

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

May 18 ~ Children's Day

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: Our God, we gather to worship you,
the One who creates all things.

P: **For the gift of creation,**

Children: we give thanks.

L: We gather to worship you, the One who brings
salvation through Jesus Christ.

P: **For the gift of redemption,**

Children: we give thanks.

L: We gather to worship you,
the One who sustains us by the Spirit.

P: **For the gift of your presence,**

Children: we give thanks.

L: We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise
for all your gifts.

All: *We worship you—our Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer. AMEN.*

***Hymns:** "O sing to the Lord" #20 STJ

"This is the day"

This is the day (2x), that the Lord has made (2x)

We will rejoice (2x), and be glad in it (2x)

This is the day that the Lord has made,

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day (2x), that the Lord has made

First reading: Matthew 28:18-20

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

Children's Time "Teaching and Learning"

Teacher Appreciation

Songs by the children: "Guide my feet"

"Peace like a river"

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Second reading: Mark 10:13-16

Parents sharing

Blessing of children and parents

Congregational response #791 HWB

Hymn: "Child of blessing" #620 HWB

Congregational Prayer

During our prayer time today we will sing "Lord, listen to your children" (#353 HWB) while the children collect and bring forward any written thanksgivings or requests to be placed on the display board. Please pass your thanksgivings/requests toward the aisle.

Offering & Offertory Hymn: "Halle, halle, halle" #17 STJ

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

Introduction of Guests

***Sung Benediction**

Shalom, my friend (2x), shalom, shalom.

May God be with you (2x), shalom, shalom.

Passing the Peace / Postlude

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"** We will discuss Chapter 2, "God as She," from *The Wisdom of Daughters*.
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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: Children's Day / Child/Parent Dedication

Worship Leader: Joetta Schlabach **Sharing:** Brooke & Jason Derrickson, Thaine Dirks & Judy Lapham, Mark Kaufman & Heather Wengerd

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus **Piano:** Cathy Smetana

Childcare: Carol Harder & Susan Weinlick, One Volunteer Needed

Fellowship time: Beerswings

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 18-23

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

May 11: Attendance: 78 Offering: \$2,399

NEXT SUNDAY: Do Not Worry (Matt 6:24-34)

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger **Piano:** Sandra Westby

Childcare: Three Volunteers Needed; Meagan is away.

Fellowship time: Volunteers Needed

Church Meetings and Events

- May 23-26 – Wilderness Wind Work Weekend-I in Ely
- May 26 – FMC Memorial Day bike ride
- May 29 – Youth volunteer project, 4:15 p.m., Seward CSP
- June 1 – Pastor Installation and Celebration
- June 4 – Worship Commission, 7:15 p.m., Schlabach's
- June 5 – Deacons, 7 p.m., Richardson's
- June 8 – HS graduate recognition; Missions & Service after church
- June 6- 8 – Wilderness Wind Work Weekend-II in Ely
- June 9 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC
- June 19-22 – Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting, Lincoln, NE
- June 23-July 3 – Peace Village
- June 28 – Youth/young adult gathering with Esther Harder, MCC-Uganda
- July 9 – Picnic and concert with Agape Youth Choir, Houston, TX



Let the little children come to me...
for it is to such as these that the kingdom
of God belongs. Mark 10:14

Faith Mennonite Church
May 18, 2008

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘**Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.**’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

The flowering plants in the sanctuary are a gift from Carol Stoltzfus, friend of Mike Schrock, who has a floral business in St. Paul. She has a contract with several St. Paul businesses to provide flowering plants on a 2-week rotating business. She is generously giving them to our church after the 2-week period. If people would like to take plants home or know of friends, nursing homes, or other facilities that would like them, please contact the church office.

Moving help needed. In anticipation of our home sale going through on May 30th, Andy and I will be moving (to a rented house in White Bear Lake) over the next few weeks. We’re breaking up the move because we will be out of town shortly before the closing. **(1) Today** We’re looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to help move some larger furniture items. We will have a couple of trucks. We’ll be starting at 12:30 or 1:00, but if you could help at any point in the afternoon, it’d be much appreciated. **(2) Thursday, May 29th.** Ideally in the morning or early afternoon, but we’ll accept help whenever you are available. We’ll need to load up the rest of our stuff, including bed, dining room table. Please email Alisa.Bardo@ParkNicollet.com or andrew_martinson@hotmail.com if you’d be free to help. Thank you, Alisa Bardo-Martinson

Announcements

Hear the Whistlepigs – From Chris Jones: This is one of our only gigs in the city this year and we’d appreciate your support. **Thursday night May 22** at Ginkgo’s, 721 N. Snelling Av., St. Paul (651) 645-2647. Music starts at 7:30 with a new local act *Jubilee*. **The Whistlepigs** will play two sets afterwards. Tickets are \$10.

First 2008 FMC bike ride –May 26, Memorial Day, and will begin in the morning. More details to follow. — Matthew Hendricks

Plans for Joetta’s June 1 installation. We’ll be having a modified potluck with a fiesta theme with chicken and rice, vegetarian rice, beans, chips, salsa, etc. We are asking FMC attendees to bring items to round out the meal. Please bring the following items that correspond to the first letter of your last name. **A-H** – Green Salad; **I-O** – Fruit Salad; **P-Z** – Bars or Cookies. You are also welcome to bring other fiesta-themed items as you feel led, especially ones featured in *Extending the Table*, the cookbook edited by Joetta. We are also looking for a few volunteers to make a batch or two of *arroz con pollo* (chicken with rice) or bring some other items. If you are able to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Katie Hochstedler, 319-936-0495, katie.hochstedler@gmail.com

MCC staff / Gabe Schlabach to walk for migrant awareness May 23 – June 2 Mennonite Central Committee staff and constituents will participate in the Migrant Trail – a 75-mile walk along the Mexico-Arizona border that retraces the journey taken by many migrants. The MCC delegation, organized by West Coast MCC and MCC Central States, will endure seven days in the desert to help bring a human face to an increasingly polarized issue and migrant deaths. Last year 237 bodies were recovered along the Arizona-Mexico border.

Your prayers will provide encouragement and will also be an expression of Christian care for those who suffer in search of hope. To learn more about the journey and how you can walk with us, visit mcc.org/us/washington/walk.

Potluck breakfast for parents of young children, Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m. at church. This will be a time to get better acquainted with other parents and discuss ways for increased cooperation. Meagan O’Brien will provide childcare. If you haven’t completed the yellow survey in your mailbox – please do so and return it to Minke Sundseth. — Minke & Brooke Derrickson