

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
February 24, 2013 ~ Lent ~ "Ashamed no more"

Prelude
Welcome

***Call to Worship** based on Psalm 27

Leader: We wait for the Lord.

People: We wait in silence.

We wait in song.

We wait in prayer.

We listen, straining to hear God's voice in the darkness.

Our hearts say: "Seek God's face!"

Your face, LORD, we will seek.

***Hymns:** "Sweet hour of prayer" #11 HWB

"God of our strength" #36 HWB

Old Testament reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 12-15

Children's gathering song: "The Lord is my light" #97 STJ, vv. 1 & 3

Children's time

Hymn: "They that wait upon the Lord" #584 HWB

Gospel reading: Luke 13:31-35

Sermon: "The work of waiting"

Hymn: "Through our fragmentary prayers" #347 HWB

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 & Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sending hymn:** "Great is thy faithfulness" #327 HWB

***Benediction**

Leader: We depart to walk in the light of God's salvation.

People: We will not fear!

We go, supported by the stronghold of God.

We will not be afraid!

We will be strong and take heart.

We will wait for the Lord!

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship Time - Basement fellowship hall

11:00 Christian education for all ages. Adult class options:

Gospel of John - Chapel

Living the Sermon on the Mount – Education Wing, Rms 104/106

Parenting Class – Parent Resource Room

TODAY: Lent 2: We take courage & wait

Worship leader: Katie Cuffey

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Anna Gambucci

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Ushers: Glenn Geissinger & Darrell Martin

Fellowship: Westbys

Nursery: Joan Wing & Matthew Hendricks

Shoveling: Andy Martinson

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 3: We will seek the Lord & be fruitful (Lk 13:1-9)

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Greg Renstrom

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Karen Zeug

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: not yet assigned

Fellowship: Dan Leisen & Andi Kuenning

Shoveling: *Hermann Weinlick*

February 17: Attendance: 85 **Local Budget:** \$1,676; Designated: \$135

Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$2740

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

Deacons: Thaine Dirks, Shelly Hendricks,

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FMC office hours: February 25-March 1

Pastor: Mon 10-4, Wed 10-5; Thurs 10-4. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff: Tues, Wed, Thurs 10-5

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

Prayer request from Central Plains Conference: Today Martha Hernandez will be ordained as pastor of Iglesia Centro Cristiano Menonita in Washington, Iowa. Pray for her and the congregation on this special day.

Spiritual resources for Lent:

• **Daily online reflections** available from Goshen College students, faculty and staff. Poetry, personal stories, reflections and prayers based on the Sunday's upcoming lectionary passages and the MCUSA theme "Ashamed No More." Subscribe at: www.goshen.edu/devotions.

• **Find ideas for observing Lent at home with children** in *Lent at Home Booklet: Ashamed No More* at www.resources.mennonitechurch.ca.

• **Soup & Sabbath reflections for Lent:** "We shall be Peace— Conversations with local peacemakers." Mondays, 6:30-simple soup; 7-8 p.m. prayer & reflection, Sabbath House, 3228 Portland Ave S, Mpls.

Thank you to the Lent worship planning committee: Katie Cuffey, Mike Okerstrom, Joetta Schlabach, Kristi Zabriskie. Mike Okerstrom is designing the visual effects and Gregg Richardson is creating the bulletin covers.

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

February 26 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Café, St. Paul

February 27 – March newsletter deadline, noon to Gregg Richardson

February 27 – Community Meal, 6 p.m.; Peace & Justice Film Series, 7 p.m.

March 5 – Deacon Commission, 10 a.m., Hendricks

March 6 – Ecumenical Taizé Service, sanctuary

March 9 - Worship Commission retreat, 9:30-noon, chapel

March 13 - Church Council meeting, 7 p.m. chapel

April 12-14 – CPMC Invitational weekend

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

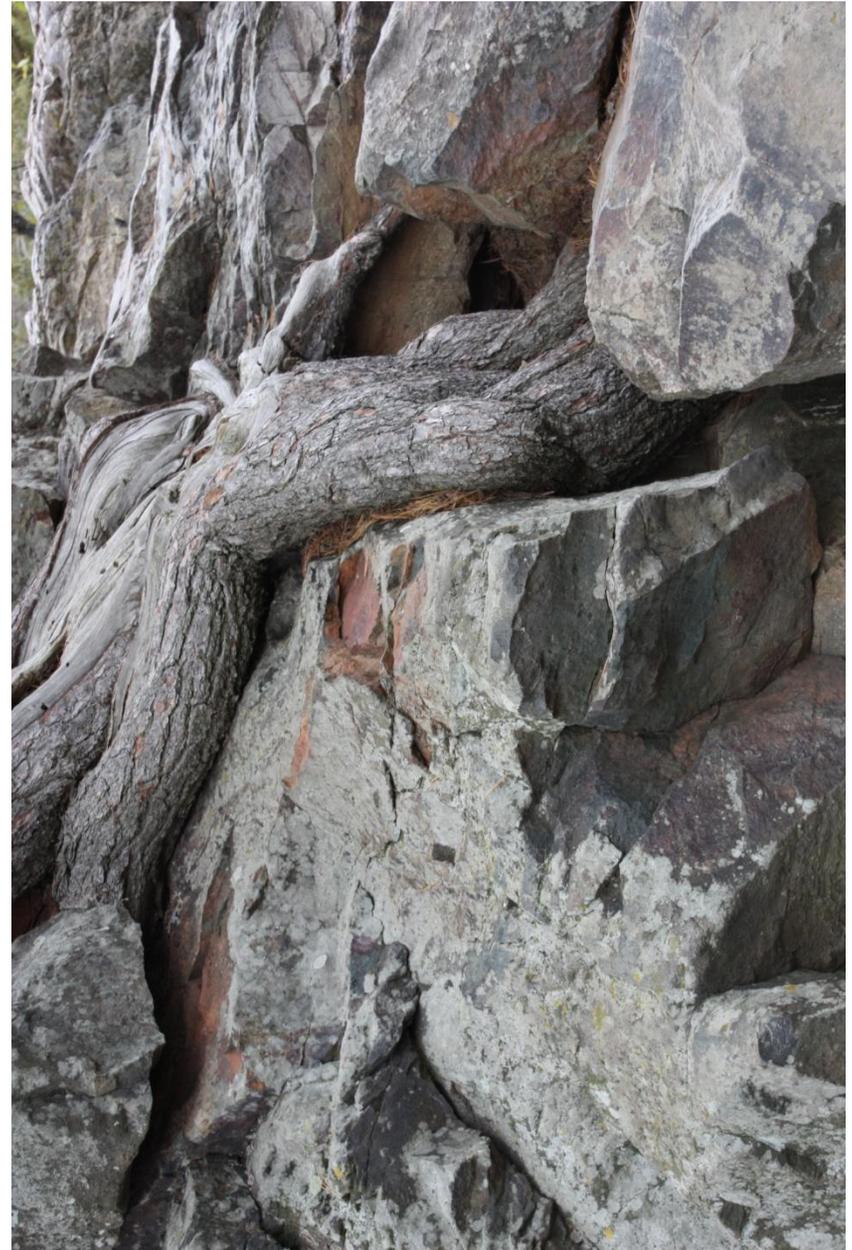


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*For God will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
God will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will
set me high on a rock. –Psalm 27:5*

Announcements

Genesis 15: 1-6, 12-15

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years; but I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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*

Adult education classes:

• **The Gospel of John** – Ready for a fresh look at John? Using a new translation to transport us into John’s world, we’ll examine traditional as well as feminist, gay, non-Western & other perspectives—even the visual arts. John will never be the same again! –*Steve Wall & Jim Kuebelbeck*

• **Living the Sermon on the Mount** – Following Jesus’ teachings is central to Mennonite faith. Yet, we sometimes experience his words as “hard sayings.” Are they realistic and practical? Yes! Glen Stassen’s breakthrough interpretation of the Sermon will show us why. –*Gerald Schlabach*

• **Parenting Class** –*Annette Semanchin Jones*

Our second screening in the **Peace and Justice Film Series** will be on **Wednesday, Feb. 27**, 7-9:00 p.m. We will be showing the documentary, “**DIVE! Living Off America’s Waste.**” My friend Jeremy Seifert who wrote, directed and produced the film went “dumpster diving” with his friends and found abundant and perfectly edible food that grocery stores had thrown out. They ate well while learning about the tragic waste of food in our country and what we might be able to do about it. View the trailer at www.divethefilm.com. The 45 minute film will be followed by a circle discussion. –*Kristi Zabriskie*

We invite you to meet the **Nonviolent Peaceforce** Country Directors. Get the latest news from the field and talk with the people on the front lines of developing and implementing nonviolent peacekeeping. This is truly an encounter with history in the making. **Thursday, Feb. 28**, 10:30 a.m., Roseville Public Library, 2180 Hamline Ave. N, Roseville. RSVP by Friday, Feb. 22 to nhegdahl@nonviolentpeaceforce.org.

The **Nobel Peace Prize Forum** sponsored by Augsburg College and The Humphrey School, is coming up **March 8-10**. The program will feature two **Nobel Peace Laureates**, Muhammad Yunus and Tawakkol Karmen. Detailed information about the Forum program and registration can be found at: www.nobelpeaceprizeforum.org –*Orv Gingerich*

The **Area Mennonite Hymn Sing & Potluck**, canceled due to bad weather in late January, has been rescheduled for **Sunday, May 5**. The schedule for the event has been modified: the potluck will begin at 12:30 (or so), followed by a hymn sing at 1:45 p.m. Location: Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 725 E. 25th St., Mpls.