

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 21, 2013

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship based on Matthew 5-6

Leader: Like the crowds of long ago who climbed the mountain to listen to Jesus.

People: We come seeking words to guide us, love to heal us.

Jesus said: Blessed are the poor in spirit; blessed those who mourn

For ours is the reign of God; in Jesus we find comfort.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for restorative justice.

We are filled!

Blessed are the merciful and the pure in heart.

We receive God's compassion; we see God in others.

Blessed are the peacemakers and those who suffer for justice

We are God's children and share in the reign of God!

When we strive for God's kingdom and God's justice all that we need will be provided.

*Hymns: "You are salt for the earth" #226 HWB

"Blest are those who trust in the Lord" #2 Hesla, vv 1, 2, 4, 5

Old Testament reading: Micah 6:6-8

Children's Gathering Song: "Come and See" #20 HWB

Children's time

Hymn: "Jesus help us live in peace" #52 STJ

Reading: Excerpts from Matthew 5-7

Sermon: "Reflections on the Sermon on the Mount" – Gerald Schlabach, Kristi Zabriskie, Michael Okerstrom

Silent response

Hymn: "Blessed are they" (insert; omit vv. 2 & 6)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus

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:** "Let justice flow like streams" #65 STJ

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace**

Postlude

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time – fellowship hall

10:40 Choir rehearsal – sanctuary

11:00 Education classes for all ages. Adult classes:

- Gospel of John – chapel
- Living the Sermon on the Mount – fellowship hall
- Parenting Class – parent resource room

12:15 Area Mennonite Meal & Hymn Sing, Emmanuel Mennonite Church

TODAY: 12 Scriptures Project: Micah 6:8, Matthew 5-7

Worship leader: Orv Gingerich

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Ushers: Darrell Martin & Rhonda Martin

Piano: Sandra Westby

Nursery: Cleta Roth & Dan Leisen

Guitar: Chris Jones

Fellowship: Alisa Bardo-Martinson & Andy Martinson

NEXT SUNDAY: 12 Scriptures Project: Romans 8:38-39; Jeremiah 29:11

Worship leader: Orv Gingerich

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe & Leah Otto

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Fellowship: Hannah Okerstrom & family

Piano: Karen Zeug

Nursery: Gerald Schlabach & Kristi Zabriskie

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FMC office hours: April 22-26

Pastor: Mon 9-1, 3-5; Wed & Thurs 10-5. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff: Mon, Wed, Thurs 11-5

Email bulletin items by Wednesday evening. Bulletin is printed on Thursday.

April 14:	Attendance: 78	Local Budget: \$1,760
	Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$2,740	

Prayer request from Mennonite Education Agency: Many will gather this weekend at Goshen College to take part in Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Mary Oyer. Through concerts, hymn sings, African instrument demonstrations and an African-themed meal, Goshen College will celebrate the 90th birthday and extraordinary life of Dr. Mary Oyer, Goshen College's Professor Emerita of Music. Thank God for the many meaningful contributions Mary has made to the worship life of the church.

Area Mennonite Meal & Hymn Sing, TODAY. Meal will begin at 12:15 p.m., followed by a hymn sing at 1:15. Location: Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 725 E. 25th St., Mpls. **The Women's Group** of Hmong Mennonite Church will provide a lunch of Hmong food, to **raise money from donations for their attendance at the national Hmong Mennonite Conference this summer.** If you cannot come in time for lunch, please consider buying some of the wonderful food to take home. All are welcome to enjoy the food and to contribute according to their resources, but suggested donations are from \$10 to \$30 per person, if possible.

Copies of the **new issue of *Signs of the Times*** from Christian Peacemaker Teams are available on the back literature shelf.

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar at: www.faithmennonite.org)

April 22 – Worship Commission, 6:30 p.m., chapel

April 23 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Café, St. Paul

April 24 – Community Meal, 6 p.m., fellowship hall

April 24 – P&J Film Series, “for the Bible tells me so,” 7 p.m., chapel

May 8 – Interfaith Meal, 6 p.m., fellowship hall

May 11 – Worship & Music Leaders Workshop, 9:15-11:30 a.m., FMC

Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

Leader: 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

During April and May as we worship with the scriptures that have been formative for our congregation, we **invite everyone to consider creating a response to a scripture verse or story that has been meaningful in your life.** This can take the form of a written reflection, a poem, or a drawing. We would like to gather these together in a collection.

Peace & Justice Film Series, “for the Bible tells me so,” **this Wednesday, April 24**, 7 p.m., chapel. “Confronts with whimsy and hellfire the clash between religion and homosexuality.” **Flyers are on the back table.**

A huge **thank you to all the FMC volunteers who helped make the Neighborhood Sustainability Fair a success** a week ago Saturday. Big turnout, lots of new displays—a full basement! Some reporting and photos about the fair appeared in the April 15 *Twin Cities Daily Planet*. Also, on FMC's Facebook page you can find an album of photos taken at the fair by Dan Leisen. –*Phil Stoltzfus*

20% of all purchases made at the **Ten Thousand Villages** store, 867 Grand Avenue, SP, **between 5:00 and 8 p.m. on Friday, May 3** will be donated to the Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute scholarship and development fund, **benefitting STAR trainings.** Don't wait to the last minute to buy your Mother's Day gift! –*Donna Minter*

The Deacon Commission invites contributions to the **Deacons Fund** which is used for emergency needs within the congregation. This fund is outside of our annual budget and depends on contributions. Please write checks to Faith Mennonite Church and indicate “Deacons Fund” in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

The Peace and Social Justice Writers Group invites you to a reading and multimedia music performance: **“Coming Together as a World Community,” Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** at the Loft Literary Center. An evening of readings and a feature performance by cellist Janet Horvath devoted to bridging our cultural differences. A reception follows the program. \$10 suggested donation. 2nd Floor Performance Hall, Open Book, 1011 Washington Ave. S, Mpls.

“No Pie Charts! Only Pies!” Longfellow Community Council annual meeting, pie potluck, and board elections, **Tuesday, April 23**, 6:00 resource fair, 6:30 program. Minnehaha Academy North Campus, 3100 W. River Parkway, Mpls.

South Metro Chorale Presents “Schubert Meets Copland.” A 40-member chorus (including Wolf Bartel), a 21-piece professional orchestra and 3 virtuoso soloists combine forces with conductor Russell Adrian (of Emmanuel Mennonite Church) to perform Schubert’s *Mass No. 2 in G Major, D. 167* and Copland’s *Old American Songs*. **May 3, 7:30 p.m.**, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Prior Lake, and **May 5, 3:00 p.m.**, St. Richard’s Catholic Church, Richfield. Tickets for \$10 (\$8 students/seniors) and can be purchased by calling (612) 386-4636.

www.faithmennonite.org update:

- **March Church Council meeting minutes** have been posted to the members’ area.
- Past **bulletins, sermons, and newsletters** are available to the public on the website.
- You can now **donate online** to FMC through a link on the homepage to the Mennonite Foundation.
- View future **room reservations** for the church building on the calendar under the “Building Use” tab. For upcoming church-sponsored events, go to the **FMC Events Calendar** link on the homepage.