

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
April 27, 2014 – Second Sunday of Eastertide

***Gathering Songs**

”For the beauty of the earth” #89 HWB (vv. 1-4)

”All things bring and beautiful” #156 HWB

Prelude

***Call to Worship:** #133 STJ

***Hymn:** “Rain down” #49 STJ

Old Testament Reading: Selections from Genesis 6-8 ~ Anthony Beerswing

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

Children’s Time – Danika Zabertini

Song: “He’s got the whole world in his hands”

New Testament Reading: Revelation 21:1-2; 22:1-5 ~ Hannah Okerstrom

Poetry Reading: *Prayers from the Ark* by Carmen Bernos de Gasztold
(translated by Rumer Godden)

“Prayer of the Little Bird” ~ Casey Englund-Helmeke

“Prayer of the Goat” ~ Hannah Okerstrom

“Prayer of Elephant” ~ Casey Englund-Helmeke

“Prayer of the Little Ducks” ~ Aine McCarthy

“Prayer of the Cat” ~ Sophia Harder Kouay

“Prayer of Butterfly” ~ Aine McCarthy

“Prayer of the Tortoise” ~ Anthony Beerswing

“Prayer of the Dove” ~ Hannah Okerstrom

Musical Offering: “Ode to Joy” ~ Joy Zabriskie, violin

Learning from and caring for the earth

“Wolf Ridge Environmental Center” ~ Sophia Kouay

“Wilderness Wind” ~ Adam Nafziger

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns ~ Hannah Okerstrom

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: Sing the Journey

Offering and Offertory: “Bridge over troubled water”

~ Hannah & Paula Okerstrom

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of Guests

***Sending hymn:** “Great is thy faithfulness” #327 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time – Narthex

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

TODAY: Car Sabbath / Prayers from the Ark

Worship leaders: Middle School Youth Group

Piano: Sandra Westby

Song leader: Adam Nafziger

Ushers: Rhonda Martin, Cori Skogerboe

Fellowship: *volunteer needed*

Nursery: Andy Martinson, John Ratigan

Thank you to the Middle School Youth Group for planning and leading worship this morning: Anthony Beerswing, Hannah Dirks, Sophia Kouay, Hannah Okerstrom, and Joy Zabriskie, supported by teacher Casey Englund-Helmeke and youth sponsor Aine McCarthy.

NEXT SUNDAY: Living Hope: 1 Peter 1: 1-9; 13-16

Worship leader: Adam Nafziger

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: Cathy Higgins, Glenn Geissing

Fellowship: *volunteer needed*

Nursery: Arlene Geissing, Heather Wenger

April 20:

Attendance: 117

Local Budget: \$5,220

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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FMC office hours: April 28-May 2

Pastor: Tues, Wed, Thurs 10-5. Joetta and Gerald Schlabach have been in Schuyler, NE, this weekend for the annual Central Plains Mennonite Conference leaders retreat. They are driving home this afternoon.

Ministry Staff: Wed, Thurs 10-5

Email bulletin items by Wed. evening. Bulletin printed Thurs. afternoon.

Prayer Request from Central Plains: Pray for the tour group that David & Shana Boshart are accompanying to the Middle East through May 3.

The **Canadian Mennonite University Choir** is coming to FMC **this Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.** The concert will feature the women's chamber choir and the men's octet. An offering will be taken for CMU. Please help advertise the event! **Posters on the back table.**

Adult Education in May: What is this place? There will be a single adult discussion group on May 4, 11, and 18 to begin the conversation of a pastoral leadership reconfiguration. Rudy Okerlund, Karen Wiebe & Melissa Hochstetler are planning the sessions that will help us focus on our mission and identity as we move forward. We are hoping for the broadest possible participation in these conversations. Everyone is welcome—members and regular attenders. Your voice matters! – *Rudy Okerlund*

On **May 7** FMC will be the host site for the final ecumenical **Taizé prayer service** of the year as part of our collaboration with Cabrini Catholic Church, Prospect Park United Methodist Church, and two smaller communities that meet at Prospect Park UMC. As the host church we will provide a simple soup meal at 6 p.m., followed by the Taizé service at 7 p.m. All are welcome to this service of song, scripture readings and silence. (More information about Taizé prayer in the May newsletter.)

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

April 29 –Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Coop

April 29 – Canadian Mennonite Univ. choir concert, 7:30 p.m., sanctuary

May 7 – Community Meal (6 p.m.) & Ecum. Taizé Service (7 p.m.), FMC

May 8 – Retreat Committee, 7:00 p.m., chapel

May 10 – May Birthday Brunch, Schlabach home, 9:30 a.m.

May 14 – Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., chapel

May 18 – Children's Day; final day of Christian Education; noon potluck



Earth Day

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Faith Mennonite Church

Selections from Genesis 6-8

The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and ... was sorry to have made humankind; it grieved God's heart. But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord. And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. Make yourself an ark of cypress wood. ... For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you and your family with you.

When the flood of waters came on the earth, Noah with his family went into the ark to escape the waters. Animals, birds, and everything that creeps on the ground, two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah. And after seven days the waters came on the earth. The flood continued forty days; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark; it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

But God remembered Noah and all the wild and domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, and the waters gradually receded from the earth.

Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your family with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you—birds and animals and every creeping thing—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and offered an offering on the altar. And when the Lord smelled the pleasing odor, the Lord said, "I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Revelation 21:1-2; 22:1-3, 5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God... An angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ... There will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

May Birthday Brunch, Saturday, May 10, 9:30-11 a.m., Schlabach home. If you or a family member has a birthday next month, Joetta Schlabach invites you to brunch. This invitation is for the whole family and significant others, not just the birthday person. RSVP: sign-up sheet in the fellowship area or email jschlabach@faithmennonite.org.

Just in time for Earth Day, the **climate change video** that I participated in, Health and Climate, will be showing TODAY at **1 p.m.** on TPT MN.

—Wendy Brunner

Another way for people to continue to think about their sustainable commuting options is **Switch My Trip**. It's a local incentive program for increasing the amount of weekly sustainable trips: <http://switchmytrip.org/>
—Minke Sundseth

Jerry Janzen and Wolf Bartel will be singing with the **South Metro Chorale** as they present "**Haydn: The Creation.**" **Friday, May 2, 7:30 p.m.**, Glendale United Methodist Church, 13550 Glendale Rd., Savage; and **Sunday, May 4, 3:00 p.m.**, St. Richard's Catholic Church, 7450 Penn Ave S Richfield. Directed by Russell Adrian. Tickets available online at www.southmetrochorale.org or at the door.

SAVE THE DATE: Men who bike—June 14. Join FMC guys for an adventurous night touring the Northern Spark Night-time Arts Festival on **June 14**. This is an all night arts festival designed to light up Minneapolis. We will kick the tour off with a barbecue at the Hendricks home and then head out into the night taking in selected hot spots. Biking options for full or partial participation will be provided. Or, just come for the barbecue to cheer us on. Schedule: 6:30 p.m. barbecue, 8:30 p.m. tour begins, 1:00 a.m. return for overnight at Hendrich's home, 8:00 a.m. breakfast. Questions: Matthew, Andy or Rudy. RSVP to Rudy.

I am **accepting donations of houseplants**, indoor herbs, ceramic pots, garden plants, and outside flowers for residents of Minneapolis Public Housing. I will pot or re-pot plants and pass them along to interested residents. —Heather Wengerd

From *Central Plains*: Children, youth, and adults are welcome at **Central Plains Annual Meeting, June 19-22** in Mt. Pleasant, IA. Registration info at www.centralplainsmc.org. **Register by April 30** for best rate.

Wingspan Ministry's Uganda Project Film & Speaker. "Call Me Kuchu" is an award-winning documentary about Ugandan LGBT activists, displaying their faces, lives, courage and dignity. John "Long Jones" Wambere, an activist profiled in the film, will be present for an after-film discussion. Free. **Wed., April 30, 7:30 p.m.**, Sundin Hall, 1531 Hewitt Ave., Hamline U. Free parking in Lot B, just east of Sundin Hall.