

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 2, 2017

***Gathering Songs:** “Blest Are Those Who Trust” #2 Hesla (vv. 1-3, 5)
“I sing the mighty power of God” #46 HWB

***Welcome and Call to Worship** based on Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

People: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

God is a sun and shield, bestowing favor and honor. God withholds no good thing from those who walk uprightly

All: Happy is everyone who trusts in you, O God.

***Hymn:** “Lord Jesus Christ, be present now” #22 HWB

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

Children’s Time: Hayley Brooks

Song: “Praise, praise, praise the Lord” #11 STJ

Scripture reading: Luke 18:31 – 19:10

Sermon: “Shout out! Step up! Encounter Jesus!”

Silent reflection

Hymn: “I heard the voice of Jesus say” #493 HWB

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns (*It is a joy to welcome guests; this can be a time for guest introductions.*)

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 **STJ:** Sing the Journey **Hesla:** River of Gladness
**Please stand if you are able*

Offering and Offertory

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***Sending song:** “Be thou my vision” #545 HWB (vv. 1, 2, 4)

***Benediction**

***Sharing the sign of peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship

11:00 Christian Education Classes for all Ages

“Trouble I’ve Seen” – Front of Sanctuary

“Written that you might believe” – Fellowship Hall

TODAY: Lent 5: A blind man and Zacchaeus meet Jesus

Worship leader: Donna Minter

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader & Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Reader: Bruce Brunner

Ushers: Minke Sundseth, Stew Thornley

Fellowship: C. & O. Gingerich

Nursery: Candace Lutt, Katie Cuffey

NEXT SUNDAY: Palm Sunday (Luke 19: 29-44)

Worship leader: Alisa Bardo-Martinson

Sermon: Ry Siggelkow

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Organ: David Mayou

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Thaine Dirks

Fellowship: Bardo Martinson

Nursery: Mark Kaufman, Thaine Dirks

Mar 26:

Attendance: 102

Offering: \$1,877

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

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.

Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow
Deacons: Dan Leisen, Heather Wengerd,
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FMC office hours: April 3-7

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

Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Pray for Eastern Mennonite University as they celebrate the inauguration of Dr. Susan Schultz Huxman on April 7 as the University's ninth president.

Come pray for our church and community! Parent Resource Room, 9:10-9:25 a.m. each Sunday. Also, if you would like to have someone pray with you or discuss a matter of concern please look for persons with the purple "deacon" ribbon or the green "prayer" ribbon on their name tag. They are glad to meet with you.

Lost & Found and Help Yourself! There are a growing number of found items on the table across from the restrooms under the Sanctuary. If you're missing something, take a look! **Any items left after TODAY will be donated.** Danika has done some spring cleaning in the nursery and has placed some culled items on the table next to the church office.

The April Faith Connection Newsletter will be distributed in electronic format this month. Watch your email! Several printed copies will be available in church next Sunday.

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

Apr 4 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Apr 5 – Visioning Session, 7-9 p.m., Rudy Okerlund home

Apr 8 – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., Library

Apr 10 – Missions & Service Committee meeting, 6 p.m., Chapel

Apr 12 – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., Chapel

Apr 13 – Maundy Thursday meal & service, 6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Apr 16 – Easter breakfast and worship (no education classes)

Apr 19 – Education Commission meeting, 7 p.m., Chapel

Apr 21/22 – **FMC PHOTO DIRECTORY SHOOT**

May 3 – Deacon Commission, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green home

Luke 18:31–19:10

Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.” But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” Then he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

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

From Rudy Okerlund: “What Is This Place?” – A Sequel. Come to my home on Wednesday, April 5th, 7-9 p.m. and enjoy good food while working on identifying what we as a church aspire to be. This is a working session with specific outcomes and promises to be engaging. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Calling all singers! Miriam Augsburger will lead an **Easter choir**. She is planning two practices: one during the education hour on April 9 and one between the Easter breakfast and worship. Pick up a copy of the music today if you will not be here April 9 so that you’ll be ready to join the final rehearsal.

Looking ahead to Holy Week. On **Thursday, April 13**, we will have a **shared meal**, beginning at 6:15 p.m., followed by a service of Communion and Foot washing, as we remember the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. Children are welcome at this service. If you plan to attend and can contribute to the meal, **please sign-up to bring soup, bread, or fruit** (sign-up sheet is in the narthex). You will also find a **sign-up sheet for potted Easter flowers**, which can be taken home following worship on Easter Sunday.

**Please schedule your photo appointment for the FMC Photo Directory*
See the flier in your mail file for more information.*

On the end of the pews you will find a new copy of **Mission Mosaic, the prayer directory from Mennonite Mission Network**. If you arrive early, you may wish to page through and pray for persons in the directory. You may also take a copy home for a week to look through and perhaps choose someone you would like to pray for on a regular basis. We support the work of Mennonite Mission Network through our church budget; we can also support them in our prayers.

According to the United Nations, the world is facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war. More than 20 million people in Yemen and parts of Africa are at risk of famine. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is working to provide emergency food assistance and increase its response to the crisis. Because of serious conflicts and concerns for safe delivery of humanitarian assistance, this process is slow and challenging. To donate to MCC’s relief fund, call 1-888-563-4676, visit mcc.org/learn/what/relief, or send a check to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.