

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

June 19, 2011

Taste and See: God is Good

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Response: *Taste and see that God is good.*

***Hymn:** "Morning has broken" #648 HWB

***Hymn:** "In the bulb, there is a flower" #614 HWB

Scripture reading:

Genesis 1:11-12

Mark 4:3-9

Children's gathering song: "Taste and See" (insert)

Children's time: "Sowing seeds"

Hymn: "As rain from the clouds" #40 STJ

Reflections

Hymn: "By the waters" #148 HWB

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

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sung Benediction:** "We will follow" (hymnal insert)

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- 10:45 **Fellowship time**

- 11:00 **Intergenerational activity** – fellowship hall

TODAY: Taste & See: God is Good ~ Seeds of Life

Worship leader: Hendricks family

Reflections: Travis Lusk and Marian Heinrichs

Song leader: Herman Weinlick **Piano:** Sandra Westby

Ushers: Darrell Martin & Cori Skogerboe

Nursery: Barb Beers & Cori Skogerboe

Fellowship: Andi Kuenning & Dan Leisen

Today we begin our Summer Series "Taste and See: God is Good," which will explore the theme of food and faith. We will visit stories from the Old and New Testaments that speak of God's provision for us through food. Today two persons from our congregation will share about how gardening and working with food has shaped their spiritual lives. Today (and 3 other times this summer) we will have an intergenerational activity at 11 a.m. to expand on our worship theme. Everyone is welcome to participate and to get better acquainted with our children during this time.

NEXT SUNDAY: Report from Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Reflections: Aryn Baxter, Leslie Minkler, Joetta Schlabach, &

Jeannette Harder

Piano: Karen Zeug

Ushers: Casey Englund/Shawn Helmeke & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Scott Neal & Heather Wengerd

Fellowship 2 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 12: Attendance: 73 Offering: 2163.25

(Weekly budgeted need: \$2984)

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: June 20-24

Pastor: Mon noon-3; Wed & Thurs 9-4; Fri 9-noon. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff Person: Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

Office Assistant, Julie Cross: Tues, Weds & Thurs 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.

Thank you to members of the summer worship planning team: Alisa Bardo-Martinson, Thaine Dirks, Marybeth Luing, and Annette Semanchin Jones; and to Kathleen Remund and Minke Sundseth who are organizing the second-hour intergenerational activities.

Next Sunday: Twin Cities PRIDE parade, June 26. FMC is participating and will begin lining up for the parade between 10:00 and 10:30. Parade will begin at 11:00. We haven't been given our numerical placement in line, yet, so **contact Kathleen if you plan to march and you need further details.**

Church Meetings and Events

June 19 – Deacons Commission meeting, 7 p.m., Richardsons

June 25 – June Birthday Brunch, 9:30-11 a.m., Schlabachs

June 26 – FMC/BMC participating in Twin Cities PRIDE Parade

July 4-9 – Mennonite Church USA Assembly, Pittsburgh, PA

September 23-25 – FMC 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

October 29 – Twin Cities Festival & Sale for World Relief

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Announcements

Genesis 1:11-12

Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

Mark 4:3-9

'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.' And he said, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

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.

FMC Soup Group, 1st Monday, 2nd Tuesday, 3rd Thursday & 4th Friday of every month. This is an opportunity for our church community to share meals. All are welcome to bring friends and family. Soup and bread provided.

- Thursday, June 23 - 6 p.m., Dan and Terry Gerber's home
RSVP to Aryn Baxter by Wednesday noon
- Friday, July 1 - 6 p.m., Powderhorn park picnic (weather permitting)

At Ten Thousand Villages -- Beautiful, hand knotted and fairly-traded rugs from Pakistan are coming to our store this fall!

Please join us for a private screening of a Ten Thousand Villages documentary on the artisans of Bunyaad on **Saturday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m.** You can enjoy complimentary refreshments, view sample rugs, and **win a gift card for \$25 toward the purchase of your rug!** Space is limited and only available to those who register, please contact us.

Friday potluck picnics in Powderhorn Park 6 p.m., Meet near playground, SE corner of park at 15th Ave. & 36th. Cancelled in case of rain. All welcome!

Please sign up today for the **June Birthday Brunch.** If you or a family member has a birthday in June, pastor Joetta invites you to her home.

Preparing Congregations to Protect Children, Friday, June 24, 9-11 a.m., Children's Hospital, 2525 Chicago Avenue South, Conference Center, 2nd floor. Mennonite author Jeanette Harder, a faculty member at the University of Nebraska at Omaha School of Social Work, will lead a panel discussion about ways congregations can help prevent child abuse and neglect in their communities through partnering with community professionals. Free and open to the public; flyers available to share with friends and colleagues. **Jeanette will also lead a discussion at Faith Mennonite Church at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 26.**