

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

September 26, 2010

*Heart Talks with Mother God*

## Prelude Welcome

\*Call to Worship #671 HWB

\*Hymns: "Loving Spirit" #34 STJ

"Mothering God, you gave me birth" #482 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 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 governs her child, the Holy One governs the nations with all-perceiving Love.*

Leader: As Mary mothered young Jesus, teaching and guiding each day,  
Pointing him to the path of peace and Wisdom's joyful way.  
So God still guides her own with careful, nurturing 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:** God looks for us when we're lost

**Song:** "What is our God like?"

*Will you tell me, will you tell me, What is our God like?*

*God is like our mother Mary looking for her child.*

*For three days she searched for him, praying she would find him.*

*Then within the temple she heard his gentle voice.*

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 2:41-48

**Sermon:** "Sought by God"

**Hymn:** "I sought the Lord" #506 HWB

## 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.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. (*continued*)

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: "O power of love" #593 HWB (vv. 1-2)

\*Benediction:

\*Passing the Peace / Postlude

### Community Time

- Fellowship time, 10:45-11:10

- Christian Education – 11:00-School age music, chapel

11:15 Adults: Information session about the Marriage Guidelines  
Taskforce that is being formed, basement fellowship hall

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**TODAY:** Jesus' mother shows us God's mothering love

**Worship Leader:** Heather Wengerd      **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Karen Wiebe      **Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Rachel Hoskins & Darrell Martin

**Nursery:** Noah Skogerboe & 1 volunteer needed

**Fellowship:** Cindy Bjork & Leslie Minkler

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Rekindle the gift of God (2 Timothy 1:1-14)

**Worship Leader:** Joan Kreider      **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg      **Piano:** Cathy Sementa

**Ushers:** Nikki Nafziger & Barb Beers

**Nursery:** Scott Neal & Laurie Kaufman

**Fellowship:** Alisa Bardo-Martinson & Kristen Green

*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. 19:** Attendance: 94

Offering: \$2612

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## Faith Mennonite Church

**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**

**Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund**

**Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Kami Blackwell Kinney  
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**FMC OFFICE HOURS:** Sept 27-Oct 1

**Pastor:** Mon 1:30-5; Wed 9-1; 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](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org). Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.*

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**The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee will meet today 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.

**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.

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

### Church Meetings and Events

September 28 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's SP

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

Detention Center, 425 Grove St., SP

October 5 – Biblical Encounter, 7 p.m. FMC Chapel

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

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

October 18 – Deacons Commission, 9-11 a.m., Richardson home

October 19 – Biblical Encounter, 7 p.m., FMC Chapel

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

October 20 – Worship Commission, 7:15 p.m., FMC Chapel

November 13 – Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale

## Luke 2:41-48

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.'

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

**Shawn and Rachel CombsWalding** 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](mailto: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

## Announcements (cont.)

Are you interested in going to the **School of Americas Vigil** in Ft. Benning, GA? We have the **opportunity to travel on the University of St. Thomas bus** for the Nov. 18-21 vigil and protest. The cost will be approximately \$200 per person. We need to make a **decision by Wednesday, Sept. 29!** Please contact Melissa Hochstetter with questions and interest.

**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*

**Menno'Faith, the men's choir**, will begin rehearsals next **Sunday, October 3** (12-12:30 p.m.) for the performance at the November 13 MCC Relief Sale. 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*

**Monday, October 4, 7 p.m.** Emmanuel Mennonite Church, in partnership with the Interfaith Campus Coalition of the University of Minnesota, is sponsoring a **public showing of the film *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, a documentary about the joint Christian and Muslim women's movement** that brought an end to the civil war in Liberia. Afterward there will be speakers from Liberia, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, and from Christian and Muslim faith communities. The event will take place at: Coffman Memorial Union Theater on the U of M East Bank campus. Discussion afterward. Please come and invite your friends! –*Pastor Mathew Swora*

**Mines Advisory Group First Annual Fall Fundraiser, October 8, 6:30-9 p.m.** Historic Como Street Car Station, 224 N. Lexington Pkwy, SP. Join us for some serious food (Lao, Lebanese, and Mennonite) and serious fun (scavenger hunt, auction, speakers) to support some serious work (clearing unexploded ordnance and landmines around the globe). \$20/ticket; \$15/students. Speakers include Chao R. Lee from Congresswoman Betty McCollum's office and Virgil Wiebe, professor of law at the University of St. Thomas and board member of Mines Advisory Group. RSVP to Virgil. Information sheets on back table.