

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 30, 2011

## Prelude

## Welcome

**\*Call to Worship:** Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, our ever-present help in distress.

Voice 1: Though the earth trembles,

Voice 2: and mountains slide into the sea,

**All: *we have no fear.***

L: There is a river whose streams give joy to the city of God.

Voice 1: God is in its midst;

Voice 2: it stands firm.

**All: *God will aid it at the break of day.***

L: Come! See the deeds of the Most High, the marvelous things God has done on earth;

Voice 1: all over the world, God has stopped wars—

Voice 2: breaking bows, splintering spears, burning shields with fire.

L: “Be still! And know that I am God; exalted upon the earth.”

**All: *The Most High is with us; our stronghold is the God of Israel.***

**\*Hymns:** “Jubilate Deo omnis terra” #103 HWB  
“Lift up your hearts” #602 HWB

**Confession & Words of Assurance:** #690 HWB

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

**Children’s time:** “Words by heart” – Matthew Blackwell Kinney

**Song:** “Jesus loves me” #341 HWB

**Scripture sermon:** “Paul’s Letter to the Church in Philippi”

**Hymn response:** “In the Lord” (insert)

## Sharing our Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer & 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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**\*Please stand if you are able**

**Announcements** (please give in writing to worship leader)

## Introduction of guests

**\*Sending hymn:** “Sent forth by God’s blessing” #478 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. Visitors are welcome to join any of the adult classes:

- In the beginning...creativity – Education wing chapel
- Trauma healing – Basement fellowship hall
- Anabaptist/Mennonite Faith & Practice – Pastor’s study

**NOON:** Potluck meal – Basement fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you brought a dish to share.

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## TODAY:

**Worship Leader:** Bob Mack      **Recitation:** Matthew Blackwell-Kinney

**Song leader:** Adam Nafziger      **Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Cori Skogerboe & Darrell Martin

**Nursery:** Clela Roth & Beth Richardson

**Fellowship:** Potluck

**NEXT SUNDAY:** All Saints (Matthew 5:1-12; Revelation 7:9-17)

**Worship leader:** Kristi Zabriskie      **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Gregg Richardson      **Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Ushers:** Casey Englund/Shawn Helmeke & Rhonda Martin

**Nursery:** Noah Skogerboe & Dan Leisen

**Fellowship:** Beth Richardson & Marybeth Luig

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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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**Oct 23:      Attendance:** 63

**Offering:** \$964.25

(Weekly budgeted need: \$2984)

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**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Shelly Hendricks**  
**Donna Minter, Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson**

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**FMC OFFICE HOURS: Oct 24-28**

**Pastor:** Mon: 11-5; Wed & Thurs: 9-4; Fri: 9-1. Tuesday is a study day.

**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](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org). Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

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**November Soup Group Schedule**

“Soup Group” is an opportunity for our church community to share meals together on a regular basis. The usual schedule is 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, with occasional exceptions due to holidays, etc., which we will experience in November. A simple meal of soup and bread is shared. Following is the schedule for November:

- Monday, Nov 7 – home of Joan Kreider
- Thursday, Nov. 17 – home of Dan & Terry Gerber

If you would like to host a future Soup Group, please contact Aryn Baxter

**November Birthday Brunch, Saturday Nov. 12** If you or a family member has a birthday in November, pastor Joetta invites you to her home, St. Paul for brunch from 9:30-11 a.m. This invitation is for the whole family and significant others, not just the birthday person. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area.

**A memorial service for Mike Iverson** will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Lutheran Church, 7045 Lyndale Avenue S, Richfield.

**Church Meetings and Events**

**Ongoing Tuesdays** – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters, SP

**November 2** – Gifts Discernment, 12:30 p.m., Hendricks home

**November 3** – Edha/Mwenye Closing Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., FMC Fellowship Hall

**November 9** – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

**November 15** – Christian Education commission, 4:30 p.m., FMC

**November 30** – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m. Richardson home

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**Care packages for college students.** Please bring light-weight snack and other small items to create care packages for our college students. We will fill and close on Sunday, Nov. 13.

**Anniversary Committee needs copies of the September weekend celebration's program** (16 pages) for archival purposes. If your family brought home extra copies, we'd appreciate them. Also, we're still looking for more **photos of the event**. Check your camera to see if there are some shots you'd like to share! Please place programs and photos in Sandra Westby's mailbox, or contact her

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