod and your staff give me courage. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes.**

L: You anoint my head with oil; my cup brims over.

**All: Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in your house for evermore.**

**Hymn:** "When all thy mercies" #72 HWB

**New Testament reading:** Acts 4:5-12

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

**Children's time:** "Ways we serve"

**Hymn:** "We will [serve] with God" #78 STJ

**Gospel reading:** John 10:11-16; 1 John 3:16-18

**Sermon:** "Jesus as Cornerstone & Good Shepherd: Models for service"

**Hymn:** "How can we be silent" #61 STJ (vv. 1, 2, 4)

**The story continues:** Yeshe Tolessa

### Communion

*We will gather at front and back in groups of 10-12. 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 in life are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.*

**Communion hymn:** "Shepherd me, O God" #519 HWB

### Congregational Sharing

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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

**Announcements** (*please give in writing to the pastor or worship leader*)

### Introduction of Guests

\***Sending hymn:** "I bind my heart this tide" #411 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 class:** Michele Braley, coordinator of the Seward/Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership program, will describe how Restorative Justice is working in the neighborhood. She'll describe ways people can be involved. The field of Restorative Justice has strong Mennonite roots, and this is a chance to learn how the idea is being developed and practiced in our backyard. **The May adult education** series is being organized by the Missions & Service Commission. Next Sunday, May 10, will be an update of the work that Michael Bischoff has been leading this year. More details are in the May newsletter.

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### TODAY: Serving in the Name of Christ

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

**Song leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg    **Piano:** Karen Zeug

**Nursery volunteers:** Beth Richardson & **One Volunteer Needed**

**Fellowship:** Minke Sundseth

### NEXT SUNDAY: Abiding in the Vine (John 15:1-8)

**Worship leader:** Chris Jones    **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

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

**Nursery volunteers:** **Two Volunteers Needed**

**Fellowship:** Hermann & Susan Weinlick

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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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## Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

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### FMC OFFICE HOURS: May 4-8

**Pastor:** Wed 10-4; Thurs 10-noon; Friday 8:30-1:00. On Tuesday Joetta will attend the regional Mennonite pastors meeting in Faribault. 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](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)*

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**April 26:** Attendance: 90      Offering: \$2,618.25

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We celebrate with **Daniel Winings, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church**, Eau Claire, WI, who will be ordained today in a 3:30 p.m. service at their worship location: Temple Shalom Synagogue, 1223 Emery St., Eau Claire.

### Church Meetings and Events

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

May 5 - Lectionary Discussion (Acts 10:44-48; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 15:9-17)

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

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

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

May 11 - Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC Chapel

May 17 - Children's Day & Potluck Picnic (Last day of Christian Education)

May 27 - Deacon Commission, 9:30 a.m., Richardson's

## Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

## John 10:11-16

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.'

## 1 John 3:16-18

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

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

### **Pan-African Community Organization Fund-Raising Event a Success!**

We had a full house for the dancing, drumming, presentations, and African meal last Saturday evening. Persons from FMC, PACO, the Community of St. Martin, the neighborhood and beyond enjoyed wonderful entertainment and a chance to get better acquainted. PACO received \$1,643 in income and they are grateful for FMC's help in putting on the event. Thanks to all who helped: Michael (overall coordination with PACO), Katie and Joetta (assisting the cooks); Pat, Sarah, Yeshi, Orv, Gregg, and Patricia (set-up and clean-up); Dan (fliers) and the Okerstroms (neighborhood leafleting). More details are in the May Newsletter.

### **From Alisa Bardo-Martinson - Do you have an empty garage stall?**

Andy and I are hoping to store our VW Jetta during the year that we are in Washington DC (Mid-June 2009 through early July 2010). If you have an empty garage stall and would consider letting us park our car there for a year, please contact us. Email [bardo.martinson@gmail.com](mailto:bardo.martinson@gmail.com) or call 651-426-8001. Thanks.

### **The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why - An Evening of Conversation with author Phyllis Tickle, Wed, May 6, 7-9 p.m.,**

Breck School, 123 Ottawa Avenue, Minneapolis Rooted in the observation that massive transitions in the church and culture happen about every 500 years, Phyllis Tickle believes that we live in such a time. Combining history, a look at the causes of social change, and current events, Phyllis will discuss what The Great Emergence in church and culture is, how it came to be, and where it is going.

### **Check out the Periodical Rack for**

- Latest issue of *MCC Peace Newsletter*, features articles from Burundi and Rwanda (where Aryn Baxter works)
- Latest issue of Central Plains Conference *Scattered Seeds*, features an article about the February "Common Roots" conference held at FMC, plus an article co-authored by Joetta Schlabach

### **Sunday, May 17, will be our second annual Children's Day service.**

Children will participate in various parts of the service, and the sermon of the day will be centered around children. This will also be the last day of Sunday School classes for the 2008-2009 Sunday School year.

### **Prayer request — Mennonite Mission Network worker Steve**

**Dintaman** at LCC International University, Lithuania, has accepted the role of LCC mission representative in addition to his teaching load. Pray for him as he communicates the vision and Christian mission of LCC International.