

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

February 26, 2017

\***Gathering Songs:** “O Thou, in whose presence” #559 HWB  
“We walk by faith” #570 HWB

\***Welcome and Call to Worship** based on Psalm 36

Leader: Your love, O God, reaches to heaven;  
your faithfulness to the skies.

**People: Your justice is like a mountain—  
your judgments like the deep.**

*All: To all creation you give protection.*

Your people find refuge in the shelter of your wings.

**We feast on the riches of your house;  
we drink from the stream of your delight.**

*You are the source of life, and in your light we see light.*

\***Hymn:** “Come, thou fount” #521 HWB

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

**Children’s Time:** ~ Middle School Class

**Song:** “Lord, listen to your children” #353 HWB

**Scripture reading:** Luke 9:28-45

**Sermon:** “Transfiguration: Fake news or confirmation?”

**Hymn:** “Lift every voice and sing” #579 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**

\***Sung Benediction:** “Thuma mina” #434 HWB

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

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*HWB: Hymnal Worship Book*

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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*STJ: Sing the Journey*

Community Time

**10:40** Fellowship

**11:00** Christian Education Classes for all Ages. Two adult book study classes welcome guests: *Written That You May Believe: Encountering Jesus in the Fourth Gospel*, by Sandra Schneiders (Fellowship Hall), and *Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*, by Drew Hart (Sanctuary).

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**TODAY:** Transfiguration

**Worship leader:** Tyler Zabriskie

**Song leader:** Karen Wiebe

**Ushers:** Dan Gerber, Thaine Dirks

**Nursery:** Melissa Hochstetler, volunteer needed

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Fellowship:** Geissinger, Hoskins

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**NEXT SUNDAY:** First Sunday of Lent (Luke 10:25-42) / Communion

**Worship leader:**

**Song leader:** Miriam Augsburg

**Nursery:** S. Hendricks, volunteer needed

**Ushers:** Minke Sundseth, Travis Lusk

**Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Fellowship:** Potluck Meal

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**Feb 19:**

**Attendance:** 100

**Offering:** \$2,830

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**Thanksgivings:**

**Concerns:**

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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.*

**Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow**  
**Deacons: Dan Leisen, Heather Wengerd,**  
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***FMC office hours: February 27 – March 3***

**Ry: Tues, Thurs 9-4 Joetta out of town**

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

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

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**Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** Pray for the outreach ministries of our conference congregations as they seek to offer grace, joy and peace to their neighbors.

**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.

Since our Annual Congregational Meeting in January, the **FMC Sanctuary Church Coalition** has met several times. We are currently gathering resources and information, working closely with the local immigrant-led organizing group, Asamblea de Derechos Civiles. We will keep the congregation updated as we move forward in discerning the best and most faithful ways our congregation can respond to the recent executive orders and actions and the recent surge in raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) across the country and in Twin Cities. If you would like to join our coalition, please send Ry Siggelkow an email ([ry.siggelkow@faithmennonite.org](mailto:ry.siggelkow@faithmennonite.org)) and he will keep you "in the loop" on any upcoming meetings and gatherings.

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

**Feb 28** – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

**Mar 1** – Taizé Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

**Mar 3-5** – FMC Men’s Retreat, Ely, MN

**Mar 8** – Deacon Commission, 7 p.m., Kristin Green’s home

**Mar 11** – Council & Commissions Retreat, 9-noon, chapel

**Mar 11** – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30-11:30, library

**Mar 18** – Eco-justice Committee, 10 a.m., Seward Co-op Café

**Mar 22** – Bethel College Choir Concert, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

## Luke 9:28-45

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

<sup>43</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, <sup>44</sup>“Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.” <sup>45</sup>But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

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

**Next Sunday, Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have a potluck lunch at noon.** If you'd like to contribute, feel free to bring whatever you desire. Thank You!

**SAVE the DATE:** All Church Council and Commission Members are invited to the **Annual Council & Commission retreat, Saturday, Mar. 11, 9 – noon.**

**Congratulations to Elena and Dylan Vidas on the birth of Anja Luz!** A “Meal Train” has been created to help out during this busy time.

We will hold our usual **Taizé Service in observance of Ash Wednesday on Mar. 1, 7 p.m., in the FMC Sanctuary.** This will be a contemplative service of song, scripture, silence and ashes. All are welcome.

**Faith Mennonite Church will host a concert by the Bethel (KS) 50-voice choir on Wednesday, Mar. 22.** The concert will be a benefit for Mennonite Central Committee. **We need the help of many** to assist with **providing a meal** for the choir (at 5 p.m.) and **overnight hosting.** We will also need volunteers to help with meal set-up/serving (3:30 p.m.) and clean-up/sack lunch preparation (5:45); a sign-up sheet will be in the fellowship area beginning this Sunday.

**Families with children:** This Wednesday is the first day of Lent, and the beginning of “Restore Us, O God,” a free, downloadable guide for family worship from Mar. 1 through Apr. 16, Easter Sunday. Pick and choose the activities that work best for your family. Find it at [www.anabaptistfaithformation.org](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org).

**Youth and families of youth: Explore what God is doing around the world through Youth Venture,** a short-term service and learning program of Mennonite Mission Network. Teams of youth and adult leaders will join local ministries in Belfast, Benin, Detroit, and Perú for 2-3 three weeks this summer. These formational experiences are geared for ages 14 – 22. They are often the stepping stones to a lifetime of service and church leadership. Space is filling up fast so apply today! For more information visit [www.mennonitemission.net/YouthVenture](http://www.mennonitemission.net/YouthVenture).