

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

June 13, 2010

Stories of God's People

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *adapted from Judges 5: 3, 9 The Message*

L: Rise to your feet and say

P: "What a great thing God has done!"

L: Make music to God, to the God of Israel.

P: To God, yes to God, I'll sing.

L: Lift your hearts high with abandon!

P: Bless the Lord!

Prayer

***Hymns:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #37 HWB
"Spirit, working in creation" #10 STJ

Affirmation of Faith

Response: We praise you, O God.

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

Children's time: "Follow the leader"

Commissioning of Bible School Volunteers

Song: "There are many gifts" #304 HWB

Scripture reading: Judges 4

Sermon: "Deborah, a leader in difficult times"

Story: Charity Kroeker

Hymn: "I am weak and I need thy strength" #553 HWB

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:** "Move in our midst" #418 HWB (vv. 1, 2, 4)

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

Fellowship time –10:45

TODAY: Deborah the prophet

Worship Leaders: Charity Kroeker and Lis Wilson

Reader: Katie Hochstedler

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Musicians: Adam Nafziger and Sandra Westby

Ushers: Barb Beers & Rachel Hoskins

Nursery volunteers: Karen Wiebe & Thaine Dirks

NEXT SUNDAY: Ruth and Naomi (Ruth)

Sermon: Bob Brown

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Sara Yoder

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Rachel Hoskins & Mike Okerstrom

Nursery volunteers: Pat Eliason and Barb Beers

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.

June 6: Attendance: 78 Offering: \$2139

Note: Our year-to-date offerings at the end of May were \$15,000 below our giving at this time last year and \$13,488 below our budgeted needs for this year. We need approximately \$2,500 each Sunday to meet our spending plan for the year.

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: June 14-18

Pastor: Mon 10:30-1:30; Wed 11-4; Thurs 1-4. 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.

June 15 - Mid-week Bible Study continues 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.

Church Meetings and Events

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

June 15 – NO Lectionary Discussion Group this week

June 15– Bible Study, 7 p.m., Chapel

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

June 30 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC

July 1 – Strawberry picking with FMC at Nature Farm, 5:30 p.m.

July 18 – Worship and Picnic in Matthews Park with Bethany Lutheran

August 1 – All church picnic and games in park following worship

Announcements

Judges 4 (*selected verses*)

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. ²So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan...; the commander of his army was Sisera. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for [Sisera] had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali.

Deborah said to Barak, ‘The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, “Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.”’

⁸Barak said to her, ‘If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.’

⁹And she said, ‘I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.’

Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh...; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him. When Sisera was told that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor, ¹³Sisera called out all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the troops who were with him.

¹⁴Then Deborah said to Barak, ‘Up! For this is the day on which the Lord has given Sisera into your hand. The Lord is indeed going out before you.’ So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand warriors following him. ¹⁵And the Lord threw Sisera and all his chariots and all his army into a panic before Barak; Sisera got down from his chariot and fled away on foot, ¹⁶while Barak pursued the chariots and the army. All the army of Sisera fell by the sword; no one was left.

So on that day God subdued King Jabin of Canaan before the Israelites.

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.**

Thursday - June 17, 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public
Ecumenical Prayer Service is being held as a part of a larger conference put on by The Saint Paul Seminary entitled “A Century of Ecumenism.” This prayer service will be held in the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas, University of St. Thomas.

June 18 - 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. 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!

July 1 –Strawberry picking, 5:30-8:45 p.m. with FMC at Nature Farm near Hugo, MN. We are arranging a bus so invite friends and neighbors. Suggested contribution for bus: \$5/person or \$12/family; Estimated berry cost: \$16 / 5 quarts. To reserve a spot or for more information contact Ry or Marcia Sigglekow at 651-224-3620 or FMCstrawberry@gmail.org

Hello Summer Fun Pack for kids (from Mennonite Central Committee) Hola! Bonjour! Marhaba! Say “hello” to the world the summer by exploring the MCC *Hello Summer Fun Pack*, hello.mcc.org MCC invites children and parent to learn about water, food and peace through downloadable stories, activities and challenges to complete at your own pace, as well as additional material, encouragement and updates. Too busy? Out of town? E-mail: hello@mccc.org to subscribe to the print edition of MCC’s free quarterly children’s flier *beginning in July or October*. Each issue of *Hello*, MCC’s printed children’s flier, introduces young people to a different country.