

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

June 30, 2013

## Gathering songs

“Lord, you have come to the lakeshore” HWB #229

“God of our strength” HWB #36

## Prelude

### Call to worship

Leader: God of creation,

**Organ side:** who knit us together and knows our heart and mind,

*All: be present with us this morning as we aim to be present with you,*

**Piano side:** that we may face our fears, name our doubts, and find that,  
no matter our relationship with you,  
we are your beloved daughters and sons..

*All: In the name of Jesus, present with us through the Spirit. Amen.*

\***Hymn:** “Nothing is lost on the breath of God” (insert, vv. 1-2)

## Welcome

**Theme verses:** Matthew 6:25-26, 28-29, 31-34 (insert)

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

**Scripture reading:** Psalm 139:1-18

## Prayer of blessing for those marching in the Pride Parade

**Song:** by Adam M. L. Tice, June 26, 2013, ©GIA Publications, Inc.

The arc of history bends today, again toward peace, its aim,  
as love, once more, has found a way, and dares to speak its name.

As shame and silence lose their hold, we learn to sing new songs;  
new voices lead us, proud and bold, to overturn old wrongs.

The arc of history always bends when people share God's grace;  
though surely as one struggle ends, another takes its place.

The arc of history bends toward peace; come, see what God has done!  
Where justice, grace, and love increase, a new world is begun.

*During this song the children will depart to the nursery or activity time.*

**Sermon:** “Known by God...Knowing God”

## Silent reflection and sharing

### Children’s response

**Hymn:** “Lord, thou hast searched me” HWB #556

## 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. (cont.)

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:** “Nothing is lost on the breath of God” (insert, v. 3)

\***Passing the Peace**

## Postlude

## Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time

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**TODAY:** God’s Good Creation: God Knows Us

**Worship leader:** Gregg Richardson      **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Piano:** Melissa Falb      **Children’s activity:** Maggie Page

**Ushers:** Cori Skogerboe & Glenn Geissinger      **Reader:** Wendy Brunner

**Nursery:** Adam Nafziger & Arlene Geissinger      **Fellowship:** Heather Reinert

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Reporting from conference/denominational meetings in  
Montana and Phoenix / Communion

**Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach      **Song leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Piano:** Karen Zeug      **Children’s activity:** Maggie Page

**Usher:** Rhonda Martin & Darrell Martin      **Fellowship:** *volunteer needed*

**Nursery:** Andy Martinson & Matthew Hendricks

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**June 23: Attendance:** 64      **Local Budget:** \$429      **Delegate Fund:** \$50  
Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$3,042

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**FMC office hours: July 1-5 Office closed July 4 for holiday.**

**Pastor:** Joetta has been summonsed for jury duty this week. Her posted office hours may vary accordingly: Mon, Tues, Wed 10-5.

**Ministry Staff:** Mon 10-7, Wed 12-6

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

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**Prayer Request from Mennonite Central Committee:** Pray for two Christian bishops who were abducted in Syria on April 22 while they were on a mission to negotiate the release of others who had been kidnapped. They are still being held captive. One of them, Bishop Yohanna Ibrahim of the Syrian Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo, worked closely with MCC, including its relief work in Aleppo. The other bishop is Boulos Yazigi of the Greek Orthodox Church of Aleppo.

**Please pray for Katie Hochstedler and Donna Minter** who will represent FMC at the MCUSA Convention in Phoenix, Arizona July 1-6. Katie will also be participating in activities organized by Pink Menno and Brethren Mennonite Council for GLBTQ Interests. Thank you to all who have made contributions to help cover one-third of their expenses. **\$585 has been contributed; \$103 is still needed.** If you are able to help, please place your check to FMC ("MC USA delegates" in the memo line) in the offering plate **today**. –*Karen Wiebe, moderator*

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

**July 1-6** – MCUSA Convention, Phoenix, AZ

**July 2** – NO Sunday text discussion

**July 3** – Weekly Community Meal Potluck, 6 p.m., Matthews Park

**July 7** – Immigration Vigil hosted by FMC, RC Detent. Center, 2:30 p.m.

**July 10** – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., chapel

**July 14** – Farewell for Orv/Cleta and Semanchin-Jones families; potluck

**July 14** – Summer Singers Concert for Families, 3 p.m., sanctuary

**July 15** – Missions & Service Commission, 5:30 p.m., chapel

**July 18** – Worship Commission, 6:30 p.m., Joan Kreider home

**July 20** – Birthday Brunch, 9:30-11 a.m., Schlabach home

**Matthew 6:25-26, 28-29, 31-34**

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?’

**Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?**

And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

**Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ... indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

***So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.***

**Psalm 139:1-18**

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me

become night,”

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your

works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

(continued other side)

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all  
the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.  
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

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**

**Twin Cities Pride Parade, TODAY.** One carpool group will depart at 10 a.m., following a prayer of blessing, and another will leave following fellowship time. Line is along 3rd St. in downtown Minneapolis; parade starts at 11:00. This year we are sharing our permit and place in the parade (#67) with Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBTQ Interests.—*Pat Eliason*

Come hear Francesco Candelari, the new coordinator of **International Fellowship of Reconciliation**, who is visiting the Twin Cities from Alkmaar, Netherlands. The event will be **Tuesday, July 2**, at 7 p.m. at Dave Gagne's house, 3517 E. 26th St., Minneapolis. RSVP to Dave. FMC Missions & Service Commission is supporting the work of Fellowship of Reconciliation out of our 2013 Partner and Community fund. —*Phil Stoltzfus & Candace Lauth*

**Add deodorant to your shopping list!** The Longfellow Faith Forum is inviting churches to contribute **small, travel size stick deodorant** to donate to Longfellow Park so they can provide to young people who use their facilities. We will place a basket on the fellowship area table to collect contributions of deodorant over the next couple of Sundays. Thanks!

**Volunteers needed to help FMC host the monthly immigration vigil** at Ramsey County Detention Center on **Sunday, July 7**, 2:30 p.m. If you would like to help with the service, contact Phil Stoltzfus or Richard Westby.

**Every Church A Peace Church** next bimonthly potluck supper meeting will be on **Monday, July 8** at 6:30 p.m., St. Albert the Great Church, 29th St. & 32nd Ave. S, Mpls. **“War without End – and the Courage to Dissent,”** with **Kathy Kelly**, peacemaker and 3-time Nobel Peace Prize Nominee; founder of Voices for Creative Nonviolence.