

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
February 24, 2008 ~ Third Sunday of Lent
Into the Open

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 95)

L: Come, let us sing joyfully to God;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

**C: Let us greet God with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms.**

L: Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the God who made us.

C: Surely this is our God.

All: We are the people God shepherds, the flock God leads.

***Hymns** “O healing river” HWB #372

“I heard the voice of Jesus say” #493 HWB

Prayer of Confession: #698 HWB

Old Testament reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Children’s Gathering Hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s Time: “Sing a joyful song”

Song: “This is the day”

New Testament reading: John 4:5-30, 39-42

Sermon: “The Woman at the Well: Take 2”

Moment of Reflection / Quenching our thirst

Hymn: “Oh let all who thirst” #495 HWB

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Our Father 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 the pastor or worship leader)

Introduction of Guests

***Sending Hymn:** “From ashes to the living fount” (insert)

***Benediction**

Postlude

Community Time

- **Fellowship time 10:45-11:00 a.m.**

- **Christian Education (11 – noon)**

Children’s classes begin with singing in the nursery.

Adult offerings:

- Spirituality & Food— Fellowship Hall
- Exploring the New Testament—Library
- Faith and Human Development—Chapel (201, Education wing)

A parent resource room is directly below the sanctuary, between the men's and women's washrooms. 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.

TODAY: Lent Three: Into the Open

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Cathy Smetana

Childcare: Paula Okerstrom and Cori Skogerboe

Fellowship Time: Teresa Wasick

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent Four: Into New Sight

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson

Piano: Cathy Smetana

Childcare: Mike Schrock and Volunteer Needed

Fellowship time: Jenny Wandersee

Snow Shoveling (Feb. 25-Mar. 2): Tom Johnson

Feb 17:

Attendance: 63

Offering: \$3,201

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

***Please stand if you are able**

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Feb 25-29

Pastor's Hours: Wed & Thurs, 9-4; Friday, 8:30-11:15 (Tuesday is a study day). Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on Monday and Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m.

Office Assistant Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

The red rose this morning celebrates the birth of **Elias Alvin** to Mark Kaufman and Heather, who was on Monday, Feb. 18. He weighed in at 8 lb. 7 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Church Meetings and Events

- Wednesday February 27 – *Lectio Divina*, 7:30 p.m., Chapel
- February 28 – Deacons Commission 1-3p.m. @ Richardson's
- February 28 – Youth Service Project, 4:15 p.m. at Seward CSP
- March 8 – Perspectives on the Omnivore's Dilemma, Panel
Discussion and Community potluck, 6 p.m. @ FMC
- March 10 – Church Council, 7 p.m. @ FMC Chapel
- March 20 – Maundy Thursday Meal and Service, 6:30 p.m.

Prevailing Winds Woodwind Quintet , Feb. 25th at 7 p.m. with Neil Okerlund St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., St. Paul.

Augsburg College Convocation Series, Feb 28-March 1

Global Order and Global Warming: Thinking with Niebuhr about Politics. Robin W. Lovin, speaker. Details on foyer bulletin board.

Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.'

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Day on the Hill with the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) Thursday, March 13, 2008. Be a part of the largest most influential interfaith lobbying day in Minnesota. Morning briefings at the RiverCenter are followed by meetings with legislators in the afternoon. Register by calling (612) 870-3670. (Missions and Service Commission will pay for registration fee.)

Is Nonviolence Relevant to the Struggle Against Terrorism?

Tuesday, March 4, Noon. A Dialogue with David Cortright, Author of "Uniting Against Terror, Cooperative Non-military Means of Countering the Global Terrorist." He will draw from his recent 10-day trip to Iran with a Mennonite Church delegation. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st Street, Minneapolis. 612-729-8358.

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

John 4:5-30, 39-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet.'