

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

September 19, 2010

Heart Talks with Mother God

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** from Deuteronomy 32

***Hymns:** "O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns" #404 HWB
"The care the eagle gives her young" #590 HWB

Affirmation of Faith adapted from Brian Wren, *Piece Together Praise*

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

Leader: As an eagle watches the nest, spreading her sheltering wings,
And carries her fledglings aloft, teaching them to fly,
So God befriends the Church with patient, teaching 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: Mother Hen – Minke Sundseth

Song: "What is our God like?"

*Will you tell me, will you tell me, What is our God like?
Like a Mother Hen protecting all her little chicks.
Proudly she shows them; fondly she feeds them;
Then beneath her wings she will keep them safe and warm.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-8, 37-39

Sermon: "God's love: prodding and protective"

Hymn: "Thy holy wings" #118 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

***Sung Benediction:** "And I will raise you up" #596 HWB

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- **Fellowship time, 10:45-11:10**

- **Christian Education – 11:00-School age music**, chapel
11:15 Adults, basement fellowship hall

TODAY: God is like a mother hen

Worship leader: Adam Nafziger

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson

Piano: Sandra Westby

Reader: Kathleen Remund

Ushers: Barb Beers & Mike Okerstrom

Nursery: Andy Martinson and Wendy Brunner

Fellowship: Dick and Sandra Westby

NEXT SUNDAY: Jesus' mother shows us God's mothering love (Lk 2:41-51)

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Rachel Hoskins & Darrell Martin

Nursery: 2 volunteers needed

Fellowship: Alisa Bardo-Martinson & Kristen Green

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

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.

Sept. 12: Attendance: 99

Offering: \$ 1950

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund

Deacons: Kami Blackwell Kinney, Greg Renstrom

Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Sept 20-24

Pastor: Mon 1-5; Wed 10-5; Thurs 10-3; Fri 9-noon. 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.

September 25 – FMC All Church Fall Retreat “Meeting New

Neighbors...around the corner and around the world.” We’ll hear from a new immigrant and from Aryn Baxter who has returned from two years in Africa. Special activities for children and a noon meal prepared and served by members of the Hmong Mennonite Church. Matthews Center and FMC.

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.

Thank you from Central States MCC: Thank you for all the health kits, school kits, relief kits and other materials you’ve given. We couldn’t do our work with your faithful support. Blessings.

Church Meetings and Events

September 21 – Sunday text discussion, Trotters, corner of Cleveland & Marshall, SP

September 21 – Biblical Encounter (Luke 7: 36-50) 7 p.m. , Chapel

September 22- Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., Chapel

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

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

October 3 – Monthly Immigration Vigil, 2:30-3 p.m., Ramsey Co.

Detention Center, 425 Grove St., SP

October 9 – Birthday Brunch, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Schlabach’s

October 13 – Church Council, 7 p.m., Chapel

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

November 13 – Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale

Matthew 23:1-8, 37-39

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ‘The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students.

‘Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”’

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.

Christian Education

Children’s Classes:

- 2nd through 5th grade, Aine McCarthy, library
- Kg & 1st 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: 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*

Announcements

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

Shawn and Rachel Combs Walding are representing FMC as part of an **interfaith team welcoming a refugee family** to Minneapolis through the **Taking Root** program of the Minnesota Council of Churches. The family arrived last week, a young Somali couple with a 10-month old son. They are still in need of many items for their apartment. Please call Rachel at 316-644-3662 or email rachelcombswalding@gmail.com if you have any of these items to donate. Thank you!

- Crib & Stroller
- Full size bed frame
- Tape player/radio
- Pots and pans, Tea kettle, Microwave & Coffee maker
- Warm winter wear in men’s and women’s size small to medium and for 10-month-old boy

Menno’Faith, the men’s choir, will be performing at the November 13 MCC Relief Sale and in two FMC worship services in November. We are a group of men who have been singing for two years now and with every performance we are always **looking for new voices to join with us.** –*Neil Okerlund, Director*

Rehearsal Schedule leading up to three performances.

- 10/3 12-12:30 p.m.
- 10/10 Sunday School Hour
- 10/17 12-12:30 p.m.
- 10/24 12-12:30 p.m.
- 11/7 Sunday School Hour (sing in worship)
- 11/13 MCC Sale Concert with a short rehearsal before
- 11/21 Sing in worship

Tuesday, September 28, 7– 8:30 p.m. Minnesotans Standing Together: A Multi-faith Prayer Service for Respect Minnesotans of many faith traditions will join to pray for respect for the many ways that citizens of the state profess their religious beliefs. The event will be held at: **Central Lutheran Church, 333 12th Street South, Minneapolis, MN 55404-1496.** – *Kathleen Remund, Ministry Staff Person*

Saturday, October 2, 1 p.m. The Seward Neighborhood Groups’ History Committee is sponsoring “*Seward: From the Stock Market Crash of ’29 to the Veteran’s Day Blizzard of ’41.*” Come discover what it was like to live in Seward during that time. The event is held at Faith Mennonite church. Light refreshments will be served. Please see flyer on foyer bulletin board. – *Dick Westby, Seward History Committee*