

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

July 31, 2011

Taste and See: God is Good

Prelude

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Loving God, life of the universe,

People: we gather to worship you.

L: Great Creator, who formed us in your image,

P: we gather to worship you.

L: Holy Redeemer, who became flesh and lived among us,

P: we gather to worship you.

L: Sustaining Spirit, who breathes into us always
the holy breath of life,

All: together we gather to worship you. Amen.

***Hymns:** “This is our Maker’s world” #154 HWB
“Creating God, your fingers trace” #325 HWB

Old Testament reading: Habakkuk 2:17-20

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

Children’s time

Song: “The peace of the earth be with you” #77 HWB

New Testament reading: Matthew 6:24-30

Sermon: “Technology, Creation, and Preserving the Sacredness of Life
in the 21st Century”

Hymn: “My soul cries out” (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

- **11:30 Picnic at Matthew Park.** Anyone who would like to continue in conversation with our guest speakers are invited to join in a picnic at Matthews Park

TODAY: Taste & See: The Sacredness of Life in the 21st Century

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Meg and Peter Lumsdaine

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

Ushers: Casey Englund/Shawn Helmeke & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Laurie Kaufman & Dan Liesen

Fellowship: 02 volunteers needed

We welcome Meg and Peter Lumsdaine, of northeast Washington State, to share with us this morning. Meg is pastor of Spring Valley Mennonite Church. Together they served as interim co-pastors of Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship in Boise, Idaho, in spring 2009. Peter was a plenary speaker in the Jesus Radicals conference this weekend, held here at FMC. The Lumsdaines have participated in numerous peacemaking journeys to Iraq, Jordan, El Salvador, Cuba, Mexico, Philippines and Guatemala. They are accompanied by their children Sophia, age 6, and Brendan, age 4.

NEXT SUNDAY: A Hungry Woman Shares Food (1 Kings 17:8-16)

Worship leaders: Thaine & Hannah Dirks **Sermon:** Kathleen Remund

Song leader: Adam Nafziger **Piano:** Karen Zeug

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe & Nikki Nafziger

Nursery: Becky Brandon & Noah Skogerboe

Fellowship: 2 volunteers needed

Note: Next Sunday we will again have a second hour of intergenerational activities related to the theme of the morning. We invite everyone—young and old—to use this opportunity to dig deeper into the biblical story and to get better acquainted. Minke Sundseth is coordinating the activities.

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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FMC OFFICE HOURS: August 1-5

Pastor: Mon noon-4; Tues & Wed 9:30-4:30. Joetta (and Gerald) will be in Akron, PA, Thursday through Sunday for the annual Mennonite-Catholic Bridgefolk gathering. Please contact a deacon for pastoral care needs during her absence.

Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen will be on vacation this week.

Office Assistant, Julie Cross: will be on vacation this week.

THIS WEEK: Email all bulletin items before Wednesday noon to:
faithmc@faithmennonite.org. Bulletin will be finalized Wednesday afternoon.

July 24: Attendance: 63 **Offering:** not recorded

Sanctuary Painting Project Update

Received to date: \$28,172 **Amount remaining:** \$2,828

Continuing contributions to the painting project are deeply appreciated.

Church Meetings and Events

August 2 – Sermon text discussion group, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's, SP

August 10 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC chapel

August 16 – Mission & Service, 6:30 p.m., Schlabach home

August 24 – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m., Richardson home

September 23-25 – FMC 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

October 29 – Twin Cities Festival & Sale for World Relief

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Habakkuk 2:17-20

For the violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you;
the destruction of the animals will terrify you—
because of human bloodshed and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who live in them.

What use is an idol
once its maker has shaped it—
a cast image, a teacher of lies?
For its maker trusts in what has been made,
though the product is only an idol that cannot speak!
Alas for you who say to the wood, ‘Wake up!’
to silent stone, ‘Rouse yourself!’
Can it teach?

See, it is plated with gold and silver,
and there is no breath in it at all.

But the Lord is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him!

Matthew 6:24-30

No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

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

FMC Soup Group This is an opportunity for our church community to share meals. All are welcome to bring friends and family. Soup and bread provided.

- **1st Monday, Aug 1**, home of Marybeth Luing *RSVP by Monday morning latest.*
- **2nd Tuesday, Aug 9**, home of Erin Geiser
- **3rd Thursday, Aug 18**, home of Dan & Terry Gerber
- **4th Friday, Aug 26**, Picnic in Powderhorn Park (weather permitting)

The **Christian Education Committee** sent out a **worship time survey** electronically, last week. The survey **deadline is August 3.**

Minnesota Council of Churches hosts Open Houses during Ramadan, the Muslim holy month, **at various locations around the Twins Cities Aug 6 – 22.** During Ramadan Muslims fast from sun up to sun down and break the fast with a meal called “Iftar” after the sunset prayers. The MN Council of Churches will be presenting a series of special Taking Hearts at several mosques around the metro area. **Please consider getting to know your neighbors of different faiths by attending one of these Taking Heart gatherings and sharing in the Iftar meal.** [Please register by clicking here.](#) For more info: Gail Anderson at gail.anderson@mchurches.org Locations in mid-week update. Times TBA.

The Wilderness Wind Paddle-thon is coming up Saturday in the Quetico. In celebration of its 25th year, Paddle-a-thon will include a record 25 paddlers! Money raised during the Paddle-a-thon is used to help support the daily operations of Wilderness Wind and helps support new partnerships like Big City Mountaineers, a national organization that sends at risk youth into the BWCA, who use Wilderness Wind as their base camp. Melissa Falb and Teresa Wasick will both be paddling this year. We welcome you to sponsor them or any of the other paddlers. Donations can be accepted in person or by going to online to <http://www.wildernesswind.org/paddleathon.htm>

FMC Open Arms Harvest Day August 7! As part of the Intergenerational Hour on Sunday, August 7, we will be preparing a harvest donation to Open Arms, and we invite you to bring your garden produce to church that day. Vegetables and herbs are welcome, and we'll also harvest what we can from our own Children's Garden. Items that need it will stay in the fridge overnight, and everything will be brought to Open Arms the following day. Open Arms will use it to prepare healthy meals for people facing serious chronic illness. Thanks to Sundseth's for delivering our harvest.

Directory update: Jenny Wandersee,

Regularly scheduled Friday potluck picnics in Powderhorn Park, 6 p.m., Meet near playground, SE corner of park at 15th Ave. & 35th St. Cancelled in case of rain. All welcome!

The 50th Anniversary Committee seeks submissions of mini-biographies from each household. We are putting together a book to celebrate our jubilee year, including a snapshot of the people of our congregation. More info & a sample biography were placed in your mailbox with extra copies in the back of the church. Submissions and questions may be directed to Adam.