

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

August 10, 2014

## \*Gathering Songs

“We are people on a journey” #8 STJ

“Lord of the worlds above” #39 HWB

## Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: God, God the Maker, maker of color, sound texture, quietness,  
and the restless beauty of living things,

*All: We bless you.*

Leader: God, God the Maker, maker of granite and mustard seed, or  
earthquake and heartbeat, of flowing stream and desert sand,

*All: We bless you.*

Leader: God, God the Maker, maker of all that is unseen, of all that has  
been, of all that words could never capture,

*All: We bless you.*

Leader: God, God the Maker, we, the children of your love, the  
creatures of your kindness, the guardians of your creation, bless you.

*All: We bless you for your making, your trusting, your loving, your  
never-ending goodness. AMEN.*

*From A Wee Worship Book, Wild Good Worship Group, GIA 1991.*

\*Hymn: “God of the world, the sky, the sea” #53 HWB

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

**Children’s Time** – Noah Skogerboe

**Song:** “May the God of hope fill you” – Romans 15:13 (*hymnal insert*)

**Scripture Readings:** Exodus 23:9; Mark 1:4-13

**Sermon:** “Life and Death in the Desert: CPT on the border”

## Confession of Lament and Solidarity

**Response:** “Kyrie” #152 HWB

**Communion** *We will gather in the center area, row by row as the ushers indicate, to receive communion. Please hold the bread, then cup, until all have been served and partake together. (The bread is gluten free; the cup is grape juice.) Children may come to receive a grape and blessing. All who have made a commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to join in this commemoration of Jesus’ death.*

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

*HWB: Hymnal Worship Book*

*STJ: Sing the Journey*

\*Please stand if you are able

## 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

\***Sung Benediction:** “Peace is flowing like a river”

\***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

### Community Time

**10:40** Fellowship time. Afterwards, you are invited to join Hannah, Phil, and Candace for lunch at a local restaurant.

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### **TODAY:** Stories of God’s People

**Worship leader:** Daryn Dockter

**Sermon:** Hannah Breckbill

**Song leader:** Karen Wiebe

**Piano:** Karen Zeug

**Ushers:** Darrell Martin, Rhonda Martin

**Fellowship:** *volunteer needed*

**Nursery:** Noah Skogerboe, Alisa Bardo-Martinson

We welcome Hannah Breckbill, a past participant at FMC during her college years, who now grows vegetables for a living in the Driftless region. She participates in music-making and movement towards a better world whenever she gets the chance. Right now she gets really excited about freedom, undoing the commodification of our lives, and sacred, human economies.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Stories of God’s People: Barnabas (*Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-31; 13:1-3*)

**Worship leader:** Daryn Dockter

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Ushers:** Glenn Geissinger, Cathy Higgins

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Nursery:** Susan Weinlich, Mark Kaufman

**Fellowship:** *volunteer needed*

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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.*

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**FMC office hours: August 11-15**

**Pastor:** Tues & Thurs 9:30-4:30, Wed 2-5. On Wednesday Joetta will attend the meeting of area Mennonite pastors in Baldwin, WI.

**Ministry Staff:** Mon, Wed, Thurs 11-6

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

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<b>July 27:</b>	<b>Attendance:</b> 55	<b>Local Budget:</b> \$2,462
<b>August 3:</b>	<b>Attendance:</b> 61	<b>Local Budget:</b> \$767

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**Prayer Request from Central Plains Conference:** Pray for all the Sunday School teachers in our conference getting ready for a new year, especially those getting acquainted with the new curriculum, Shine. Many teachers will receive an introduction to Shine this month.

**Thanksgivings:** The Kuenning-Leisens celebrated the marriage of their daughter Beka and await the upcoming births in their family; Laurie Kaufman had a good time with perfect weather in the U.P. and then enjoyed a visit from her family; Wendy Brunner's office received CDC re-funding for their work, but some other states not refunded.

**Concerns:** Mark Kaufman's mother is having back surgery and a co-worker's daughter is dying; Andi K's friend Diane has a brother with serious mental health challenges; Laurie K's friend is battling cancer; Paula Okerstrom continues in a time of anxious waiting for her surgery; Rebecca Johnson's cousin in Sierra Leone died from Ebola infection.

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

**August 12** – NO Sunday text discussion

**August 13** – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

**August 19** – Worship Commission, 7 p.m., Bardo-Martinson home

**August 20** – Retreat Planning Committee, 7 p.m., chapel

**August 27** – Mpls. P&J Film Series: *Bill Moyers Journal: Buying the \*  
*War*, 7 p.m., FH

**September 26-28** – FMC Fall Retreat, Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI

**October 25** – Twin Cities MCC Sale, Woodland Hills Church, SP

**November 15** – Ted & Co., *Peace, Pies and Prophets*, 7 p.m., Calvary Church, Mpls.

**Exodus 23:9**

You shall not oppress a resident alien; you know the heart of an alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

**Mark 1:4-13**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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**

Today after church I plan to **work on gardens around the church building**. If anyone else is available and interested, help would be appreciated. I plan to work until about 2 o'clock. –*Arlene Geissinger*

Melissa Hochstetler is putting together a schedule of people who are able to take **meals to the Okerstrom family** following Paula's surgery. We would like to cover at least two weeks, and will send more meals if we have them. Please contact Melissa at [hochstmj@hotmail.com](mailto:hochstmj@hotmail.com) to sign up. Thanks!

The next Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience - the **STAR Training** is Mon-Friday, **Sept. 8-12**, 2014. Scholarship assistance is available as needed as well as 27 hours of optional continuing education credit. You can register at [www.starmnpeace2.eventbrite.com](http://www.starmnpeace2.eventbrite.com) or contact Donna Minter at [STAR.Mpls@gmail.com](mailto:STAR.Mpls@gmail.com) or 952-240-3499.

**Open Streets MPLS is coming to Franklin Ave. on Sunday, August 17**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will transform Franklin into a safe, car-free area for people to bike, walk, play and hang with local businesses and artists. Sign up to volunteer today! Volunteers help with everything from facilitating chalk art activities at intersections to helping us keep the street clean and car free. We'll need **165 volunteers**. Check out [openstreetsmpls.com/get-involved](http://openstreetsmpls.com/get-involved) for a complete listing of volunteer options. We can coordinate times and tasks for you or your crew--just contact us at [volunteer@mplsbike.org](mailto:volunteer@mplsbike.org) or 612-812-0526.

**Mennonite Worker is now accepting new residents** starting in September. Living in an intentional community is a wonderful challenge. If you'd like to center your life on Jesus' way of hospitality, simplicity, prayer, peacemaking, and resistance, then consider applying on our website. Also, coming up on **Saturday, Sept. 13** will be the **opening of the new Gene Stoltzfus Center for Creative Peacemaking**.

Old Testament scholar **Walter Brueggeman will be coming** to Luther Seminary on Monday evening and Tuesday morning, Sept 22 and 23. Here is a link to the info: [www.luthersem.edu/lectures/fretheim](http://www.luthersem.edu/lectures/fretheim).

Every Wednesday during July & August there will be **walks in the Seward neighborhood** on special themes such as trees, gardens, history, architecture & much more. There will be a different theme & leader each week. All walks begin at 7 p.m. at Matthews Center. Housing, grocery stores, history, & change will be some of the focus of the discussion.  
—Richard Westby

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