

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

June 6, 2010

Stories of God's People

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship from Psalm 29

L: Give to the Lord, O heavenly beings

P: Give to the Lord glory and strength.

L: Give to the Lord the Glory of God's name;

P: worship God in holy array

L: The voice of God is upon the waters;

P: the God of glory thunders upon many waters.

L: The voice of God is powerful;

P: the voice of God is full of majesty.

L: The voice of God flashes forth flames of fire.

P: The voice of God shakes the wilderness.

L: The voice of God makes the oaks twist and strips the forests bare;

ALL: and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"

Prayer

*Hymns: "Lead on, O cloud of presence" #419 HWB

"We gather together" #17 HWB

Children's gathering song: "Come and see" #20 HWB

Children's time: "Balaam, the donkey, and the angel"

Song: "Listen, God is calling" #42 STJ

Scripture reading: Numbers 23:18-23

Sermon: "Curses or blessings? Getting the message right"

Story: Neil Okerlund

Hymn: "Open, Lord, my inward ear" #140 HWB (vv. 1-3)

Sharing at the Table in Communion

We will gather at the tables at front and back in groups of 10-12 as the ushers guide. Please hold the bread /cup until all are served and then partake together. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ's body are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

STJ: Sing the Journey

*Please stand if you are able

Congregational Sharing

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

Offering and Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

*Sending hymn: "Be thou my vision" #545 HWB (vv. 1, 2, 4)

*Benediction

*Passing the Peace / Postlude

Community Time

Fellowship time –10:45

2:30 p.m. TODAY Interfaith Immigration Justice Vigil

Faith Mennonite Church and Missio Dei will co-host this afternoon's interfaith vigil that takes place the first Sunday of each month at the Ramsey County Detention Center in St. Paul. Those who plan to attend are invited to meet for a simple salad & bread lunch at Joetta's home (248 Aurora Ave, St. Paul) at 12:30 and then go to the vigil.

TODAY: Balaam, the donkey and the angel / Communion

Worship Leaders: Kathleen Harder & Sophia **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg **Piano:** Gregg Richardson

Ushers: Mike & Paula Okerstrom

Nursery volunteers: Kristin Green, Joan Wing & *one volunteer needed* (Meagan is gone)

NEXT SUNDAY: Deborah the prophet (Judges 4 & 5)

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Adam Nafziger

Piano: Sandra Westby

Ushers: Barb Beers & Rachel Hoskins

Nursery volunteers: Karen Wiebe & Pat Ellison

Fellowship: *Volunteers needed*

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.

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund

Deacons: Kami Blackwell Kinney, Greg Renstrom
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: June 7-11

Pastor: Mon 1-5; Wed 9-4; Thurs 10-4; Fri 9-noon. 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.

May 23: Attendance: 49 Offering: not recorded

Michael Gulker is being ordained today at Christ Community Church, Des Moines, IA. We remember this service and Michael's ministry in our prayers.

Church Meetings and Events

June 8 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's, Corner of Marshall & Cleveland, St. Paul

June 9 – Church Council, 7 p.m., Chapel

June 11 – Scrabble night, 7 p.m., Joan Kreider, 2162 Carroll Ave, SP

June 11 – South Mpls Potluck, Powderhorn Park, 6 p.m.

June 14-18 – FMC Vacation Bible School, 9-11:30 a.m.

June 15– Bible Study, 7 p.m., Chapel

June 24-27 – Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting, Mountain Lake, MN

Numbers 23:18-23

Then Balaam uttered his oracle, saying:

‘Rise, Balak, and hear;

listen to me, O son of Zippor:

God is not a human being, that he should lie,
or a mortal, that he should change his mind.

Has he promised, and will he not do it?

Has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

See, I received a command to bless;

he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it.

He has not beheld misfortune in Jacob;

nor has he seen trouble in Israel.

The Lord their God is with them,

acclaimed as a king among them.

God, who brings them out of Egypt,

is like the horns of a wild ox for them.

Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob,

no divination against Israel;

now it shall be said of Jacob and Israel,

“See what God has done!”

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

Christian Education Acknowledgements Last Sunday as we thanked teachers from this past year we failed to acknowledge **Noah Skogerboe** who has been a mentor/teacher for Noah Kreider Carlson and **Chris Jones**, who coordinated the children's singing time. We also want to thank **Kristin Green**, who stepped in to fill the children's coordinator role this past year. **Shelly Hendricks** will return to that position beginning this summer. Thank you all!

Scrabble night, June 11 Anyone who enjoys playing Scrabble is invited to Joan Kreider's home on Friday, June 11 at 7 p.m. 2162 Carroll Ave., St. Paul 55104.

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Announcements continued

June Birthday Brunch, Saturday, June 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m. If you or a family member has a birthday in June, pastor Joetta invites you to her home, 248 Aurora Avenue, St. Paul for brunch on June 12. This invitation is for whole families and significant others, not just the birthday person. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area or email: jschlabach@faithmennonite.org.

Mid-week Bible Study continues on June 15 The group that met on June 1 decided to focus their study on the Old Testament book of Job, and its connection to the Sermon on the Mount. Future meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and be held in the education wing chapel. Reading for June 15: Job 1-2 and 42:7-17 (the prose prologue and epilogue) and chapters 3-7. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Bob Brown with any questions: 612-695-0531; bobdbrown@gmail.com.

FMC Camping Weekend? A number of FMC folks enjoy camping. Would anyone feel inspired to plan a camping weekend when folks who share this interest might camp together? Organizing would involve choosing a weekend, making a reservation for a group site and then inviting others to join in. If you feel inspired to make this happen, please contact the church office to volunteer!

Gun Buy Back event will be held at 2 area churches, *Gospel Temple Church of God in Christ* in St. Paul and *Shiloh Temple International Ministries* in Minneapolis, **on June 18**. Fundraisers include a *Talent Contest* on June 11 in Minneapolis, a *car wash* in 2 metro locations on June 12 and a *Youth Basketball Tournament* on June 12. Flyers for the event and audition info is found on the table in back of the Sanctuary.

Fellowship time volunteers needed! Been missing coffee after church on Sunday morning? You can remedy the problem by signing up for a Sunday sometime this summer. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. If you have questions about procedures, speak with Minke Sundseth from the Fellowship Commission. Thanks!