

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 13, 2014

**\*Gathering** *outside of the church, if weather permits, or in the basement fellowship hall for distribution of palms*

**Processional reading:** Matthew 21:1-11

**Processional song:** "Halle, halle, halle"

**Hymn:** "All glory, laud, and honor" #237 HWB

## **\*Call to Worship**

Look, our King is coming. Blessed is his name.

**Give thanks to the Lord, our God is good!**

With branches, cloaks, and loud hosannas we greet him.

**Give thanks to the Lord; God's love endures forever!**

Rejoice! The son of David has arrived. Our savior is here!

*Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, whose love endures forever!*

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

**Children's time:** "A parade for Jesus"

**Hymn:** "Jesus is coming" (insert)

**Passion Reading:** 26:14 - 27:66

## **Contemplation**

**Hymn:** "O sacred head now wounded" #252 HWB (vv. 1, 3, 4)

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Response:** *But we did not know who you were.*

**Hymn of Assurance:** "My song is love unknown" #235 HWB (1, 2, 6, 7)

## **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

### **Congregational Prayer and 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 and Offertory**

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

## **Introduction of Guests**

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*HWB: Hymnal Worship Book*

*STJ: Sing the Journey*

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**\*Sending Hymn:** "Ride on, ride on in majesty" #239 HWB

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

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## **Community Time**

**10:40 Fellowship time** – Narthex (Parents: please assist children in keeping all food and drinks in the fellowship area.)

**11:00 Christian education for all ages.** Adult ed.: 1) Parenting Class, parents' resource room; 2) *Making Sense of Scripture*, fellowship hall; 3) *Sacred Pauses*, library.

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## **TODAY:** Palm/Passion Sunday

**Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Ushers:** Darrell Martin, Heather Reinert

**Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Nursery:** Pat Eliason, Mark Kaufman

**Readers:** John Hershey, Clea &

Orv Gingerich, Matthew & Noelle Hendricks, Joan Kreider, Noah Skogerboe

**Cross bearers:** Heather Wengerd and Laurel Kaufman;  
Noah and Iver Skogerboe

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Easter (Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2;14-24; Matthew 29:1-10; John 20:1-18)

**Worship leader:** John Hershey **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Nursery:** Dan Leisen, Kristi Zabriskie

**Organ:** David Mayou

**Ushers:** Rhonda Martin, Glenn Geissinger

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**April 6:**

**Attendance: 70**

**CES: \$100**

**Local Budget: \$1,002**

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## **Holy Week at Faith Mennonite Church**

### **Maundy Thursday**

**6 p.m.** Simple meal, followed by a service of communion, foot washing, and readings to commemorate Jesus' final meal with his disciples. This is a family-friendly experience. Foot washing is optional for all and children are welcome to participate. Please sign-up in the fellowship area if you plan to attend and if you are able to contribute an item to the meal. It is fine to come even if you haven't signed up.

### **Easter Sunday**

**8:30 a.m.** – Carry-in breakfast. Please bring a dish according to your last name: A-J: Egg and/or potato dish; H-P: Fruit; Q-Z: Breads/muffins/coffeecake.

**9:00 a.m.** – Choir rehearsal

**9:45 a.m.** – Worship celebration of the resurrection

*There will be no education classes*

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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.*

**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus**  
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***FMC office hours: April 14-18***

**Pastor:** Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-5 **Ministry Staff:** Mon, Wed, Thurs 10-5  
***Email bulletin items by Wed. evening.*** Bulletin printed Thurs. afternoon.

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**Thank you to the Lent Worship Planning team:** John Hershey, Joan Kreider, Cynthia Miller and John Ratigan.

**Church Meetings and Events** (online calendar: [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

**Today** – Missions & Service Commission, 12:45 p.m., chapel

**April 15** – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Coop

**April 21** – Deacon Commission, 7 p.m., location TBD

**April 23** – Community Meal (6 p.m.), fellowship hall; Peace & Justice Film Series (7 p.m.), chapel

**April 26** – Neighborhood Sustainability Fair, noon-4:30, fellowship hall

**April 27** – FMC Car Sabbath & Youth-led worship

**April 29** – Canadian Mennonite University choir concert, 7:30 p.m.

**May 7** – Community Meal (6 pm); Ecumenical Taizé Serv. (7 pm), FMC

# *Encountering God*

## *Witnessing to our Experience*

Lent 2014

Faith Mennonite Church

## Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “**Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**” When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “**This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.**”

## Matthew 27:15-26 (congregation)

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, ‘Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, ‘Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.’ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas.’ Pilate said to them, ‘Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ All of them said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ Then he asked, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Let him be crucified!’

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’ Then the people as a whole answered, ‘His blood be on us and on our children!’ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

## Announcements

**Cover and sanctuary visual:** Since ancient times, people have built rock cairns—as memorials, as signposts for travelers, as landmarks, as warning signs of danger. Building a cairn requires focus and attention to balance. Although stationary, cairns indicate movement: we encounter them, orient ourselves and move on. We invite you to use the cairn image from the bulletin or in front of the sanctuary as a focal point for contemplation. The colorful cairn collages were created at the March 7-9 women’s retreat.

**Prevailing Winds Quintet**, St. Anthony Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. SP, **TODAY**, 4-5:30 p.m. Thirty years as a woodwind quintet is an amazing achievement. This is my 58th year playing my horn and I’m still holding my own. This concert features little known composers, but the mix offers something for everyone. –*Rudy Okerlund*

Join us for **LUNAFEST: Minneapolis Women’s Film Festival STAR Benefit**, on the full moon and total lunar eclipse **THIS TUESDAY** at the Edina Cinema. Purchase tickets now at: [www.lunafest.org/minneapolis](http://www.lunafest.org/minneapolis).

Sisters’ Camelot is coming again to our **Neighborhood Sustainability Fair**, along with a variety of new presenters, on **Saturday afternoon, April 26**. Do you have a special more-with-less household skill you could share, or a simple, everyday item that you could teach fairgoers to make and take home with them? Additional presenters/tablers still welcome! Also, **volunteers needed to do flyering** in the neighborhood. Sign-up in the back, or contact Phil Stoltzfus.

**Women Who Make Laundry Soap.** You are invited to a soap making and potluck at Karen Wiebe and Anna Dennis’ house on **April 25** at 6 p.m. Bring a container for your soap (1 gallon or larger) and any extra containers you could donate for the Sustainability Fair, \$1 for materials, and food to share! Contact Kristin for info.

**Canadian Mennonite University Choir coming!** We need support for the evening performance and overnight stay of the CMU choir that is scheduled at FMC on **Tuesday, April 29**. We need help providing: 1) evening meal, 2) bed & breakfast, and a lunch for the road. **Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship area** or talk to Paula Okerstrom.

**This afternoon** we’re invited to join neighboring churches for an **outdoor procession** through the **Longfellow** neighborhood. The walk will stop at places symbolic of both hope and pain, offering prayers of thanksgiving, lament, and hope. Noon lunch at Christ Church Lutheran (3244 34th Ave. S), followed by procession at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome.

**Community Sing** in the new Walker Church, 3104 16th Ave. S, Mpls. on **Saturday, April 26**, 7 p.m. Songleading by Bret Hesla and Mary Preus. Suggested donation \$5-10. Usual mix of songs, with a nod to Pete Seeger.