

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH  
May 20, 2012 ~ 7th Sunday of Easter

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Sam Semanchin Jones

L: Help us grow like Jesus grew,

**P: tall and strong, wise and kind.**

L: Help us grow like Jesus grew,

**P: your spirit with us, your thoughts in our minds.**

L: Help us grow like Jesus grew,

**P: serving and helping people each day.**

L: Help us grow like Jesus grew,

**P: living so others can know the way.**

*All: God, help us grow like Jesus grew. Amen*

**\*Hymns:** “God’s Family” (insert)

“Lord, we bring to you our children” #90 STJ

**Gospel reading, part 1:** Matthew 14:13-21

Joy Zabriskie

**Children’s gathering song:** “Come and see” #20 HWB

**Bible Memory Verses:** K-1 grade class: Matthew 5:14-15

1-3 grade class: Matthew 28: 19-20

**Musical interlude:**

Simone Gingerich-Boberg

**Skit:** “Walking and Leaping and Praising God” – 4-6 grade class

**Musical interlude:** Maggie & Chris Semanchin Jones

**Gospel reading, part 2:** Matthew 14:22-33

Noelle Hendricks

**Feature:** “Fish Eyes: The Feeding & the Boat Ride” Jacob & Neil Okerlund

**Hymn:** “Bread for the Journey” (insert)

**Teacher Appreciation**

Minke Sundseth

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Congregational Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father/Mother 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** Hannah Dirks, piano; Ava Blackwell Kinney, violin,  
Noelle Hendricks, piano

**Announcements** (please give in writing to worship leader)

Description of Lego dioramas

Hannah Okerstrom & Hannah Dirks

**Introduction of guests**

**\*Sung Benediction:** “We will walk with God” #78 STJ

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Chris Semanchin Jones

Community Time

**10:40 a.m.** Fellowship time.

**11:00 a.m.** Education classes for all ages. Adult session: Tyler Zabriskie will share about his work with the American Refugee Committee – Basement fellowship hall.

*This is the final day of education until September. Thank you to all who took part as teachers and participants during the past year.*

**Noon** – We will gather for a potluck picnic in the Matthews Park picnic area. Everyone welcome!

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**TODAY:** Children’s Day

**Worship leader:** Chris Semanchin Jones

**Song Leader:** Anna Gambucci

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Shawn Helmeke & Cori Skogerboe

**Nursery:** Donna Minter & Jacob Schlabach

**Fellowship buddy:** Hermann Weinlick

*Fish-Eyes: The Feeding and the Boat Ride* was created by Ted Swartz and Lee Eshleman and is used by permission of Ted & Company Theater Works, Harrisonburg, VA ([www.ted&company.com](http://www.ted&company.com)).

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13)

**Worship leader:** Chris Semanchin Jones

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Piano:** Gregg Richardson

**Usher:** Darrell Martin

**Fellowship:** Zabriskies

**Fellowship buddy:** Hermann Weinlick

**Nursery:** Gerald Schlabach & Kristi Zabriskie

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**Invitation to prepare for Pentecost with a multi-cultural Bible study experience:**

The Worship Commission has invited the Hmong Mennonite Church and the Kushite (Oromo) SDA Fellowship, which meets in our chapel on Saturday mornings, to join us for a time of reading, listening, and sharing about the Pentecost story, this **Wednesday, May 23, 7 p.m.**, fellowship hall. Please consider coming and bringing a plate of cookies to share afterwards.

**Faith Mennonite Church**  
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**Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus**  
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**FMC office hours: May 21-25**

**Pastor:** Wed 1-5; Thurs 8:30-3:30; Friday 9-4. Joetta will be out of town from Sunday afternoon through Wednesday morning. Please contact a deacon in case of emergency.

**Ministry Staff:** Mon 11-5; Wed 10-5; Thurs 10-5

**Email bulletin items by Wednesday evening.** Bulletin is printed on Thursday.

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<b>May 13:</b>	<b>Attendance: 65</b>	<b>Offering: \$3,629</b>
	Weekly amount need to meet budget: \$2,692	

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**Church Meetings and Events** (online calendar at: [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

**May 21** – Missions & Service Commission, 5 p.m., chapel

**May 22** – NO Sunday text discussion this week

**May 23** – June newsletter deadline, noon, to Gregg Richardson

**May 23** – Multi-cultural Pentecost Bible study, 7 p.m., fellowship hall

**June 7** – Deacon Commission, 7 p.m., Cleta Gingerich home

**June 13** – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

**Matthew 14:13-21**

When Jesus heard [about the death of John the Baptist], he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. “Bring them here to me,” he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**Matthew 14:22-33**

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

**Nursery:** It's time for **spring cleaning!** **Today** we'll be giving the nursery and all nursery toys/equipment a good spring scrubbing. Please stop by between 1:00 and 3:30 if you have time to help with the cleaning. Rags and cookies provided. –Meagan O'Brien

Last Sunday's reflection by Aryn Baxter and Joetta's sermon from May 6 have been **posted to the church website** under Worship/Sermons.

*From Mennonite Church USA:* **You are invited to subscribe to MC USA's new online newsletter *On the Way!*** This is a free, short online resource through which we hope to start conversations about how we are living out our vision and mission. Check out the latest issue (featuring a video by Pierre G-B's brother André) and subscribe at [www.mennoniteusa.org/on-the-way](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/on-the-way).

Transportation needed to deliver boxes of **MCC relief kits** currently stored in the kitchen to Newton, KS or Goshen, IN. Contact the church office.

**Address change:** Marybeth Luing. Also: **dog care needed, May 22-24.** I will be out of town during these days and need someone to care for my dog. You could either come to my apartment to feed and walk him, or keep him at your residence during these days. –Marybeth Luing

**Seward Yoga in the Park** every Saturday beginning May 19, 7:30 a.m., by the hill in Matthew's Park. See poster in foyer.

Join **Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership** for a **panel discussion on Thursday, May 24**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Gandhi Mahal restaurant, 3009 27th Ave S, Mpls. Learn how restorative justice is being used to help youth in our community get back on track, and consider ways to apply restorative justice to your own life. See poster in foyer.

**ISAIAH Prophetic Witness Leadership Assembly, June 2**, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Training for working together to **defeat the MN amendment that would require people to carry a photo ID to the polls.** Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 N. Dale, SP. Register: [www.tinyurl.com/propheticwitness](http://www.tinyurl.com/propheticwitness).

Community Justice Project, **In-depth Training/Transitioning Mentoring** to help ex-offenders returning to the community. **Saturday, June 9**, 8:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Hennepin Co. Adult Corrections Facility, Plymouth. To register contact Jennifer Edel: 612-276-1549, [jedel@gmcc.org](mailto:jedel@gmcc.org). See poster in foyer.

**Wednesday, June 20** dinner (6 p.m.) and **training session** (7-9 p.m.) at **Bethany Lutheran Church** (2511 E. Franklin Ave). to empower us to **defeat the MN anti-marriage amendment.** Part of the *Minnesotans United for All Families* campaign. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to Bethany: (612) 332-2397 or [mail@bethanyinseward.org](mailto:mail@bethanyinseward.org). See poster in foyer.