

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

June 20, 2010

Stories of God's People

## Prelude

## Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

L: Our world is made up of many kinds of people.

**P: God's love brings us together.**

L: We look different. We come from different homes.

**P: God's love brings us together.**

L: Some people are young and others are old.

**P: God's love brings us together.**

L: We may wonder sometimes if we belong.

**P: God's love brings us together.**

L: We may be rich or we may be poor.

**P: God's love brings us together.**

L: Some people are athletic and others are artistic.

**P: God's love brings us together.**

L: We may speak different languages.

**All: God's love brings all of us together no matter how different we might be.**

## Prayer

\*Hymns: "Sing praise to God who reigns" #59 HWB  
"Over my head" #18 STJ

## Confession

Eternal God, of all people and places, we confess that our ears are closed to voices of pain and wisdom when they speak in accents other than our own. Our sensibilities are jarred by the way those we call "foreign" express their faith in Christ. We sometimes cling to pride of culture and denomination as if we have a special claim on truth and your love. Gracious God, forgive us and renew a right spirit within us, a spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility. Enable us to incarnate God's love and to see God's love in new ways.

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

**Children's time:** "Verses and songs from Meet God on the Mountain"

**Scripture reading:** Ruth 1:3-18

**Sermon:** "God's Insiders"

**Story:** Kristi Zabriskie

**Hymn:** "For we are strangers no more" #322 HWB (v. 1)

## 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** (*During the offering anyone who has brought a food-shelf item can come and add them to the "mountain."*)

**Announcements** (please give in writing to worship leader)

### Introduction of guests

\***Sung Benediction:** "You shall go out with joy" #427 HWB

\***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

**Fellowship time –10:45**

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### TODAY:

**Sermon:** Bob Brown

**Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Sara Yoder

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Reader:** Kathleen Remund

**Ushers:** Rachel Hoskins & Darrell Martin

**Nursery volunteers:** Pat Eliason and Barb Beers

**Fellowship:** Bob and Lauren Brown

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Jonah – Part 1 (Jonah 1-2)

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick **Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Darrell Martin & Nikki Nafziger

**Nursery volunteers:** Mathew Hendricks & Eric Kasper

**Fellowship:** *Volunteers needed*

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*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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**June 13:** Attendance: 85 Offering: not recorded

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

\**Please stand if you are able*

## Faith Mennonite Church

**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**

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### **FMC OFFICE HOURS: June 21-25**

**Pastor:** Mon 1-5; Wed 10-4; Thurs 10:30-2:30. Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on Monday and Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. Joetta will be in Mt. Lake for the Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting Thursday evening through Saturday.

**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.

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**June 29 - Mid-week Bible Study of Job continues.** For our next gathering we will read chapters 8-14 and write a brief synopsis of *one* chapter to share with the group. We meet at 7 p.m. in the education wing chapel. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Bob Brown with any questions: 612-695-0531; [bobdbrown@gmail.com](mailto:bobdbrown@gmail.com).

### **Church Meetings and Events**

June 22 – Lectionary Discussion Group (Jonah 1-2), 8:30 a.m., Trotters, corner of Cleveland and Marshall, SP

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

June 29 – FMC Bible Study, 7 p.m., Chapel

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

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

July 12 – Christian Education Commission, 7:15, FMC office

July 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

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

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

### **Ruth 1:3-18**

But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.' Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said,

'Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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**

**Sunday, June 27, 6PM, Boom Island Park in NE Minneapolis** An interfaith public ceremony for the Spirit of the Sea, in apology for the oil spilling into Gulf. Please bring a picnic dish to share, non-perishable food item to donate, small flowers to offer in the river and a prayer or wish. Sponsored by [Headwaters/Delta Interfaith](#). Contact Saumya Haas, 952-457-4530 for more information.

**Please remember in prayer all who will be attending Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting** this Thursday evening through Sunday morning in Mt. Lake. FMC delegates are Jerry Janzen, Matthew Kinney and Leslie Minkler. Others who will attend are Cindy Bjork, Katie Hochstedler, Scott Neal and Joetta Schlabach. Important agenda items include the Unity Task Group recommendation and a proposal for restructuring conference.

**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](mailto:FMCstrawberry@gmail.org)

**Fellowship time volunteers needed!** Been missing coffee after church on Sunday morning? Sign up for a Sunday sometime this summer. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. If you have questions, please contact Minke Sundseth, Fellowship Commission.

**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](http://hello.mcc.org) 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. Out of town? E-mail: [hello@mccc.org](mailto:hello@mccc.org) to subscribe to the print edition of MCC's free quarterly children's flier in *July or October*. Each issue of *Hello*, introduces kids to a different country.

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