

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

June 26, 2011

Prelude

*Call to Worship: #122 STJ

*Hymns: “We sing to you, O God” #1 STJ
“Over my head” #18 STJ

Scripture reading: John 17:6-26

Prayer of Confession

Children’s gathering song: “Taste and See” (hymnal insert)

Children’s time: “Different ways to sing”

Hymn: “How great thou art”

Chorus: Mi corazón entona la canción

Cuan grande es El, cuan grande es El. (2x)

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed. (Chorus)
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountains grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (Chorus)

Reflections

Hymn: “Where love and justice combine” (insert)

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*Please stand if you are able

*Sung Benediction: “We will follow” (hymnal insert)

*Passing the Peace / Postlude

Community Time

- 10:45 Fellowship time

- 11:00 Preparing Congregations to Protect Children – Fellowship hall
Mennonite author Jeanette Harder, a faculty member at the University of
Nebraska at Omaha School of Social Work and member of First Mennonite
Church of Lincoln, will lead a discussion about ways congregations can
help prevent child abuse and neglect in the church and communities. We
have invited Twin Cities Mennonite congregations and several neighbor-
hood churches to join in this discussion. Those who attend are invited to
stay for a potluck lunch.

TODAY: Report from Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Reflections: Aryn Baxter, Jeannette Harder, Leslie Minkler, Joetta Schlabach

Piano: Karen Zeug **Guitar:** Gerald Schlabach

Ushers: Casey Englund/Shawn Helmeke & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Scott Neal & Heather Wengerd

Fellowship Beth Richardson & *1 volunteer needed*

NEXT SUNDAY: Taste and See: God is Good – The Passover

Worship leader and sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Piano: Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Andy Martinson & Beth Richardson

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 19: Attendance: 100 Offering: \$2512.08; Deacon’s Fund-\$500
(Weekly budgeted need: \$2984)

Sanctuary Painting Project Update

Received to date: \$30,050 Amount remaining: \$5,950

Faith Mennonite Church
Pastor: Joetta Schlabach
Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: June 27-July 1

Pastor: Mon noon-4; Wed & Thurs 9-4. 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.

Today: Twin Cities GLBT PRIDE Parade, 11:00 lineup downtown.
Participants from FMC will march with members of the Brethren Mennonite Council to advertise our congregation's welcoming spirit.

Tuesday, June 28, 8:00-9:30 a.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (2730 E 31st Street, Mpls.) is hosting a **dialogue breakfast with State Senator Patricia Torres Ray to discuss concerns raised by the state budget situation.** A light breakfast will be served, beginning at 8 a.m., with suggested donation of \$3. Please call 612-729-8358 or email office@htlcmpls.org to register.

Please consider signing up for Sunday fellowship hour, a valued time to reflect, enjoy each other's company and build community in Christ's spirit. Many open slots are still available for this summer. **Please contact Alisa Bardo-Martinson** bardo.martinson@gmail.com soon with any questions about the role. Thank you.

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

Church Meetings and Events

June 28 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters, SP
July 4-9 – Mennonite Church USA Assembly, Pittsburgh, PA
July 12 – Missions & Service Commission, 6:30 p.m., FMC library
July 13 – Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., FMC chapel
July 20 – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m., Richardsons
September 23-25 – FMC 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend
October 29 – Twin Cities Festival & Sale for World Relief

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John 17:6-26

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

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

The refugee family we have been awaiting for the past 7 months has arrived! With just several days notice, our hosting committee jumped into action and outfitted an apartment welcoming brother and sister Khadija and Suleiman last Friday. They are from Somalia but have lived most of their lives in a refugee camp in Kenya. They are a "free case," meaning that they have no other family in MN. The Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services knows of 9 other family members who will be joining them eventually, including their mom, other siblings, and nieces and nephews. Watch for more details in the July FMC Connections newsletter.

The 50th Anniversary Committee seeks submissions of mini-biographies from each household. We are putting together a book to celebrate our jubilee year and are including a snapshot of the people who make our congregation. More information and a sample biography were placed in your mailbox last week. Extra copies are in the back of the church. Submissions and questions: Adam.

The past few summers FMC has organized a **strawberry-picking** trip to Natura Farms. While we have decided not to organize a trip this year, **we want to remind and encourage people to visit** Natura Farms anyway, located in Marine on the St. Croix. **Strawberries are expected to be ready for “pick-your-own” right after July 4th.** <http://www.naturafarms.com/>

Erin Geiser has been contacted by a **Mennonite family of 4 from Indianapolis, looking for housing from July 6-13.** If you are looking for house-sitters or have extra lodging space, please contact Erin.

Wilderness Wind lakeside cabins and yurt have summer openings for reunions, personal retreats, vacations and more. Free use of fire ring, kayaks, canoes and rowboat. Programmed retreats are scheduled throughout the summer from guided fishing, birding, Father/son, more. For information, reservations or registering for a retreat, visit www.wildernesswind.org

FMC Children’s Garden 2011 Last Sunday, kids and adults weeded the garden and bed by the street and composted everything. The Garden looks great! We are growing food for Open Arms, who provide fresh meals for people living with chronic illnesses like MS and HIV/AIDS. **A sign-up sheet is posted in the back of the church –starting June, scheduled times and tasks need to covered over the summer.** All are welcome to participate!