

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
June 25, 2017 ~ The Seat of Privilege

**\*Gathering Song:** “You’ve got a place” #4 STJ  
**Musical Interlude**

**\*Welcome and Call to Worship:** #664 HWB

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

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: The prophets remind us to listen to God’s people crying out.

**People: Lord, teach us to hear our neighbors’ stories even when we find it hard to listen.**

L: Remind us that while our ancestors may have lived on the margins, many of us now enjoy untold privilege.

**P: Break open our hearts, Lord, that we may recognize our place of privilege.**

L: Remind us that the God who has invited us to the welcome table also troubles the waters until there is room for all.

*All: Lord, listen to your children praying. Lead us to be listeners too.*

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

**Children’s Time:** “Recognizing privilege” ~ Meg Troyer

**Song:** “Let us break bread together” #453 HWB

**Scripture reading:** Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Sermon:** “Look, a white Mennonite!: moving beyond inclusion-talk”

**Hymn:** “I bind my heart this tide” #411 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*

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

**Offering and Offertory**  
**Announcements**

**\*Sung benediction:** “There is more love somewhere” #109 STJ

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

Community Time

**10:40** Service Work & Conversations with MCUSA Assembly Delegates

**11:40** Fellowship – Refreshments on the lawn!

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**TODAY:** The Seat of Privilege

**Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Karen Wiebe

**Ushers:** Dan Gerber, Travis Lusk

**Fellowship:** Kathleen Harder, Minke Sundseth

**Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Piano:** David Mayou

**Nursery:** A. Wright, R. Martin

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Bind Us Together: Original Sins / Communion (Hebrews 13)

**Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Miriam Augsburg

**Ushers:** Dan Gerber, Thaine Dirks

**Fellowship:** Joan Kreider, Rhonda Martin

**Sermon:** Dennis Edwards

**Piano:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Nursery:** Dan Leisen

*Next Sunday we will welcome Pastor Dennis Edwards from Sanctuary Covenant Church in North Minneapolis to preach. Pastor Dennis was the founder/pastor of Peace Mennonite Church in Washington, DC, before coming to serve the Sanctuary congregation.*

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| <b>June 18:</b> | <b>Attendance: 71</b> | <b>Offering (Local Budget): \$2,536</b> |
| <b>June 11:</b> |                       | <b>\$4,790</b>                          |

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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: Kristin Green, Glenn Geissinger**  
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***FMC office hours: June 26 - 30***

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

**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 Mennonite Mission Network:** *Eid al Fitr* begins at sundown today. This Muslim holiday marks the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, which emphasizes empathy for the poor and focuses on the spiritual life. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for workers who are building bridges between Christians and Muslims in many countries.

**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](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

**June 27** – NO Sunday Text Discussion

**June 27** – July newsletter items due to church office by noon

**June 27** – MN Peacebuilding Film, 7 p.m., Chapel

**June 29** – Men’s Breakfast, 7 a.m., Curran’s Restaurant, S. Mpls.

**June 29** – Discovery: A Comic Lament, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church

**July 4-8** – MCUSA National Assembly, Orlando, FL

**July 26** – Deacon Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green home

# Bind Us Together

***Faith Mennonite Church***

***Summer 2017***



## Luke 14:1, 7-14

14 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” <sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

**Service/Conversation/Fellowship Time today.** We will have an extended fellowship time this morning, with intergenerational options for involvement. These will include:

- Discussion of the Israel/Palestine resolution with MCUSA Assembly delegates Ry Siggelkow and Leslie Minkler (fellowship hall)
- Out-door walk to pick up trash
- Cleaning/polishing church pews
- Taping hymnal bindings that are coming apart - narthex
- Cleaning/organizing Sunday School rooms, nursery, education wing kitchenette, and library
- Washing screens and windows in the chapel

Delightful refreshments will be served on the lawn at the close of the hour!  
Sign up for your desired participation!

*(Announcements continued on back)*

## Announcements (cont.)

**Invitation to fast on Tuesdays in June:** For the past year, the Friends of Pastor Max, have invited people in our conference to fast on the first Tuesday of the month as a remembrance of Max’s deportation and a reminder to pray for him and his family. During the month of June, when our Muslim neighbors are fasting during Ramadan, I intend to fast from the noon meal each Tuesday. On Tuesday evenings, I welcome any others who would like to take part in a fast (of any kind) that day, to join at my home for a time of prayer and then a simple meal to break our fast. 6 p.m. Please note your interest on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. – *Joetta Schlabach*

Join us for the next **MN Peace Building Film - Tuesday, June 27th, 7 p.m., Faith Mennonite Church Chapel. EQUAL MEANS EQUAL** offers an unflinching look at how women are treated in the United States today. Examining both real-life stories and precedent-setting legal cases, director Kamala Lopez uncovers how outdated and discriminatory attitudes inform and influence seemingly disparate issues, from workplace harassment to domestic violence, rape and sexual assault to the foster care system, and the healthcare conglomerate to the judicial system. For ticket info, visit this web site: <http://www.mnpeace.org/events.html>

**Discovery: A Comic Lament**, a brand-new play by Ted & Company TheaterWorks will take place on **Thursday, June 29th, 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 2608 Blaisdell Ave. in Mpls.** (NOT 2800 Blaisdell, which was originally published). This play explores the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous peoples. The play uses humor and professional storytelling to talk about issues of justice, land use and Indigenous experience. A show about love and loss of land. Tickets (\$5 - \$20 pay what you can) and more information are at [www.tedandcompany.com](http://www.tedandcompany.com). *Because FMC is a financial supporter of this production, we have four complimentary tickets. If you would like to claim one, please contact the church office:* [faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

**Elizabeth Witmer wants to meet you! We only have one week available** for you **to invite summer intern Elizabeth, for a meal** as a way to get to know her and for her to become better acquainted with people in our church. Use the sign-up sheet in the narthex or use the online sign-up link found in the Midweek Update email.

**From Rachel Hoskins:** Please join us for a **Garden Party Birthday Celebration for Arlene Geissinger**, who is turning 70! July 23rd, 2 - 5 p.m. at the Geissingers home. No gifts please. No RSVP needed.