

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

June 1, 2008

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

L: The world belongs to God,

P: the earth and all its people

L: How good it is, how wonderful

P: to live together in unity.

L: Love and faith come together

P: justice and peace join hands.

L: If Christ's disciples keep silent

P: these stones would shout aloud.

L: Open our lips, O God,

P: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

***Hymns:** "Lord Jesus Christ, be present now" #22 HWB

"Take my life" #389 HWB (v 1, 3, 4, 5)

Old Testament Reading: 1Samuel 16:1-13

Prayer of Confession:

L: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.
(*Silence*)

L: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

P: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

L: Amen.

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

Children's Time "Choosing a leader"

Hymn: "Long before my journey's start" #36 STJ

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

New Testament: Acts 4:32-5:6

Sermon: "A Part of God's Mission"

Service of Installation

Introduction

Presentation

L: Sisters and brothers, we have gathered today in the presence of God and this assembly to install Joetta Schlabach as pastor of this congregation.

Who presents Joetta for installation?

P: We present Joetta. Believing that we have been guided by the Spirit of God, we have called Joetta to be our minister.

L: In commending Joetta for this ministry, will you uphold Joetta in it?

P: We will stand by Joetta in her calling.

Examination

Prayer

Response by Joetta

Congregational Response:

L: A mighty wind has blown, and tongues of fire have danced.

P: The Spirit is with us, just as Jesus promised.

L: God's Spirit moves among us and gathers us together.

P: May God's Spirit grant Joetta the fullness of the Spirit, a clean heart, a right spirit, and the joy of salvation. May the gifts you gave her in creation be released and redeemed in Christ for her ministry among us and in the community.

Hymn: "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian" #632 HWB

Congregational Sharing & 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

Offering & Offertory

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

Introduction of Guests

***Sending hymn:** "How clear is our vocation, Lord" #541 HWB (v. 1,2,4)

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Faith Mennonite Church

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: June 2-6

Pastor's Hours: Wed & Thurs 9-4; Friday 8:30-12:30. (Tuesday is a study day.) 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

TODAY: Pastoral Installation and Celebration

Worship leader: Joan Kreider

Sermon: Ed Kauffman, Central Plains Conference Executive Minister

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson **Piano:** Melissa Falb

Childcare: Sandra Westby & Heather Wengerd

Everyone is invited to share in a Fiesta meal in the basement fellowship hall, following worship.

NEXT SUNDAY: Things that Make for Peace / HS grad recognition

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach; **Sharing** by Sam Bartel, Greta Kreider
Carlson and Tony Johnson

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick **Piano:** Cathy Smetana

Childcare: Matthew Hendricks & One Volunteer Needed

Fellowship time: Joan Kreider, Johnsons & Bartels

May 25: Attendance: 43 Offering: \$557

To this end
we always pray for you,
asking that our God
will make you
worthy of your call...

2 Thessalonians 1:11a

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1Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons. ...Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’ He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.’ But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen any of these.’ Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

Acts 4:32-5:6

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means ‘son of encouragement’). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles’ feet.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife’s knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles’ feet. ‘Ananias,’ Peter asked, ‘why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!’ Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

L: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Please sign your favorite hymn in the hymnals on the back table. These are gifts for our three graduating high school seniors.

Thank you to everyone who contributed food and supplies to Community Emergency Service during the month of May. **Richard Westby** delivered Faith Church's latest contribution of 85 lbs of goods. It is recommended that future donations of laundry and other soaps be scent-free. Please continue to remember the needs of others in our community as you shop.

Meals for Ruth Johnston & Shuji Moriichi. Ruth and Shuji and new son Micah are getting acquainted and doing well, but they would appreciate a few meals. If anyone is able to provide a meal for Ruth and Shuji please call them directly to arrange a day/time: 612-825-6702

Help needed for June 14 Cleaning Day starting at 9 a.m. We will be cleaning the children's nursery and Sunday School classrooms to prepare them for summer use (Peace Village) and 2008-2009 classes. The more people who help clean up, the faster we'll get done, so please consider joining us! Please let Shelly Hendricks know if you're planning to be there (smhendricks2@msn.com or 612.501.3382), but if you just want to join us at the last minute, that would be great too. Thanks!

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

Church Meetings and Events

- June 4 – Christian 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

Announcements (cont.)

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.

Writing workshop at Wilderness Wind — Combine a writing retreat with lakes, loons, canoes and fireside chats in the Boundary Waters on Thursday, July 17 - Sunday, July 20. Ann Hostetler, Goshen College faculty and Julia Spicher Kasdorf, Penn State creative writing faculty will facilitate. Find more information at www.wildernesswind.org or call 218-365-5873.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is seeking a full-time Service Program Administrator to oversee programming in the central and northern part of the 16-state region. Office location is flexible within these boundaries. Eligible candidates must hold a biblical view of nonviolence and be active participants in a Christian faith community. A full job description is available upon request. Please direct inquiries, letters of intent and resumes to Tina Schrag (316.283.2720 or tschrag@mcc.org) by June 20.

MCC Central States responds to ICE raid in Postville, Iowa

In the raid, 389 undocumented workers were captured and detained. MCC Central States is providing \$1,000 to help cover housing and food costs for families affected by the raid through Cedar Falls Mennonite Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa. MCC Central States encourages individuals and congregations to write letters to their US Congressional Representative and Senators advocating for comprehensive immigration reform. To view a sample letter and for more information on immigration from MCC please visit mcc.org/centralstates.

Please pray for Mennonite Mission Network program human resources staff members as they orient new international mission workers and Christian Service participants and also help international workers re-enter life in North America.

We join Yeshe Lemu in prayer for the victims of the recent violence in Oromia.