

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

June 5, 2016

## Prelude

**\*Gathering Songs:** "Peace, Peace" p. 10, Hesla  
"Gracious Spirit, dwell with me" #507 HWB

**\*Welcome and Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 30)

Leader: Sing praise to God, you faithful people!

Remember what God has done and give thanks!

**People: There may be tears during the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.**

L: You are good to me, God; you have kept me safe.

**P: You have changed my sadness into a joyful dance; you have  
taken off my clothes of mourning and given me garments of joy.**

*All: We will not be silent; we will sing praise to you. You are our God;  
we will give thanks to you forever.*

**\*Hymn:** "O Holy Spirit, by whose breath" #291 HWB

**Gospel reading:** John 14:5-19; 25-27

**Children's Gathering Song:** "Come and see" #20 HWB

**Children's Time:** The prophet Elijah and a widow in Zarephath  
~ The Skogerboe family

**Hymn:** "Loving Spirit" #34 STJ

**Epistle reading:** Philippians 4:4-9

**Sermon:** "Paul and Inner Peace"

**Hymn:** "When peace, like a river" #336 HWB

**Communion** *All who have made a commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ's body are invited to the table. We will gather in circles at the front and back tables, as the ushers direct. Please hold the elements until all are served. The bread is gluten free; the cup is grape juice. Children/youth may come to receive a grape and blessing. Please return to your seats by the side aisles.*

## Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

### 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. (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 / Introduction of Guests

**\*Sending hymn:** "God of grace and God of glory" #366 HWB

**\*Benediction**

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

### Community Time

**10:40** Fellowship time; please keep all food and beverages in the narthex.

**TODAY:** (Philippians 4:4-9, John 14:5-19; 25-27)

**Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Sermon:** Greg Renstrom

**Song leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Ushers:** Cori Skogerboe, Travis Lusk

**Fellowship:** Cuffey, Mack

**Nursery:** Thaine Dirks, Mark Kaufman (Danika is away)

*We welcome Greg Renstrom to preach this morning. Greg is a retired United Methodist minister and Seward neighbor who worships with us when he is not filling the pulpit elsewhere.*

### NEXT SUNDAY

**Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Song leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Rhonda Martin, Stew Thornley

**Fellowship:** Hendricks

**Nursery:** Andi Kuenning, Cori Skogerboe

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**May 29:**

**Attendance: 48**

**Offering: \$905**

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**HWB: Hymnal Worship Book   Hesla: River of Gladness   STJ: Sing the Journey**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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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**  
**Katie Cuffey, Hermann Weinlick, Heather Wengerd**

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***FMC office hours: June 6-10***

**Ry:** Tues, Thurs 9-4 **Joetta:** Tues, Wed 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 World Conference:** Pray for regions of Southern Africa affected by severe El Niño weather patterns. Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Malawi and Mozambique have declared national drought disasters and called for international assistance, and Ethiopia has also been affected. Crop failure food shortages result in hunger and sanitation failure and can have long-term effects on food security and children's education and nutrition. Praise God for agencies who are responding with aid. Pray for areas in the region who experience El Niño's effects in excessive rainfall and resulting catastrophic floods.

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

**June 8** – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

**June 9** – Ramadan picnic and discussion, 6 p.m. Matthews Park

**June 13** – Racial Justice Group, 7 p.m. Andi Kuenning home

**June 15** – Dinner & Book Conversation, 6:30 p.m., Siggelkow home

**June 17-19** – Central Plains Menn. Conference Annual Mtg., Des Moines

**June 25** – Birthday Brunch, 9:30 a.m., Schlabach home

**June 28** – Newsletter items to Gregg Richardson by noon

**June 29** – Christian Ed. Commission, 6:30 p.m., Andi Kuenning home

**June 30** – Deacon Commission, 9:30 a.m., Kristin Green home

## John 14:5-19; 25-27

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."  
<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."  
<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. <sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

## Philippians 4:4-9

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be 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

A **card from former FMCer Aryn Baxter**, with some personal updates, is on the foyer bulletin board.

Thank you to those who took a **tablecloth home to wash** following fellowship time. Now **we need them back! Please return** at your earliest convenience.

Our Muslim neighbors begin the holy month of Ramadan this week. The June edition of *Faith Connection* is in your mailboxes today. It contains a number of suggestions for deepening our understanding of Islam during this month. Here is a brief summary:

- 1) **Weekly Thursday night potluck picnics** in Matthews Park and a discussion of a study guide, *My Neighbor is Muslim*. Picnic at 6; discussion at 6:45 p.m. June 9, 16, 23, 30.
- 2) **The MN Council of Churches and area mosques** sponsor a program called **Taking Heart**, which includes an experience of prayer, a discussion of Ramadan, and a traditional Iftar meal as Muslim's break their daily fast. Joetta has registered to attend the **June 11** meal at **Masjid Al-Iman in NE Minneapolis**. If you'd like to go along, speak with Joetta for details.
- 3) The **Blessed Ramadan** lawn signs are **ready for pick up today**. There is a basket for cash contributions (\$7/sign and \$1/stand) or you can write a check to FMC with memo "Blessed Ramadan sign" and place in the offering.

**Please join Andi Kuenning in a celebration of her retirement** from teaching, **Sunday, June 12**. There will be an open house ice cream social from **2 to 5 p.m. at her home**.

A "**Remembrance of Brian Coyle's Life and Legacy**" will be held on **Tuesday, August 23, 7:30 p.m. at Wesley Church**, 101 East Grant Street, Minneapolis. This marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of his death in 1991. Brian Coyle was one of the greatest servants Minneapolis produced. When elected to the City Council, he became one of the first openly gay elected officials in the nation. State Representative Karen Clark and State Senator Scott Dibble will speak on his life and legacy. All are encouraged to attend and remember Brian Coyle. -*Greg Renstrom*