

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 23, 2017

***Gathering Songs:** “This joyful Easteride” #276 HWB
“As rain from the clouds” #40 STJ

***Welcome and Call to Worship** based on Psalm 30

Leader: O Lord my God, you have drawn me up;
I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

People: O Lord my God, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me
to life from among those one down to the Pit.

L: Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God’s
holy name. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with
the morning.

P: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my
sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

**All: And so I praise you and I will not be silent! O Lord my God, I will
give thanks to you forever. AMEN.**

***Hymn:** “I will sing the Lord’s high triumph” #261 HWB, vv 1, 2, 3

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

Children’s Time: Joan Kreider

Song: “Alleluia” #41 STJ

Scripture reading: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: “Hidden in plain view”

Hymn: “Thou true Vine, that heals” #373 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

Offering and Offertory

Announcements

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

***Sending song:** “Lift your glad voices” #275

***Benediction**

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship – Please keep all food and drink in the narthex. Thanks!

11:00 Christian Education Classes for all Ages

Adult classes: “Trouble I’ve Seen” – Front of Sanctuary

“Written that you might believe” – Fellowship Hall

TODAY: 2nd Sunday of Easter: Emmaus Road

Worship leader: Ry Siggelkow

Sermon: Ron Byler

Song leader: Joetta Schlabach

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Thaine Dirks, Stew Thornley

Fellowship: Zabriskie, Graber

Nursery: Arlene Geissinger, David Ries

*We welcome Ron Byler to preach this morning. Ron is Executive Secretary
of Mennonite Central Committee US. In this role he travels extensively to
visit MCC workers and partners around the world as they engage in
peacemaking, disaster relief, and community development programs.*

NEXT SUNDAY: 3rd Sunday of Easter: Stephen’s Witness (Acts 6:1-7a, 44-60)

Worship leader: TBD

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Wendy Brunner

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Ushers: S. Hendricks, T. Dirks

Fellowship: A. Wright, D & M Seitz

Nursery: Matthew Hedricks, Andi Kuenning

Apr 16

Attendance: 145

Offering: \$5,741

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,
Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Katie Cuffey,
Hermann Weinlick, Kristin Green

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FMC office hours: April 24-28

Ry: Tues, Thurs 9-4 **Joetta:** Tues, Wed 10-3

Office Staff: Aimee Weigle: Mon – Fri 9:30-12:30

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

Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: We pray for Anabaptist churches and their neighbors in Venezuela, where the political situation continues to deteriorate. The government has responded to opposition marches with tear gas and a student was killed. Tear gas has drifted from the streets into homes and church buildings. People are anxious and Christians pray and trust God for relief and change.

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.

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

Apr 25 –Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Apr 25 – May newsletter items to Aimee, in the church office, by noon

Apr 25 – MCC Alumni & Friends Potluck, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Apr 27 – Men’s Breakfast, 7 a.m., Curran’s Restaurant, Mpls.

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

May 10 – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., Chapel

May 13 – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Library

May 21 – **Children’s Day Worship & final day of Christian Ed. /**

Potluck

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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 Dick Westby: Join us for one more Seward History Story at Matthews Rec Center, this Thursday April 27, at 7 p.m. The evening will feature historical photos, film, and maps in a 50-minute session with discussion afterwards. Tickets (\$12) available at the door.

Time to Pack the Place for Peacebuilding! Wed. Apr. 26 at 6:30 p.m. MNPeacebuilding is hosting LUNAFEST: Minneapolis, an evening of 9 internationally curated short films by, for, and about women at the Riverview Theater. See details and purchase \$25 & \$45 tickets at www.lunafest.org/minneapolis0426.

Today immediately following worship,

we would like to fill the front steps outside the church with people and **take a photo for the cover of our new church photo directory**. Join the crowd and then come back inside for fellowship! Photographer Dan Leisen will appreciate your prompt collaboration!

From Glenn Geissinger: I've been singing with **Singers in Accord** for 3 years and would like to share our spring concert with friends from Faith. Want to experience the energy and passion of baroque (Handel) and jazz (Gershwin) music together? With marvelous melodies built around texts from sacred and secular literature, guest director **Larry Bach** (North Central University) and **Singers in Accord** will take you on a choral journey to feel the groove. Delight in the harmonic, rhythmic, and improvisational drive shared by these two musical genres that originated more than 200 years apart. Please talk to me soon if you are interested in tickets; groups of 8+ receive discount tickets @ \$15 ea. and students are free. Concerts are in Edina on **Saturday, May 6, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 7, 4 p.m.**

Former FMC member **Sanna Yoder**, from La Crosse, WI is **looking for short-term housing from Jan. through Mar. 2018 for herself and her teenage son**, while her son participates on a freeski team in the Twin Cities. Find more details in the Midweek Email Update.

Hermann Weinlick and Jim Kuebelbeck are going to Shalom Church in Eau Claire on Sunday, Apr. 30. We will leave at 8 a.m. and return around 4 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Hermann.