

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

September 25, 2011 ~ 50th Anniversary Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: Maker of the universe, our Beginning and our End, you came to us in Jesus Christ and you fill everything with your Spirit. Fifty years ago, we were planted as a young seedling in this neighborhood by the river.

People: Today, as in each successive year, we come because we need you.

We come because we love you as much as we are able.

We come because you have called us to follow.

We come to drink from your ever-flowing stream.

Leader: Renew us, refresh us, and shape us. May our recollection of your faithfulness through all our years, give us courage and vision for the joyful work that remains.

-adapted from Words for Worship 2, edited by Diane Zaerr Brenneman, © 2009 by Herald Press, Scottsdale, Pa.

***Hymns:** “We are people of God’s peace” #407 HWB
“When all thy mercies” #72 HWB

Litany: “A tree planted by the river”

Pastors: Blessed are you, Faith Mennonite Church, for putting your trust in God. By faith you placed Jesus Christ as your cornerstone 50 years ago.

Congregation: Like the rock that Moses struck with his staff, providing water for the wandering Israelites. Abundant water rushed forth, flowing through the desert like a river.

P: You are a tree planted by the waters of the Mississippi River.

C: The river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flows through the middle of the city. We are planted as trees of life, with abundant fruit for the healing of the nations.

P: You send out your roots deep into the Seward neighborhood and the whole city beyond.

C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God. God is in the midst of the city; we shall not be moved.

P: Through times of testing, you have not been afraid; your branches have grown and your leaves stay green.

C: We are like a hiding place from the wind, like a shelter from the tempest, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land.

P: Through times of loss and spiritual drought, you were not anxious.

C: We trust God to visit the earth and water it, as the river of God is full of water. God provides us with all we need.

P: May you continue to bear fruit.

C: On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Our leaves will not wither; our fruit will not fail. We bear fresh fruit every month, because water flows from the sanctuary. Our fruit will be for food and our leaves for healing.

- Written by Joan Kreider, based on scriptures from Jeremiah, Numbers, Revelation, Isaiah, Psalms, and Ezekiel

Choral offering: “We share the peace” by Bret Hesla

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

Children’s time – Patty Friesen

Song by children: “The Tree Song”

Scripture readings: Jeremiah 17:7-8

Sermon: “Firmly Planted”

Hymn: “Blest are those who trust” (hymnal insert)

Prayer of Thanksgiving & 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

***Sending hymn:** “You shall go out with joy” #427 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 a.m. Fellowship time

11:00 a.m. Faith Formation hour with classes for all ages

Adults will gather in the sanctuary for a Panel Discussion with former and current pastors, facilitated by Joetta Schlabach.

Noon: All are invited to remain for a light lunch, followed by a travel blessing, served in the basement fellowship hall.

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach **Sermon:** Myron Schrag

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus **Piano:** Melissa Falb

Organ: Eleanor Kaufman

String trio: Elena Kuenning, Phil Stoltzfus, Karen Wiebe

Pastors: John Esau, Patty Friesen, Don Kaufman, Patrick Preheim, Joetta Schlabach, Myron Schrag, Kay Welsch, Richard Westby

Ushers: Rhonda Martin and Nikki Nafziger

Nursery: Cori Skogerboe and Heather Wengerd

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.

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Shelly Hendricks

Donna Minter, Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Sept 26-30

Pastor: Monday: 12:30-3:30; Wed: noon-2:30; Thurs: 9:30-2:30

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.

Sept 18: Attendance: 84 **Offering:** \$2,106

Sanctuary Painting Project Update:

Received to date: \$28,917 **Amount remaining:** \$2,083

Continuing contributions to the painting project are deeply appreciated.

NEXT SUNDAY (Oct. 2): Paul's Joyful Letter (Philippians 1)

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: Barb Beers & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Kristi Zabriskie & Beth Richardson

Fellowship: 2 volunteers needed

Church Meetings and Events

September 26 – Soup Group & travel presentations (see announcements)

September 27 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters, St. Paul

October 9 – CROP Walk for world Hunger, 1:30 p.m., Augsburg College

October 10 – Deacon's Meeting, 9 a.m., Richardson home

October 12 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

October 15 – October Birthday Brunch, 9:30 a.m., Schlabach home

October 27 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC

October 29 – Twin Cities Festival & Sale for World Relief

Announcements

Before or after worship, you **may place any remaining donations for the Missio Dei supply drive in the front of the sanctuary.** We celebrate our 50 year mission of service and peace as we support this young community.

CHANGE of PLANS: The Soup Group scheduled for Friday, Sept. 30, has been re-scheduled for **Monday, Sept. 26, and will be held at Joan Kreider's home.** This change will allow for **Jesse Johnson** and **Madeline Kreider Carlson** to be present and talk about their experiences in S. Korea and around the world, respectively. **Please RSVP to Erin Geiser** who will co-host with Joan.

Needed items for the Edha/Mwenye family. Please contact Joan Wing or Karen Wiebe

Furnishings:

1. Dressers/closet organizers,
2. bookshelf and desk(s),
3. curtains (and rods) to divide two rooms for another bedroom & to cover closets,
4. family-appropriate DVDs,
5. beginner's books,
6. bath and dish towels.

Services:

1. Repair/adjust TV/antennae to get more than one channel,
2. install backyard clothes line,
3. provide homework help (Roda), English tutoring (Khadija and Said), basic computer and internet tutoring (Suleiman),
4. computer and internet access, possible future printer.

Who Killed Emmett Till? Film and discussion at **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E 31st St (behind E. Lake Library) October 6, 2011, 7 - 9 p.m. & October 9, 2011, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.** Presentations include discussion facilitated by Till family member and Emmett Till Legacy Foundation founder Deborah Watts. Community co-sponsors are: Holy Trinity, Veterans for Peace, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and Women Against Military Madness. Free and open to the public.

Adult Education Electives begin in October

Adult Christian Education Classes for October-December

Beginning next Sunday, Oct. 2, we will have three options for adult discussion and learning during the education hour. Please consider joining one of these classes and contact Kathleen Harder if you wish to purchase a book. *Listed prices are suggested amounts; pay as you are able when books arrive.*

Theology and Creativity This class will explore selections from the book *In the Beginning...Creativity*, by Mennonite theologian Gordon Kaufman. The emphasis of the book is on rethinking our images of God in light of evolutionary processes and ecological challenges. Phil Stoltzfus will facilitate the discussion. (Price: \$17.00; used copies are available at lower price on Amazon.com if you wish to order on your own.)

The Little Books of Justice and Peacebuilding The Eastern Mennonite University Center for Justice and Peacebuilding has developed a series of little books that present, in a highly accessible form, key concepts and practices from the fields of restorative justice, conflict transformation, and peacebuilding. Written by leaders in these fields, they are designed for practitioners, students, and anyone interested in justice, peace, and conflict resolution. This class will begin with *The Little Book of Trauma Healing: When Violence Strikes and Community* by Carolyn Yoder, which covers principals from Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR). Donna Minter will facilitate. Class members will determine which other books to discuss thereafter. (Book: \$5.00; used copies are available at lower price on Amazon.com if you wish to order on your own.)

Exploring Anabaptist/Mennonite Theology and Church Membership

This class is intended for persons who are relatively new to the Mennonite Church and/or interested in joining Faith Mennonite Church and want to learn more about Mennonite faith and practice. We will use two primary books: *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective* and *Beliefs: Mennonite Faith & Practice* by John D. Roth (\$11.00). Facilitated by Joetta Schlabach