

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

May 9, 2010

Easter 6 ~ New Heavens and A New Earth

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** – based on Revelation 21-22

L: God's new city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,

P: for the glory of God is its light.

L: The nations will walk by that city's light, and the rulers of the earth will bring it their glory.

P: People will bring into it the glory and honor of the nations.

L: A river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.

P: On either side of the river is the tree of life, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

ALL: And there will be no more night; God will be their light; and they will reign forever and ever.

***Hymns:** "Come and be the light for our eyes" #5 STJ

"Longing for light" #54 STJ (vv. 1, 2, 5)

New Testament reading: Acts 16:9-15

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

Children's time Cleta Roth Gingerich

Hymn: "Loving Spirit" #34 STJ

Offering and Offertory

New Testament reading: John 14:23-29

Sermon: "Following the Holy Spirit's Lead"

Testimony of something new ~ Ed Kauffman, Exec. Conference Minister

Hymn: "Lord Jesus, you shall be my song" #14 STJ (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Congregational Sharing *During Eastertide we will light a candle after each thanksgiving or prayer request is offered.*

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

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** "Oh God, who gives us life" #483 HWB (vv. 1 & 3)

***Benediction:**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

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

- **Children's singing – 11 a.m.** Education wing chapel

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

Adult sessions for the month of May – Basement Fellowship Hall

May 9 Report from those who served with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) in New Orleans

May 16 Sanctuary Design Ideas I--presented by Trustees Commission

May 23 Sanctuary Design Ideas II--presented by Trustees Commission

TODAY: Easter 6: New Followers

Worship leader: Gregg Richardson

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: Cathy Smetana

Candle lighter: Sophia Gambucci

Nursery volunteers: Dan Leisen & volunteer needed

We welcome Ed Kauffman, who has been executive conference minister of Central Plains Mennonite Conference since its formation in 2000. This will be Ed's final visit in this capacity as he completes his conference work and returns to congregational ministry in the fall.

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter 7: New Boldness (Acts 16:16-34; Jn 17:20-26)

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Phil Stoltzfus

Song leader: Adam Nafziger

Piano: Sandra Westby

Nursery volunteers: Jason Derrickson and Nikki Nafziger

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.

May 2: Attendance: 63

Offering: not recorded

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund

Deacons: Kami Blackwell Kinney, Greg Renstrom
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: May 10-14

Pastor: Joetta will be on vacation this week. Please contact a deacon in the case of an emergency or for pastoral care needs.

Ministry Staff Person: Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

Office Assistant: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 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.

Julie Cross began work in the church office this week as the new Administrative Coordinator. She lives in the neighborhood and is excited about working for and with us. Julie will typically work Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. If you live near the church or are passing through the neighborhood, please stop in to meet and greet her; she's anxious to get acquainted!

Note to those who signed up for Feed My Starving Children.

On **May 12**, time is 8:00 to 9:30 pm. at the Eagan facility. If anyone is interested in meeting at the church to carpool, let Leslie Minkler know by email lrinkler@yahoo.com or speaking with her in church. Who is willing to drive and who would like a ride?

South Minneapolis potlucks We meet each Friday at Powderhorn Park on 35th Street and 15th Avenue at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Cancelled if raining. – *Kristen Green*

Church Meetings and Events

May 12 – Feed My Starving Children, Eagan site, 8-9:30 p.m.

May 19 – Deacon Commission, 9:30 p.m., Richardson's

May 19 – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

May 22 – May Birthday Brunch, 9:30 a.m., Schlabach's

May 23 – Pentecost / Children's Day / Final day of Christian education

May 26 – Missions & Service, 7 p.m., chapel

May 30 – Car Sabbath

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

Cindy Bjork is now in Rm. 427, University of Minnesota, Riverside Campus, Transitional Care Unit, 4th floor, 2512 S. 7th St. Minneapolis, MN 55454.

FMC to Participate in Seward Garage Sale – May 15. FMC will participate **on Saturday** only in the Seward Garage Sale. **This is a great opportunity to clean your closets and garage for a good cause!** All proceeds from the items we sell will be given to **Community Emergency Service**, which is raising funds for a much-needed building renovation to better serve their clients. **How can you get involved?** 1) Start gathering things you'd like to donate **and bring to the church** for the sale; 2) Sign-up sheet to **volunteer for a 2-hour shift** (this could be a great service opportunity for older children and a parent) **on Friday p.m. to help set-up or Saturday for the sale;** 3) Consider making baked goods to sell. Contact **Dick Westby** for more information. 612-722-2853

STAR Scholarships for FMC Participants: Application deadline-May 14. There are four scholarships available for those in the FMC community who are interested in participating in the Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) workshop this coming June 23-27. If you have questions about the STAR program or the application process, you may email Kathleen Remund at minstaff@faithmennonite.org or leave a message for her at the FMC office. Applications on church mailbox table.

Krista Tippett, author of *Speaking of Faith*, will discuss her new book, *Einstein's God*, and changes in the way we think about science, medicine, and belief, at the **Minneapolis Central Library, Tuesday, May 18, 7 p.m.**

Rental available. A 2br duplex in St Anthony Park will be vacant June 1. Rent is \$850 including utilities, size is about 850 sq ft overlooking Hampden Park. Contact Beth Richardson at 651.646.2100 or BethRichardson@MovingToMinnesota.com

May 13, 7-8:30 pm The award-winning documentary by Robert Kenner *Food, Inc* will be shown at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st St. Minneapolis, 55406. Cost: \$3. Info: 612-729-8358

May Birthday Brunch May 22 Signup sheet is on the fellowship table.

Sunday, May 23 is Children's Day at Faith Mennonite Church! The children will be featured and celebrated in an special way on this day. The Flyers, a children's musical duo (also Ry's parents) will be performing, and the children will also be taking part in the worship service. So please, on May 23, be sure that your children stay in the sanctuary for the service. The celebration will finish with a picnic the park, following the Christian Education hour (final day before our summer break).