

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
May 16, 2010
Easter 7 ~ New Heavens and a New Earth

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** – based on Psalm 97

L: The heavens proclaim the righteousness of God.

P: All people behold God's glory.

L: O Lord, you are most high over all the earth;

P: We exalt you far above all gods.

L: God guards the lives of the faithful;

P: Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.

ALL: Let us rejoice and give thanks!

***Hymns:** “We sing to you, O God” #1 STJ
“Brethren, we have met to worship” #8 HWB

New Testament reading: Acts 16:16-34

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

Children's time: Adam Nafziger

Song: “Jesus help us live in peace” #52 STJ

Offering and Offertory ~ Brass Quartet

Gospel reading: John 17:20-26

Sermon: “A Quaking God”

Testimony: Minke Holtkamp Sundseth

Hymn: “New earth, heavens new” #299 HWB

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

***Sending hymn:** “Soon and very soon” (vv 1 & 4) #611 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude** ~ Brass Quartet

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 16 Sanctuary Design Ideas I--presented by Trustees Commission

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

TODAY: Easter 7: New Boldness (Acts 16:16-34; John 17:20-26)

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Phil Stoltzfus

Song leader: Adam Nafziger

Piano: Sandra Westby

Brass quartet: Matthew Kinney, Neil Okerlund, Gregg Richardson,
Matthew Thomas

Nursery volunteers: Jason Derrickson and one volunteer needed

Fellowship: volunteers needed

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost: Children's Day (Acts 2:1-21)

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Karen Zeug

Nursery volunteers: Beth Richardson and Shelly Hendricks

Next Sunday is Children's Day at Faith Mennonite Church! The children will be featured and celebrated in a special way during worship. The Flyers, a children's musical duo (also Ry's parents) will perform, and children will sing & help lead worship. Children of all ages are invited to stay in the sanctuary for the service.

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 9: Attendance: 78 Offering: \$ not recorded

Faith Mennonite Church

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: May 17-21

Pastor: Mon 1-5; Wed noon-5; Thurs 10-4; Fri 9-noon. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on Monday and Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m.

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.

Children's Day Potluck Picnic in Matthews Park. To celebrate Children's Day, the end of the Sunday school year and Pentecost Sunday, we will finish next Sunday with a picnic, following the Christian Education hour. Please bring lawn chairs and/or blankets, your own table service (plates, utensils, cups, napkins), as well as food to share from the following categories according to the first letter of your last name: Beverages (A-F) Salads (G-K), Chips (L-P), Sandwiches (R-Z).

May Birthday Brunch - May 22 Everyone celebrating a birthday in May is welcome to the Schlabach's for brunch at 9:30 a.m. on May 22. This includes family members and significant others. Please RSVP! Signup sheet is on the fellowship table, or email jschlabach@faithmennonite.org

Church Meetings and Events

May 18 – Lectionary Discussion (Numbers 22-24), 8:30 a.m., Trotter's

May 19 – Deacon Commission, 9:30 a.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 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

John 17:20-26

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As

you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

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.**

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*

Saturday, May 22, 2-4 p.m. Former pastors Patty Friesen and Patrick Preheim will be hanging out at Sea Salt at Minnehaha Falls Park if folks want to bike by. Look for the table with the Canadian flag. (We'll be at the ball game Saturday night and in church Sunday morning as well.)

Car Sabbath: Last Summer the Missions and Service Commission invited the congregation to participate in several "Car Sabbath" Sundays as one way to reduce our congregation's carbon footprint. On Car Sabbath, we encourage those who are able to give their car a day long rest and consider other ways of getting to church: walking, biking, light rail, bus or carpools. Some people might like the option of visiting a neighborhood church that's within walking or biking distance. This is not intended to keep anyone away- we all work at environmental issues in different ways and will celebrate *all* the ways that people come to church. Car Sabbath dates for 2010 are May 30 and September 5.