

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 3, 2010

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*Hymns: "When all they mercies, O my God" #72 HWB
"Great is thy faithfulness" #327 HWB

Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3:19-26

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all

People: Have mercy on us.

L: Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

P: Have mercy on us.

L: Holy Spirit, Breath of life

P: Have mercy on us.

**All: Before God, with the people of God, we confess our brokenness:
To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others,
and the life of the world.**

L: May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

All: Amen.

Children's gathering song: "Come and see" #20 HWB

Children's time

Song: "I know not why" #338 HWB

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Sermon: "Living anew the faith of our forbearers"

Sharing at the Table in Communion

We will gather at the tables at front and back in groups of 10-12 as the ushers guide. Please hold the bread /cup until all are served and then partake together. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ's body are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.

Communion Hymn: "Taste and See" #86 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. (cont.)

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 and Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sung Benediction:** "Grace to you and peace" #24 HWB

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

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

- **Christian Education – 11:00-School age music, Chapel**

11:15 Adults elective classes:

-Learning the five love languages – Fellowship Hall

-Uncovering the book of Revelation – Chapel

-**Menno'Faith rehearsal, noon-12:30, Sanctuary**

TODAY: Rekindle the gift of God

Worship Leader: Joan Kreider

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

Piano: Cathy Smetana

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Barb Beers

Nursery: Scott Neal & Laurie Kaufman

Fellowship: Cindy Bjork and Leslie Minkler

NEXT SUNDAY: Enduring suffering for sake of the gospel (2 Tim. 2:8-15)

Worship Leader: Joan Kreider

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Anna Gambucci

Piano: David Mayou

Ushers: Mike Okerstrom & Darrell Martin

Nursery: Pat Eliason & Dan Leisen

Fellowship: Barb Beers, Joan Wing, Leslie Minkler & Karen Wiebe

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. 26: Attendance: 99

Offering: \$ not recorded

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*Please stand if you are able

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Oct 4-8

Pastor: Mon 1-5; Wed 9-2; Fri 9-3. 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, Julie Cross: 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.

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.

Church Meetings and Events

October 5 – Lectionary Discussion Group, (2 Tim 3:14-4:5), 8:30 a.m.,

Trotter's, corner of Cleveland & Marshall, SP

October 5 – Biblical Encounter (Luke 22:14-30), 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 – Christian Education Commission, 5:30 p.m., church office

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

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

November 13 – Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale

Lamentations 3:19-24

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!
My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

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.

Lorri Solomon House Concert, Sunday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.

Home of Donna Minter and Bruce Brunner, 2419 West 22nd St., Minn. Wine and cheese will be provided. Suggested donation is \$10.00—give as much as you can. Please consider carpooling as parking is limited. Joining Lorri will be Minnesota mando picker Fred Keller.

Nokomis Deacon Group Get Together, Sunday, Oct. 17, 5 p.m. at the Nafziger home. Food, live music & an urban chicken raising presentation. Family fun! -*Neil Okerlund, deacon*

The TCMCC Relief Sale theme this year is water. Why should we care about water? More than one billion people, nearly one out of every seven individuals on Earth, have an insufficient supply of potable water. MCC is working to increase and improve the water supply of the world's poor. About 25% of total home heating costs is attributable to heating water for domestic use, and that expense can easily be cut in half through better conservation and a few simple energy-saving devices. This website gives information on home energy use including heating water use <http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/home/appliances/waterheaters.html>.
-*Patricia Mack*

Adult Education Elective Classes, October-December

Two adult classes will begin today. Everyone is welcome to join one of these classes, even if you did not sign up in advance. Books have been ordered and participants are invited to make a contribution, as they are able, to help defray the cost of the books.

Learning the Five Love Languages (basement fellowship hall):

Unhappiness in your primary relationship often has a simple root cause: you and your partner speak different love languages, according to Dr. Gary Chapman. While working as a marriage counselor for more than 30 years, he identified five love languages: Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch. In his bestselling book, *The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts*, he unpacks each one. By learning the five love languages, you and your partner will discover your unique love languages and learn practical steps to understand and strengthen your relationship. Facilitated by Kami Blackwell Kinney.

Uncovering the Book of Revelation (chapel): Participants in this course will study the book of Revelation with the assistance of J. Nelson Kraybill's recent book, *Apocalypse and Allegiance: Worship, Politics, and Devotion in the Book of Revelation*. "Kraybill places the book of Revelation in its first-century historical context, opening a window into the political, economic, and social realities of the early church. He also explores the relevance of John's apocalypse for the spiritual life of believers today by focusing on twenty-first-century issues of empire, worship, and allegiance." Dr. Kraybill is a past president of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Facilitated by Hermann Weinlick.

Vaclav Havel Civil Society Symposium featuring Dr. Lisa Schirch, professor of peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, **Sunday, October 10, 2:30 p.m.** House of Hope Church, Summit Avenue, St. Paul. **Dr. Schirch** will moderate a panel discussion on "Civil Society and Peacebuilding in Our Community." Panelists will include: John Harrington, former St. Paul police chief and candidate for the State Senate; **Nieeta Presley**, director, Aurora-St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation; Lee Pao Xiong from the Center for Hmong Studies; **Abdi Ali** from the Center for Multicultural Mediation and Restorative Justice; and a representative from the University of St. Thomas Community Justice Project. Information about additional events with Lisa Schirch is at: <http://www.hohchurch.org/havel.asp>.