

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 9, 2016

***Gathering Songs:** “The God of Abraham praise” #162 HWB
“I will sing the Lord’s high triumph” #261 HWB

***Welcome and Call to Worship:** #126 STJ

***Hymn:** “You are all we have” #29 STJ

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

Children’s Time ~

Song: “Listen, God is calling” #42 STJ

Scripture reading: Exodus 32:1-14

Sermon: “When Image Dominates the Word”

Hymn: “O God, who gives us life” #483 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

Offering and Offertory

Announcements

***Sung benediction:** “Come, walk with us” #2 STJ

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time

11:00 Christian Education classes for all ages. Two adult classes began meeting last Sunday and welcome additional participants:

- *Set Free: A Journey Toward Solidarity Against Racism* - Book Study led by Andrew Wright and Tyler Zabriskie- *fellowship hall*

- *From Violence to Wholeness*, Interactive class led by Kristin Green and Candace Lauth – *front of sanctuary*

HWB: *Hymnal Worship Book*

**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: *Sing the Journey*

TODAY: Golden Calf

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Ted Lewis

Song leader/accompanist: Miriam Augsburg

Ushers: Darrell Martin, Glenn Geissinger

Fellowship: Westbys

Nursery: Wendy Brunner, Pat Eliason

We welcome FMC member Ted Lewis to preach today. Ted is a restorative justice trainer, mediator, and consultant who lives in Duluth. He is beginning a new ministry partnership with Central Plains Mennonite Conference

NEXT SUNDAY: God answers Hannah (1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10)

Worship leader: TBA

Sermon: Ry Siggelkow

Song leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Stew Thornley, Travis Lusk

Fellowship: S. Leckie Reed, L. Graber

Nursery: Andrew Wright, Noah Skogerboe

October 2:

Attendance: 94

Offering: not recorded

Amount needed each Sunday to meet annual budget: \$5,673

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
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FMC office hours: October 10-14

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

Office Staff: Aimee Weigle: Mon – Fri 9:30-12:30

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

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow is Indigenous Peoples Day. Pray for North American Mennonites of European descent to confess their complicity in the oppression of the original inhabitants of this continent. Pray also for Mennonite Mission Network personnel who support marginalized people groups to reclaim their land, their language, and their dignity.

We pray for safe travels for those from FMC who will travel to Kalona, IA, next weekend to attend the marriage celebration of Katie Hochstedler and Nicki Morgan, who were married last November. Katie was active in our congregation for a number of years before she and Nicki moved to MO to begin a Community Supported Agriculture business. Joetta will lead the ceremony.

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.

Our annual **Gifts Discernment process** is underway! This morning during Fellowship Time we will do a final drawing from the names of persons who have completed the on-line survey. If you prefer a paper option, copies are available in the narthex and must be turned in today. **Please participate!**

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

Oct 11 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Oct 12 – Church Council, 7 p.m., Chapel

Oct 15 – ASDIC, 9 a.m., FMC

Oct 18 – Ecumenical Taizé prayer, 7 p.m., Cabrini Catholic Church (optional meal at 6 p.m.)

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Today’s FMC Bike Ride is CANCELLED – Due to the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon, we think it is best to cancel the bike ride, as the marathon will take over the Mississippi River Parkways, and most other routes will be crowded as well.

Subscription time! FMC provides one subscription to **The Mennonite or Mennonite World Review** to households in the congregation who wish to receive one. If you would like to subscribe, please do so **no later than Oct. 17th**. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you are welcome to email Aimee at: faithmc@faithmennonite.org.

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee will hold its quarterly meeting today at 12:15 p.m. Please share any affirmations or concerns with committee members: Mike Okerstrom, Noah Skogerboe, Donna Stucky, or Hermann Weinlick.

Are you interested in **deepening your relationship with others and also finding support for your faith journey**? Consider joining with two other people in a triad for regular check-ins, faith sharing, and support. Information and sign-up is in the foyer, near the map.

Twin Cities MCC 2016 Benefit, Saturday, Oct. 22, 5:00-8:30 p.m., Valley Community Presbyterian Church, in Golden Valley. Join us for an evening of music and storytelling to benefit the Mennonite Central Committee’s work on behalf of relief, development, and peace, in the name of Christ. Storyteller Ken Sensenig and award-winning autoharp player Les Gustafson-Zook (SenseLes) will provide an entertaining and informative presentation. The evening includes a light buffet sit-down meal. No admission charge, but opportunities to donate generously in support of MCC. **Reservations are required as seating is limited.** Please RSVP ASAP to info@tcmccreliefsale.org or 763-427-4468. **Families with children** are invited to prepare for this event by collecting coins for My Coins Count (previously called Penny Power). Several banks are on the narthex table that can be taken home.

Directory Updates: Shawn and Casey Englund-Helmeke have moved! Hayley Brooks also has a new address.

Ry is **postponing the Dinner & Book Conversation to Nov. 8th**, due to much interest in, “Claudia Rankine & Marilynne Robinson: In Conversation”, on the UMN campus; Ted Mann Concert Hall on Oct. 19th, at 7:30. This event is free and open to the public.