

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

May 14, 2017

**\*Gathering Song:** “What is this place” #1 HWB

## Musical Interlude

**\*Welcome and Call to Worship** (based on 2 Cor 5:17-21)

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation;

**People: Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**

L: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

**P: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.**

*All: So we are ambassadors for Christ,  
since God is making his appeal through us;  
we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.  
For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

**\*Hymn:** “God who stretched” #414 HWB

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

**Children’s Time:** ~ Joan Kreider

**Song:** “Jesus calls us here to meet him” #3 STJ

**Scripture reading:** Acts 15:1-18

**Sermon:** “We were the Outsiders: Radical Hospitality in Acts 15”

**Hymn:** “Brothers and sisters of mine” #142 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:** “You shall go out with joy” #427 HWB

**\*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. *An adult education session with Andrew Wright, Director of Programs for MCC Central States, will be held in the sanctuary.*

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**TODAY:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Council at Jerusalem (*Acts 15:1-18*).

**Worship leader:** Ry Siggelkow

**Sermon:** Andrew Wright

**Song leader:** Wendy Brunner

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Shelly Hendricks, Stew Thornley

**Nursery:** Andy Martinson, Melissa Hochstetler

**Fellowship:** Kaufman/Wengerd, Brooks

### **NEXT SUNDAY:** Children’s Day

**Worship leader:** Christian Education Commission

**Song leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Ushers:** Travis Lusk, Minke Sundseth

**Nursery:** L. Kaufman, K. Wiebe

**Fellowship:** Children’s Day Potluck – *Hosting team is Glenn & Arlene Geissinger, Kristin Borntrager & David Ries, Rudy Okerlund, & Tonya Boschmann.*

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**May 7**

**Attendance: 73**

**Local Budget: \$1,393**

**MCC: \$2,000**

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### Thanksgivings:

### Concerns:

**Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow**  
**Deacons: Dan Leisen, Heather Wengerd,**  
**Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Katie Cuffey,**  
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*FMC office hours: May 15-19*

**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.

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**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:** On this Mother's Day, Mennonite Mission Network gives thanks for the women who have modeled God's love and helped to shape the church. Ask God to bless all the mothers in the world with food and homes for their children.

**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))

**May 16** – NO Sunday Text Discussion

**May 21** – Children's Day Worship & Potluck

**May 24** – Missions & Service Open Forum, 6 p.m., Chapel

**May 25** – FMC Men's Breakfast, 7 a.m., Curran's Restaurant, Mpls.

**May 25** – June newsletter items to church office by noon

**May 26** – Deacon hosted picnic, 6 p.m., Little Earth, Mpls.

**Jun 7** – Deacon Comm. Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green's home

## Acts 15:1-18

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”<sup>2</sup> And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders.<sup>3</sup> So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers.<sup>4</sup> When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.<sup>5</sup> But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.”

<sup>6</sup>The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter.<sup>7</sup> After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers.<sup>8</sup> And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; <sup>9</sup>and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us.<sup>10</sup> Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? <sup>11</sup>On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”<sup>12</sup> The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles.<sup>13</sup> After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers, listen to me.<sup>14</sup> Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name.<sup>15</sup> This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written,<sup>16</sup> ‘After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up,<sup>17</sup> so that all other peoples may seek the Lord— even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things <sup>18</sup>known from long ago.’

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

**Another Mennonite College Choir Tour!** If you missed the Bethel College Choir in March or just can't get enough of choral music, mark your calendar for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Bel Canto Singers of Hesston (KS) College will present a diverse repertoire of choral music at St. Mary's Chapel, St Paul Seminary, 2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, at 7 p.m. The program entitled *God is Near* is inspired by the call to seek out faith in our lives. The concert features *a cappella* works, selections with organ or piano, and special music by soloists and small ensembles. The 22-member, mixed chamber choir is conducted by Dr. Russell Adrian, who received his PhD in Conducting at the University of Minnesota, and accompanied by Kenneth Rogers.

**Missions & Service Commission Open Forum:** The Missions and Service Commission would like to hear what service activities you are involved in or interested in starting, and how M&S can help you in your service to the community and the world. To that end, **the Commission invites anyone interested to an open forum on May 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.**

**Attention, Seward and Longfellow Deacon Groups!** A few years ago, members of FMC gathered at about six o'clock on Friday evenings during the summertime for picnics, with anywhere from four to fifteen people, including children. Seward and Longfellow deacon groups plan to revive the picnics this summer, and we hope to meet some neighbors by gathering in Little Earth community at 24<sup>th</sup> and Cedar. Please plan to bring some extra food to share with children or adults we may meet. Our first gathering will be **Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**. More details will be coming, so put it on your calendar. - Hermann and Kristin

**From Kristin Green and John Ratigan:** Our two adult nieces are looking for a duplex or an apartment to rent. If you are aware of an available rental in south Minneapolis please let us know.

Once again, **Faith Mennonite Church will have a group outing at a St. Paul Saints game.** We have reserved 25 tickets for the game on Monday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, against the Wichita Wingnuts at 7:05 p.m. The tickets are \$14 ea. Anyone interested may speak with Richard Westby or Stew Thornley.