

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 7, 2013

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: Loving God, life of the universe,

People: we gather to worship you.

Great Creator, who formed us in your image,

we gather to worship you.

Holy Redeemer, who became flesh and lived among us,

we gather to worship you.

Sustaining Spirit, who breathes into us always the holy breath of life,

together we gather to worship you. Amen.

—from *Words for Worship 2* (Herald Press, 2009)

*Hymns: “This joyful Eastertide” #276 HWB

“Christ is risen! Shout hosanna” #272 HWB

Affirmation of Faith – John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

... The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

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

Children’s time

Hymn: “Creation is a song” #24 SJ

Reading: Selections from Genesis 1 & 2

Sermon: “Creation and Incarnation”

Silent response

Hymn: “O God great womb” #155 HWB

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: Sing the Journey

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:** “God, who stretched” #414 HWB

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace**

Postlude

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time

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

- Church membership exploration – Balcony
- Gospel of John – Chapel
- Living the Sermon on the Mount – Fellowship Hall
- Parenting Class – Parent Resource Room

TODAY: 12 Scriptures Project

Worship leader: Orv Gingerich

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Ushers: Rhonda Martin & Leah Otto

Nursery: Hermann Weinlick & Matthew Hendricks

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Piano: Gregg Richardson

Fellowship: Joan Kreider

NEXT SUNDAY: 12 Scriptures Project: Luke 1:39-55; Isaiah 61

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe & Glenn Geissing

Song leader: Anna Gambucci

Nursery: Tyler Zabriskie & Heather Wenger

Piano: Melissa Falb

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 8-12

Pastor: Mon 9-2; 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.

March 17: **Local Budget:** \$2,041; **Designated:** \$100

March 24: **Local Budget:** \$1,318

March 31: **Attendance:** 97 **Local Budget:** \$1,273

Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$2,740

Prayer request from Central Plains Conference: Pray for the Conference Board as they meet in Mountain Lake, MN on April 13 to finalize their response to the fall regional meetings and make final preparations for delegate business at Annual Meeting.

The **Pastor-Parish Relations Committee** will meet for their quarterly meeting today. Please share any affirmations or concerns about congregational life to a committee member: Noah Skogerboe, chair, Shelly Hendricks, Kristin Green, or Hermann Weinlick.

Spring plants are available to take home today. We invite a contribution of \$10, marked "Worship-Easter plant" in the offering plate this Sunday or next if you wish to take a plant.

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

April 8 – Deacon Commission, 2 p.m., Hendricks

April 9 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Café, St. Paul

April 10 – Community Meal, 6 p.m., fellowship hall

April 10 – FMC Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

April 12-14 – CPMC invitational weekend; all-church potluck Sun noon

April 13 – Neighborhood Sustainability Fair, noon-4:30, fellowship hall

April 17 – The Land Where Mangoes Grow, Andrew Jilani, 7 p.m., chapel

April 20 – April Birthday Brunch, 9:30 a.m., Schlabach home

April 21 – Area Mennonite Hymn sing & Meal, Emmanuel MC, 12:15 p.m.

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

Genesis 1

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast and bird and to everything that creeps on the earth, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

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God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Genesis 2

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. The LORD God put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

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

It's this Saturday! Please come and invite your neighbors and friends to FMC's 2nd annual Neighborhood Sustainability Fair, Saturday, April 13, noon-4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Free organic food from Sisters' Camelot. Free coffee from Peace Coffee. Free bike tune-up station. Live chickens. Free computer, electronics, cell phone, and small household appliance recycling/drop-off center. Children's activities center. Used clothing exchange. Used toy and game exchange. Green cleaning supplies and firestarter making. Seed exchange. Info from gardening, environmental, alternative energy, and alternative transportation organizations. Volunteer sign-up sheet and **fliers to distribute (please take some!)** are located in the back of the sanctuary. *—Phil Stoltzfus*

CPMC hosting weekend. We have only received confirmation from one person who plans to visit next weekend. In addition to the Sustainability Fair, we will introduce him to the Midtown Global Market (any who would like to gather for dinner on Saturday night, meet at the food court at 5:30). At noon on **Sunday, April 14 we will have an all-church potluck.** Here's a guide for what to bring. If your last name begins with A-G salad; H-L dessert; M-Z main dish. *—Cleta Roth Gingerich, Arlene & Glenn Geissing*

During the next 8 weeks 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.

Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow*, will give a public lecture on **Monday, April 8, 7 p.m.** at the ASC Woulfe Alumni Hall in the Anderson Student Center (corner of Summit & Cretin), University of St. Thomas. One of our adult classes read this book together in the fall.

Wilder Conversations: Community Matters inaugural event, **Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m.**, 451 Lexington Parkway N, SP. Mixed Blood Theatre performance about the realities of trauma and poverty, and the impact on children's mental health, followed by conversation and a reception. RSVP to 651-280-2445 or email: events@wilder.org.

Workshop on Managing Storm water, Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m., Matthews Park. In November, the Seward Neighborhood Group received a \$2,000 grant to develop a concept plan for storm water curb extensions on 34th Ave. between 24th and 25th St. Storm water curb extensions are bump-outs with rain gardens, which address managing storm water runoff and calming traffic on the street. *—Andy Martinson*