

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

June 27, 2010

Stories of God's People

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship *adapted from Psalm 139:1-12*

L: God, you know me. I'm never out of your sight.

P: God finds us!

L: I look behind me and you're there. I look ahead and you're there too.

P: God finds us!

L: Is there any place I can go where you are not? If I climb to the highest mountain, you are there. If I hide in the darkest cave, you are there. Wherever I go, you are waiting for me!

P: God finds us!

L: Your love is always with me. No matter where I go or what I do...

P: God finds us!

Prayer

*Hymns: "Here in this place" #6 HWB (vv. 1-2)

"Lord, thou have searched me" #556 HWB (vv. 1, 3, 4, 5)

Confession

Response: Teach us how to find you, the Center

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

Children's time: "A different kind of big fish story" (Jonah 1& 2)

Hymn: "From the depths of sin" #136 HWB

Meditation: "We can run but we can't hide"

Silent Reflection & Sharing

Hymn: "I sought the Lord" #506 HWB

Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting Report

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

***Sung Benediction:** "God be with you" #430 HWB

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

Fellowship time –10:45

11:00 – Line up for Gay Pride Parade FMCers will march with Lyndale United Church of Christ. They are #50 in the parade schedule, and plan to line up around 2nd or 3rd Ave. (Everyone lines up along 3rd St. with the 1st group at Hennepin Ave. and the rest lined up to the east.) Parade starts at 11:00. Line up by then and look for Lyndale UCC banner.

TODAY: Jonah – Part 1

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach **Worship Leaders:** Thaine & Hannah Dirks

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

Ushers: Darrell Martin & Nikki Nafziger

Nursery volunteers: Mathew Hendricks & Eric Kasper

NEXT SUNDAY: Jonah – Part 2 (Jonah 3-4)

Sermon: Kay Welsh **Worship Leaders:** Semanchin Jones Family

Song leader: Karen Wiebe **Piano:** David Mayou

Ushers: Darrell Martin & Nikki Nafziger

Nursery volunteers: 2 volunteers needed

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 20: Attendance: 88 Offering: \$2,522.25

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: June 28-July 2

Pastor: Monday 9-noon; Friday 11-3. Joetta will be in Newton, KS, Monday afternoon to Thursday evening for an Interchurch Relations Consultation of Mennonite Church USA. Please contact a deacon for pastoral care needs during her absence.

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 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.

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

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.

Church Meetings and Events

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

July 21 – Deacons Commission, 9:30 a.m., Richardsons

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

Jonah 2

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish,
saying, 'I called to the Lord out of my distress, and he answered me;
out of the depths of the grave I cried, and you heard my voice.
You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows passed over me.
Then I said, "I am driven away from your sight;
how shall I look again upon your holy temple?"
The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord my God.
As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord;
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.
Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty.
But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the Lord!'

1. Have you ever felt God was calling you to do something you didn't want to do?
2. Have you had times in your life when you wanted to get away from God?
3. Have you ever felt like your actions caused hardship for others?
4. Have you ever felt like you were "in the belly of a fish," overwhelmed by waves and with seaweed wrapped around your neck?
5. In times of distress, have you called out to God?

Announcements

Today, 5 p.m. final talk in weekend series, Issues Catholic and Gay, sponsored by House of Mercy, The Spirit of St. Stephens Catholic Community, Hamline UMC, Solomon's Porch, Pilgrim Lutheran Church and Edina Community Lutheran Church. Dr. James Alison preaches at the House of Mercy worship service, 104 Snelling Ave. S, St. Paul 55105. –*Pierre Gingerich-Boberg*

Today, 5 p.m., 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](#).

The **Bardo Geissingers** are coming to town! If you would like to catch up with them here is your chance (besides the Sundays they'll be in church). When: July 17th, 1-6 p.m. Where: Geissinger Gardens, 6140 Mill Street, Excelsior, MN. This will be an **informal party**, come when you wish and stay as long as you'd like. No need to bring anything. Appetizers, snacks, desserts and beverages provided. If you are planning on coming please let Rachel Hoskins know either in church, through email rhoskins488@gmail.com or phone 952-250-5188 so we know how many to plan for. We look forward to seeing you there!

Seward Neighborhood Peace Garden for Kids 9 to 15: "Participation is needed in a summer program offered by mpls-seward@forums.e-democracy.org Visit the Seward democracy website for an application at http://seward.mpls.k12.mn.us/Seward_Peace_Garden.html Without enough students, the peace garden program will not exist this summer. Even if you child can only attend some of the days, *please* consider signing up!

Request for transition help from Andy & Alisa: We're looking at tearing down as much wall paper (in our new home) as we possibly can between July 8th and 12th. So any extra, willing hands who want to help me would be fantastic. Any amount of time anyone wants to contribute, particularly on the weekend (July 10th and 11th) would be great. Folks can contact me by e-mail at andrew_martinson@hotmail.com or call my cell at (651) 207-2740. *Andy Martinson*