

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

May 25, 2008

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

**L:** God of all life, we thank you for the signs of your love that surround us, for sun and warmth and all that comes to life within creation, for all that sleeps within the earth awaiting to be birthed.

**P:** **We praise you for the wisdom of your care, water on the earth, sunlight on our spirits, hands on blinded eyes.**

**All:** *Continue to touch us. Reach out to us with compassion and forgiveness that we may receive your gifts, that we may know your love and grace and rise to new life in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**\*Hymns:** “We sing to you, O God” #1 STJ  
“My soul is filled with joy” #13 STJ

**Old Testament reading:** Isaiah 49:8-10; 14-16

**Prayer of Confession:** #697 HWB

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

**Children’s Time** What flag do we fly?

**Hymn:** “Be still” #75 STJ

**New Testament:** Matthew 6:24-34

**Sermon:** “Memorializing a different way”

**Hymn:** “Seek ye first the kingdom of God” #324 HWB

**Congregational Sharing & Prayer**

**Offering & Offertory**

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

**Introduction of Guests**

**Sending hymn:** “Great is thy faithfulness” #327 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 a.m.**

- The Christian Education program will resume on September 7.

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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.*

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**TODAY:** “Remembering God’s Care”

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Childcare:** Volunteers Needed

**Fellowship time:** Larry & Karen Peterson

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**NEXT SUNDAY:** Pastoral Installation and Celebration

**Worship leader:** Joan Kreider

**Sermon:** Ed Kauffman, Central Plains Conference Executive Minister

**Song Leader:** Gregg Richardson

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Childcare:** Two Volunteers Needed

**Fellowship time:** Pastoral Discernment Group

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**May 18:**                      Attendance: 86

Offering: \$1,509

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**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.

## Isaiah 49:8-10; 14-16

Thus says the Lord:

In a time of favor I have answered you,  
on a day of salvation I have helped you;  
I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people,  
to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages;  
saying to the prisoners, 'Come out',  
to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.'  
They shall feed along the ways,  
on all the bare heights shall be their pasture;  
they shall not hunger or thirst,  
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down,  
for he who has pity on them will lead them,  
and by springs of water will guide them.  
But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me,  
my Lord has forgotten me.'  
Can a woman forget her nursing-child,  
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?  
Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

## Matthew 6:24-34

'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Announcements

**MCC staff / Gabe Schlabach to walk for migrant awareness May 23 – June 2** Mennonite Central Committee staff and constituents are participating in the Migrant Trail – a 75-mile walk along the Mexico-Arizona border that retraces the journey taken by many migrants. The delegation 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 be an expression of Christian care for those who suffer in search of hope. To follow a blog of the walk visit [www.washingtonmemo.org](http://www.washingtonmemo.org)

**Moving help needed Thursday, May 29th** — Ideally in the morning or early afternoon, but we'll accept help whenever you are available. Please email [Alisa.Bardo@ParkNicollet.com](mailto:Alisa.Bardo@ParkNicollet.com) or [andrew\\_martinson@hotmail.com](mailto:andrew_martinson@hotmail.com) if you can help. Thank you, Alisa Bardo-Martinson

**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 can volunteer, please contact Minke Sundseth, [minkesundseth@gmail.com](mailto:minkesundseth@gmail.com)

**Plans for Joetta's June 1 installation celebration.** We'll be having a modified potluck with a fiesta theme with chicken and rice, vegetarian rice, beans, chips, salsa, etc. 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](mailto:katie.hochstedler@gmail.com)

**2008 Mennonite-Catholic Bridgefolk summer conference, July 24-27,** Saint John's Abby in Collegeville, Minnesota. Under the theme "Holiness the Road: Saints and the Spirituality that Sustains them," the meeting will foster discussion on understandings of holiness and sanctity in the Catholic and Mennonite traditions. Registration for the event is now open on the Bridgefolk web site: [www.bridgefolk.net](http://www.bridgefolk.net).

## Faith Mennonite Church

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### FMC OFFICE HOURS: May 26-30

**Pastor's Hours:** Wed & Thurs 9-4; Friday 8:30-12:30 Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m. Joetta will be in Ely from Sunday afternoon through Tuesday. Please contact a deacon for emergencies or pastoral care concerns.

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

*Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:*

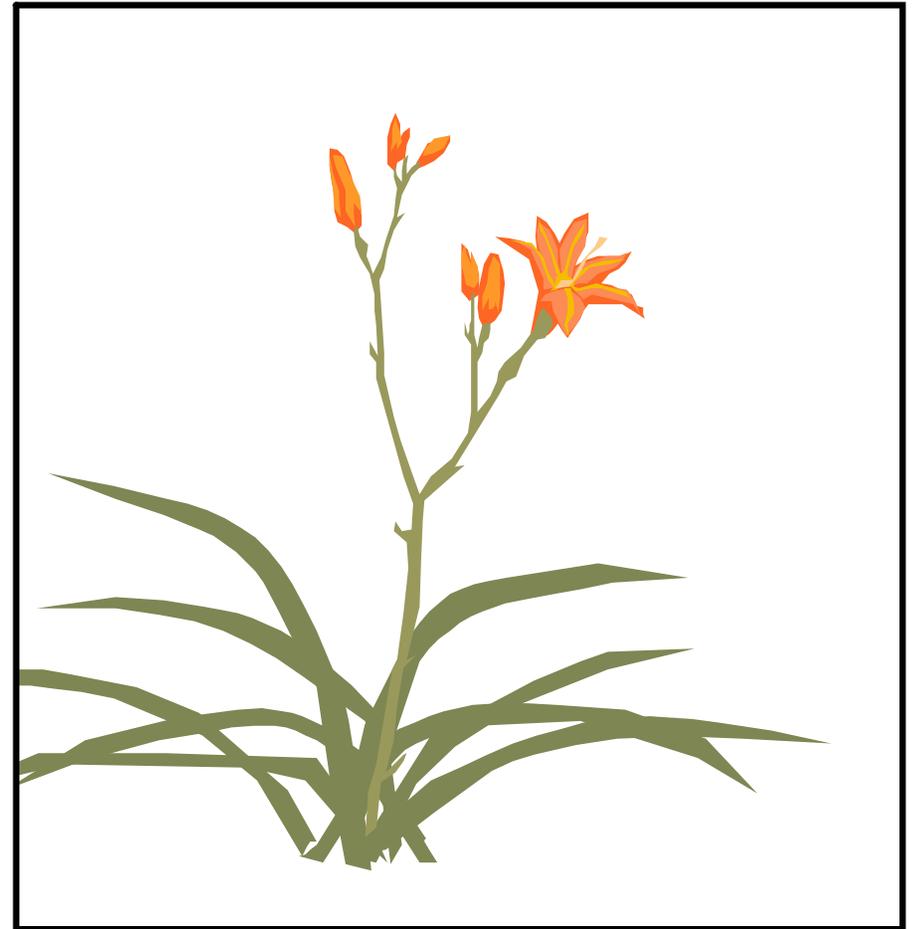
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**Mennonite Central Committee is responding to recent disasters in Myanmar and China.** MCC is appealing for \$500,000 to support relief and recovery efforts in Myanmar following cyclone Nargis. MCC has committed \$100,000 to support initial relief efforts of trusted partners who are already at work in Myanmar. Water, medical treatment, food and emergency supplies are immediate priorities. MCC has committed \$400,000 for longer-term recovery and rebuilding. Please send checks designated "Myanmar Relief and Recovery" to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or donate online at [mcc.org/myanmarrelief](http://mcc.org/myanmarrelief).

### Church Meetings and Events

- 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 – Education Commission, 3:30 p.m., FMC
- 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 & concert with Agape Youth Choir from Houston, TX



Consider the lilies of the field,  
how they grow; they neither toil nor spin...

Matthew 6: 28b

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