

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

May 4 ~ Easter 7, Ascension Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 68)

Response: Awesome is God in the sanctuary.

Blessed be God who gives power and strength to the people.

***Hymns:** “Sing praise to God” #59 HWB

“Rain down” #49 STJ

First reading: Acts 1:6-14

Children’s Gathering Hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s Time

Hymn: “Halle, halle, hallelujah!” #17 STJ

Second reading: John 17:1-11

Sermon: “Guessing at Glory”

Hymn: “Lord Jesus, you shall be my song” #14 STJ

Congregational Sharing

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 & Offertory

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

Introduction of Guests

***Sending hymn:** “Come, come ye saints” #425 HWB

***Benediction**

Passing the Peace / Postlude

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Community Time

- **Fellowship time 10:45-11:00 a.m.**

- **Christian Education (11:00 – noon)**

Children’s classes begin with singing in the nursery at 11 a.m.

Adults classes:

- **“How can I keep from singing?”** This is an opportunity to sing favorite hymns and practice reading music. Chapel, Edu 201
- **“Reading the Bible from an Anabaptist, feminist perspective”**
Today we will continue discussing articles from Chapter 1
“Women in Scripture” from *The Wisdom of Daughters*. Library

A parent resource room is directly below the sanctuary, between the men's and women's washrooms. 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.

TODAY: Easter seven ~ Ascension Sunday

Worship Leader: Beth Richardson **Sermon:** Stacy Griffin

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger **Piano:** Melissa Falb

Childcare: Alisa Bardo-Martinson & Heather Wengerd

Fellowship time: Geissinger & Hoskins

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost

New Member Sharing: Leslie Minkler, Mark Kaufman, Heather Wengerd

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

Childcare: Minke Sundseth & Laurie Kaufman

Fellowship time: Karen Wiebe & Anna Dennis

Baptism & Church Membership next Sunday. Please remember Leslie Minkler who will be baptized and Mark Kaufman and Heather Wengerd who will be received into membership of Faith Mennonite Church next Sunday.

April 27: Attendance: 74 Offering: \$1,389

Faith Mennonite Church

Interim Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Deacons: Candace Lutt, Martha Mayou, Mike Okerstrom,
Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: May 4-9

Pastor's Hours: Tuesday, Wed & Thurs 9-4; Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m.

Office Assistant Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:
faithmc@faithmennonite.org

Church Meetings and Events

May 7 – Missions & Service, 7:30 p.m., FMC

May 9 – Deacons, 9 a.m., Richardson's

May 11 – Pentecost/Baptism & Church Membership Sunday

May 12 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

May 14 – Worship Commission, 4:30 p.m., FMC

May 18 – Children's Day / Child & Parent Dedications & Showers /
Final day of Christian education / Potluck Picnic

May 23-26 – Wilderness Wind Work Weekend-I in Ely

June 6-8 – Wilderness Wind Work Weekend-II in Ely

Peace Village planning is underway! June 23 – July 3 If you are planning to send your children, please get your applications in soon!

If you know of other children that would benefit from these 2-weeks of earth-friendly, justice and peace summer program – there are brochures at the back of church that you can share with them.

You can be a part of the preparation and implementation of this year's camp! Please help by:

- Sharing information about this day camp program for K-5th grade children with neighbors and friends
- -Helping with art groups in the afternoons
- -Providing transportation to field trips
- -Assisting with afternoon snack, setting up and distributing
- -Accompanying the day hike to the river

Please contact Beka Hamlett-Leisen if you can help. 612-724-4339



I glorified you on earth by finishing
the work that you gave me to do.

John 17:4

Faith Mennonite Church
May 4, 2008

Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

WILDERNESS WIND WEEKENDS May 23-26 & June 6-8

In memory of Mike Schrock, former board member of Wilderness Wind and a lover of the Boundary Waters, FMC is organizing two fellowship and work weekend trips to the Wilderness Wind camp to help get the camp prepared for the summer season. Depending on the weather and workload, we may be time for canoeing. Details regarding meals, lodging and costs are still being worked out. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Direct questions to Rachel Hoskins

CHILD DEDICATION & SHOWER & PICNIC May 18 will be the final day of Christian education for this year. We will celebrate "Children's Day" and have a potluck picnic following Sunday School. We will have child dedications for three families (Derrickson, Kaufman Wengerd, Lapham Dirks) and a shower for Elias Kaufman & Zachary Derrickson. Prepare to join in this festive day!

MEALS FOR SHUJI & RUTH and CINDY

Ruth Johnston and Shuji Moriichi as will return from Korea with their adoptive son, Micah this Thursday May 8.

Cindy Bjork, who will underwent hip replacement surgery at Fairview Riverside Hospital on Friday afternoon and will be in rehab until the week of May 12.

Please contact Alisa Bardo-Martinson (612-529-8418) if you are able to provide a meal for Ruth and Shuji or for Cindy.

SUPPORT FOR MADELINE'S INTERNSHIP – I'm spending this summer in Esteli, Nicaragua, working on an internship in a community library and a grassroots community history museum. The organization I'm working with gave me some ideas for items I can bring to donate to various projects. If any of you would like to support me and donate any of the following items, I would be incredibly grateful!

Here are some ideas: sports equipment, kids' puzzles, arts and crafts supplies, Spanish-language children's books, good condition used clothing (especially for kids), twin size cotton bedsheets, combs, toothbrushes, blank CDs and other new office supplies. Except for the used clothing, everything else should be new items. I'll be in church on May 18 to pick up any donations! Many thanks, Madeline Kreider Carlson