

## FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

May 8, 2016

**\*Gathering Songs:** “Rain down” #49 STJ  
“Santo (Holy)” #15 STJ

### Musical Interlude

#### **\*Welcome and Call to Worship (based on Psalm 97):**

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;

**People: Let the many coastlands be glad!**

L: Clouds and thick darkness are all around the Lord;

**P: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

L: Fire goes before the Lord, and consumes his adversaries on every side.

**P: His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

L: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord

**P: The heavens proclaim the Lord’s righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.**

L: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**All: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

**\*Hymn:** “Come, thou Almighty King” #41 HWB

**Scripture reading:** Acts 16:16-34

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

**Children’s Time:** ~ Matthew Hendricks

**Hymn:** “When the storms of life are raging” #558 HWB, vv 1, 3, 4

**Scripture reading:** John 17:20-26

**Sermon:** “Earthquakes and other ‘acts of God’”

**Hymn:** “I’ll praise my Maker” #166 HWB

### 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.

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*

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*STJ: Sing the Journey*

## Offering and Offertory

### Announcements / Introduction of Guests

**\*Sung benediction:** “The peace of the earth be with you” #77 STJ

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

### Community Time

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

**11:00** Education classes for all ages. The Rewilding the Way book discussion class has ended, but the Surprised by Hope class has two more sessions. All are invited to attend, even if you haven’t participated in previous sessions.

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**TODAY:** 7th Sunday of Easter

**Worship leader:** Thaine Dirks

**Song leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Reader:** Oliver Sundseth

**Nursery:** K. Cuffey, A. Nafziger

**Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** R. Martin, D. Martin

**Fellowship:** Geissinger, Hoskins

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Pentecost (Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21)

**Worship leader:** Joan Kreider

**Song leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

**Reader:** Sophia Harder Kouay

**Nursery:** A. Martinson, P. Eliason

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Ushers:** C. Skogerboe, T. Lusk

**Fellowship:** Adam Nafziger

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**May 1:**

**Attendance: 93**

**Local Budget: \$1,203**

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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: May 9-13***

**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 Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** Michael Swartzendruber will be installed and licensed toward ordination today at Wayland (IA) Mennonite Church. Pray for Michael, co-pastor Kelly Slagel, and the congregation as they begin a new journey of ministry together.

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

**May 10** – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

**May 12** – Missions & Service, 6 p.m., FMC chapel

**May 14** – Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., FMC library

**May 14** – Eco-justice group work day at Gale Woods Farm, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**May 19** – Exploring Church Membership, 7 p.m. Siggelkow home

**May 21** – STAR-Lite Training, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**May 22** – Children’s Day & Potluck meal

**May 24** – June Newsletter items to Gregg Richardson by noon

**May 29** – Service Sunday

## Acts 16:16-34

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.”

<sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” <sup>31</sup>They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

## John 17:20-26

<sup>20</sup>“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

<sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. (cont.)

<sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

On Friday, **May 13**, Faith will host the **final Ecumenical Taize Prayer service of this year**. The service of sung prayer and quiet contemplation will be at **7 p.m. in the sanctuary**. This is a collaboration of FMC, Cabrini Catholic Church, Prospect Park United Methodist Church, Dignity Twin Cities, Compassion of Christ Catholic Community, and Gichitwaa Kateri Catholic Church. All are welcome.

Celebrate spring in the garden! **Next Saturday, May 14, we will head west to Gale Woods Farm for some service and recreation**. We’ll gather at the farm at **10 a.m.** to work in the gardens—transplanting, weeding, and mulching. Bring a picnic lunch, and then we can either hike the farm trail looking for birds, bike on the paved trail, or relax and talk to the animals. We plan to leave the farm around 2:00. Those in Minneapolis are encouraged to carpool from the church. **There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you can RSVP to Melissa Hochstetler or Dick Westby, if you plan to participate.**

**Saturday, May 14, 9:30-11:30** is also the next day the **FMC sewing group** will meet. We will be knotting a comforter and beginning another. Come to knot, cut or sew, or just enjoy the fellowship!

*From Glenn Geissinger* – “**Singers in Accord**,” the community chorale in which I sing is presenting our spring concert **Saturday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon, May 22 at 4 p.m.**, at the **Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, 5730 Grove St., Edina**. The program celebrates the rich body of choral literature by black composers that goes well beyond the popular spiritual and gospel genres. I’d like to invite everyone who is interested to see me after church today or next Sunday to purchase group tickets at \$15 each for either concert.

**Teachers of FMC children!:** the Education Commission wants your feedback and input about Sunday School curriculum. Please plan to join us for conversation during our church potluck on **Sunday, May 22**.