

## FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

September 12, 2010

*Heart Talks with Mother God*

### Prelude

### Welcome

\***Call to Worship** from Psalm 9

\***Hymns:** “What is this place” #1 HWB  
“Come let us all unite to sing” #12 HWB

### Affirmation of Faith

*All: As a mother comforts her child, the Holy One comforts her people with all-embracing love.*

Leader: As a midwife watches a birth, guiding with capable hands,  
And washes and carries the child safe to mother’s arms,  
So God awakes new life with skillful, birthing love.

*All: As a mother governs her child, the Holy One governs the nations with all-perceiving Love.*

Leader: As a woman measures out yeast, and mixes it with flour,  
Watching it grow to feed a crowd of hungry, yearning ones.  
So God makes life expand with rising, hopeful love.

*All: As a mother watches her child, the Holy One watches creation with all-sustaining love.*

**Children’s gathering song:** “Come and see” #20 HWB

**Children’s time:** The Parable of the Leaven

**Song:** “What is our God like?”

*Will you tell me, will you tell me, What is our God like?  
God is like a woman baking, kneading the dough.  
Right into her mixture she puts a little yeast cake;  
Spreads throughout the dough—the yeast will make it rise.*

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 13:24-33

**Sermon:** Bread Enough

**Hymn:** “All will be well” #98 STJ

### Congregational Sharing

### Congregational 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. (*continued*)

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

\***Sending hymn:** “We will walk with God” #78 STJ

\***Benediction**

\***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

### Community Time

- **Fellowship time/ adult education –11: 00 a.m.** Deacons will provide light refreshments during our adult education hour, when we will meet according to geographical areas in which we live.

- **Christian Education – 11:00-Noon**

- **Noon** We will share in a **potluck meal** as a way to renew acquaintances.

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**TODAY:** The parable of leaven

**Worship leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Sermon:** Hermann Weinlick

**Song Leader:** Anna Gambucci

**Piano:** Karen Zeug

**Ushers:** Mike & Paula Okerstrom

**Nursery:** Marcia Siggelkow & Donna Minter

**NEXT SUNDAY:** God is like a mother hen (Matthew 23:37)

**Worship leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Ushers:** Barb Beers & Mike Okerstrom

**Nursery:** Andy Martinson and Wendy Brunner

**Fellowship:** Westbys

*During the month of September we are exploring images of God as a Mother.*

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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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**Sept. 5:** Attendance: 87

Offering: \$3622.25

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book      STJ: Sing the Journey

\**Please stand if you are able*

## Faith Mennonite Church

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**FMC OFFICE HOURS:** Sept 13-17

**Pastor:** Mon 1-5; Wed noon-5; Thurs 10-3. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m.

**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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### Christian Education Begins Today!

#### Children's Classes:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5th grade, Aine McCarthy, library
- Kg & 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Mike & Paula Okerstrom, Room 204-206
- preschoolers (ages 3-5), Andi Kuenning & Deedee Stevens Neal, nursery
- children 12 to 36 months, Rachel Geissinger, Rhonda Martin, Gregg Richardson, Rachel and Shawn Walding, parent resource room between sanctuary restrooms - *Shelly Hendricks, children's coordinator*

**Adult Classes:** Adults will meet together in combined sessions during the month of September, before elective options begin in October. The September schedule includes:

**Today:** Getting acquainted. Do you have trouble putting names on faces? Would you like to get to know others better? The deacons will facilitate this session to help us deepen our connections to one another.

**September 19th:** Report on Central Plains Mennonite Conference annual meeting. FMC delegates to the CPMC annual meeting in June will report on their experiences and take questions you may have about our regional church body.

**September 26th:** Information session about the Marriage Guidelines Taskforce that is being formed. - *Kathleen Harder, adult coordinator*

#### Church Meetings and Events

September 14 – Sunday text discussion (Lk 2:41-51), Trotters, corner of Cleveland & Marshall, SP

September 15 – Deacon's Commission, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Richardsons

September 18 – Church work day, 8 a.m.

September 19 – Interior Design Committee, after worship

September 25 – All church fall retreat, 9 am-1pm, Matthews Center & FMC

September 26 – Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, 12:30 p.m., Library

October 19 – Christian Education, 5:30 p.m., church office

November 13 – Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale

## Matthew 13:24-33

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

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.**

**We extend our condolences to Richard & Sandra Westby.** Richard's father, Henry O. Westby, died on Monday, September 6, at age 100. His funeral was on Friday at Bethany Lutheran Church.

## **Announcements**

**FMC Fall Cleaning Day – September 18, 8:00 a.m.** Mark your calendars! If you are able, we appreciate many hands making light work for everyone. If you have noticed something in particular around the building that needs attention, please let one of the Trustees (Glenn, Mark, or Nikki) or Joetta know as soon as possible and we'll put it on the list. More details follow...

**FMC South Minneapolis Potluck, Fridays, 6 p.m.,** SE corner of Powderhorn Park, corner of 15th Avenue and 35th Street. New participants welcome! Cancelled for rain.

**Registration forms for the September 25 Fall Retreat are in your mailboxes.** Please return by **September 15.** Direct any questions to the Retreat Committee (Wolf Bartel, Rhonda Martin, Greg Renstrom, and Joetta Schlabach)

**The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee** will meet on **Sunday, Sept. 26 at 12:30 p.m.** Members of this committee would appreciate hearing any affirmations or concerns about congregational life prior to their meeting. Members are Matthew Hendricks, Joan Kreider, Beth Richardson, and Heather Wengerd.

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