

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
“Growing together as children of God”
March 4, 2018

***Gathering Song:** “Hosanna, loud hosanna” #238 HWB

Musical Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship** (Psalm 17:1-7)

Leader: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;

People: give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

L: From you let my vindication come;

P: let your eyes see the right.

L: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me,

P: you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

L: I have avoided the ways of the violent.

P: My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

L: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

P: incline your ear to me, hear my words.

All: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

***Hymn:** “Oyenos, mi Dios” #358 HWB

Prayer of Confession: #699 HWB

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

Children’s Time ~ Barbara Beers and Hermann Weinlick

Hymn: “I’m pressing on the upward way” #96 STJ

Scripture reading: John 18:12-27

Sermon: “The Redemptive Love of the Cross”

Hymn: “Before the cock crew twice” #243 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/unbaptized youth may come to receive a grape and blessing. Please return to your seats by the side aisles.*

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.

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

**Please stand if you are able*

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:** “The Lord is my light” #97 STJ

Postlude

Community Time

10:40: Fellowship Time-Basement Fellowship Hall

11:00: Christian Education for all ages. There are two adult education options today. See announcements for description and location.

TODAY: Lent 3: Peter’s Denial / Communion

Worship leader: Orv Gingerich

Sermon: Ry Siggelkow

Song leader: Adam Nafziger

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: Travis Lusk, Minke Sundseth **Fellowship:** Dick & Sandra Westby

Nursery: Mark Kaufman, Volunteers Needed

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 4: Jesus and Pilate (John 18:28-40)

Worship leader: Linda Benton **Song leader & Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Adam Nafziger

Piano: Sandra Westby

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Thaine Dirks

Fellowship: Martin-Miller

Nursery: Hermann Weinlick, Candace Lutt

Feb 25: Attendance: 77 Offering – Local Budget: \$3,707

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: Mar 5-9

Ry: Tues, Thurs 10-3 **Joetta:** Tues, Wed 10-2 On Tuesday, Joetta and Ry will meet with the cluster group of local Mennonite pastors.

Office Staff: Aimee Weigle: M-Th 9:30-12:30, Friday afternoon

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

Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Pray for the Mennonite churches in Venezuela. Give thanks for the many fruitful ministries they are doing to share the Good News with their communities, and pray that God will continue to provide for their material needs in an increasingly desperate economic crisis.

Would you like someone to pray with you or discuss a matter of concern? Look for persons with the purple “deacon” ribbon or the green “prayer” ribbon on their name tag. They are glad to meet with you.

Nursery Updates: We have assigned volunteers for the nursery through March 25. SignUpGenius will send you a confirmation email. We have needed to **re-open our search** for a Sunday morning **Nursery Staff Person**. If you have ideas of someone who would be suited for this position, please encourage them to apply. Copies of the posting are on the foyer bulletin board. Please pray that we will find someone soon. **Until the position is filled, we will need three volunteers each Sunday.**

*Thank you to **Barbara Beers**, who has coordinated the plans for our worship services during Lent, and to **Cleta Roth Gingerich and Karla Hovde** who designed the visual elements.*

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

Mar 6 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Mar 9 – Ecumenical Lent Taize Prayer, Fellowship Hall; 6 p.m. soup meal; 7 p.m. prayer

Mar 14 – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., FMC chapel

Mar 14 – Commission/Committee Annual Reports due to church office

Mar 29 – Maundy Thursday meal and service, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Apr 1 – Easter breakfast & worship (no Sunday School classes)

John 18:12-27

¹²So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. ¹⁵Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."¹⁸Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. ¹⁹Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." ²²When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

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

Adult Christian education options today:

- 1) Presentation by retired University of St. Thomas geography professor Bob Warner who has studied the migration of the Dakota 38 massacre descendants and now recruits volunteers for Habitat for Humanity projects on the Crow Creek Reservation, – Sanctuary.
- 2) Exploring Anabaptist Mennonite Faith & Practice – Fellowship hall. This is a six-week class, led by the pastors and deacons.

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Announcements (cont.)

Are you curious about War Tax Resistance? If you are uncomfortable with the percentage of income taxes that pays for war and military, you can learn more on **Sunday, Mar. 4th, from 3 to 5 p.m.** in the Faith Mennonite Chapel. A group of Twin Cities War Tax Resisters, including Melissa Hochstetler, will meet to learn, support each other, and talk about next steps. Join us! You may speak with Melissa if you have questions.

If you missed the Ash Wednesday Taizé service and would like an opportunity for prayerful contemplation during Lent, you are invited to the **Ecumenical Lent Taizé Prayer on Friday, March 9 in the FMC Fellowship Hall.** Soup and bread at 6 p.m.; sung prayer with readings and silence at 7 p.m. If you can **volunteer to bring soup or bread**, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Meet & Greet with Asamblea De Derechos Civiles - Are you concerned about our immigrant neighbors and looking for ways to organize and build power within our community? Have you been interested in learning how to get involved in the work of Asamblea? Come and meet with local organizers of Asamblea, enjoy a meal together, and learn how you can join in the struggle for justice and emancipation. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall the evening of April 21. If you'd like to help organize the event, please connect with either Pastor Ry or Karen Wiebe.

MDS Service Opportunities - Right now, MDS is in need of volunteers to assist with hurricane relief through the end of April 2018. Glenn Geissinger has a complete list of locations and number of persons needed. A few lists can also be found in the narthex, above the mail folders. Please respond no later than March 9 and tell him specifically 1st choice (dates & # of vols) & 2nd choice (dates & # of vols); by email or text. If we can gather a group for a week or two, he'll pass along more specific information ASAP. Thanks for considering a service opportunity!

MCC Benefit Concert - The Concert Choir from Tabor College, a Mennonite Brethren college in Hillsboro, Kansas will perform "Adoration" in the Valley Community Presbyterian Church **at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 21.** Varied songs of faith were chosen to express the theme that "Praise can only be true if carried out in all circumstances." Valley Presbyterian invites guests to attend their 6:45-7:30 Lenten service before the concert if they so desire. Contributions made at the concert will support the Mennonite Central Committee's programs in Puerto Rico, some of which have been in place for years, but have intensified in the wake of Hurricane Maria's devastation.