

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 10, 2010

## Prelude

## Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

\*Hymns: "From all that dwell below the skies" #49 HWB  
"By the waters of Babylon" #22 STJ

**Old Testament Reading:** Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

## 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

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**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:** "Remembering to say thank you" (Luke 17:11-19)

**Song:** "Over my head" #18 STJ (alt. verse 2: When I'm feeling thankful")

**New Testament Reading:** 2 Timothy 2:8-15

**Sermon:** "Things to do when life is on hold"

**Hymn:** "My life flows on" #580 HWB

## Congregational Sharing

*Leader: We pray (give thanks) to the Holy One,*

***People: Hear our prayer.***

## 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.

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:** "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" #582 HWB

\***Benediction**

\***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**, education hour, Sanctuary

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**TODAY:** Enduring suffering for sake of the gospel

**Worship Leader:** Joan Kreider

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Organ:** David Mayou

**Ushers:** Mike Okerstrom & Darrell Martin

**Nursery:** Pat Eliason & Dan Leisen

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

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**NEXT SUNDAY:** Celebration of Gifts/Gifts Discernment

**Worship Leader:** Joan Kreider

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Anna Gambucci

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Nikki Nafziger & Barb Beers

**Nursery:** Heather Wengerd & Wolf Bartel

**Fellowship:** Marybeth Luig

*Next Sunday our worship will introduce and focus on our congregational  
Gifts Discernment process as we begin to call out leaders and commission  
members for the coming year.*

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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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**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund**  
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**FMC OFFICE HOURS:** Oct 11-15

**Pastor:** Mon 2-5; Wed 9-3; Thurs 10-4. 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](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org). Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.*

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**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 12 – Lectionary Discussion Group, (2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14),  
8:30 a.m., Trotter's, corner of Cleveland & Marshall, SP  
October 13 – Church Council, 7 p.m., Chapel  
October 17 – Nokomis Deacon Group Potluck, Nafziger's, 5221 27<sup>th</sup> Ave S, 5 p.m.  
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  
October 21 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC Library  
November 13 – Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale

## Announcements

### Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

### 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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.**

**Vaclav Havel Civil Society Symposium featuring Dr. Lisa Schirch**, professor of peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, **TODAY, 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.” Information about additional events with Lisa Schirch is at: <http://www.hohchurch.org/havel.asp>.

**Lorri Solomon House Concert, today, 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, 5221 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue S., Minneapolis. Food, live music & an urban chicken raising presentation. Family fun! —*Neil Okerlund, deacon*

**The theme of this year’s TCMCC Relief Sale is water.** We strive to keep the importance of clean water around the world in the forefront through “water points.” Contemplate these facts with a global perspective and they relate to our lives and choices. *Lifewater International*, a Christian organization works on water projects around the world and provides the data. Water use facts are from the *Freshwater Society*, based in Minnesota. MCC websites: Stories & facts: <http://mcc.org/whatwedo/water> . Water needs around the world: <http://water.mcc.org/water/know/>.

Water Fact: “An adult can live without food for several weeks but only two or three days without water. We are lucky that we not only have water to drink, we have water to flush! Installing a low flow toilet or stopping a leaking toilet helps to save water and money. A toilet leak can waste 200 gallons of water every day. That is the same as flushing your toilet more than 50 times a day for no reason.” —*Patricia Mack*

**Action invited for Comprehensive Immigration Reform.** Last week Senators Menendez (D-NJ) and Leahy (D-VT) introduced the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2010 (S. 3932) into the Senate. “This legislation offers concrete policy solutions to fix our broken immigration system,” said Erol Kekic, Director of the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program. ACTION NEEDED: Senators Franken and Klobuchar are both on the Senator Judiciary committee. They can help move this bill now: call - ask them to: 1) cosponsor S. 3932 and 2) work to pass this bill in THIS, the 111th Congress. Senator Amy Klobuchar, 202- 224 -3244; Senator Al Franken, 202-224-5641

—*Rev. John Guttermann, Church World Service, MN Field Director*