

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 4, 2010

Easter Sunday ~ New heavens and a new earth

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship – Isaiah 65:17-25

Procession ~ Brass quartet

*Hymns: “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain” #265 HWB
“All hail the power of Jesus’ name” #285 HWB

New Testament reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Children’s gathering song: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s time

Song: “Over my head” #18 STJ

Offering & Choral Offertory: “Salvation is created” ~ Menno’Faith
Neil Okerlund, director

Service of Baptism and Membership

Sharing by new members/baptismal candidates: Bob Brown,
Eric Kasper, Adam Nafziger

Baptism

Congregational covenant: #777 HWB

Gospel reading: John 20:1-18a

Sermon: “Finding our voice in the resurrection”

Hymn: “Christ is our cornerstone” #43 HWB (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Prayers of the People

Our Father 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

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

*Sending hymn: “Lift your glad voices” #275 HWB

*Benediction

*Passing the Peace / Postlude

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*Please stand if you are able

Community Time

- **There are no education classes today.** Classes will resume next Sunday.

TODAY: Easter: A New Voice

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Organ: David Mayou

Brass Quartet: Matthew Kinney, Neil Okerlund, Gregg Richardson,
Matthew Thomas

Drum: Matthew Thomas

Readers: Candace Lutt & Phil Stoltzfus

Children’s time: Adam Nafziger

Nursery volunteers: Thaine Dirks & Rhonda Martin

This morning we welcome Bob Brown and Eric Kasper into church membership. Eric and Adam Nafziger will receive the rite of baptism. Adam had previously transferred his membership to Faith Mennonite Church but had not been baptized.

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter 2: New Authority (Acts 5:27-32; John 20:19-31)

Worship leader: Gregg Richardson

Sermon: Susan Kennel Harrison

Song leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

Organ: Melissa Falb

Nursery volunteers: Karen Wiebe & Mark Kaufman

Education hour: Jason Derrickson & one volunteer

Next Sunday Susan Kennel Harrison, a doctoral student in theology at Toronto School of Theology, will preach. Susan is spending this semester at the Colledgeville Institute at St. John’s Abbey. She has been active in inter-faith dialogue and has assisted MCC in their theological exchange visits with Iran. She will also meet with the Speaking of Faith adult ed. class.

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.

March 28: Attendance: 77

Offering: \$1,197

Thank you to **Lauren Brown** for creating the visual arrangements for the Lent and Easter seasons. Thank you to the hosting group for this morning’s breakfast: **Beth & Gregg Richardson, Barb Beers & Joan Wing, Hermann & Susan Weinlick, and Gerald Schlabach.** Thanks also to the hosting group for the Maundy Thursday meal: **Heather Wengerd & Mark Kaufman, Dick & Sandra Westby, Mike & Paula Okerstrom.**

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: April 5-9

Pastor: Mon 1-5; Wed & Thurs 9-4. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta will be in Nebraska Friday through Sunday for a meeting of the CPMC Congregational Ministries Committee and the annual Pastor/Spouse Retreat. Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m.

Ministry Staff Person: Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

Office Assistant: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

April Birthday Brunch – Saturday 17th If you or a family member has a birthday in April, Joetta invites you for brunch on Saturday, April 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Families & significant others invited. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area or email:

jschlabach@faithmennonite.org

Plans are underway for a one-week Vacation Bible School for children age 4 through grade 4, June 14-18, 9-11:30 a.m. Please mark your calendar and contact Shelly Hendricks if you would like to get involved: we'll need teachers, helpers, snack providers, etc. Help one morning or all five!

Parents: watch for registration forms in your mailboxes this Sunday!

Church Meetings and Events

April 7 – Retreat Committee, Schlabach's, 5:30 p.m.

April 9 – Scrabble Night, Joan Kreider's, 7 p.m.

April 14 – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., chapel

April 17 – Birthday Brunch, Schlabach's, 9:30 a.m.

April 20 – Missions & Service Commission, 6:30 p.m., Chapel

April 21 – Deacon's Commission, Richardson's, 9:30 a.m.

April 27 – Canadian Mennonite University Choir, 7 p.m.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

John 20:1-18a

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

L: 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

Welcome home MDS New Orleans team: Joan Kreider and Noah Kreider-Carlson, Arlene Geissinger, Katie Hochstedler, Melissa Hochstetler and Leslie Minkler.

Thank you! – From Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership We are so grateful for the support and encouragement of your congregation. The concert was a great success – neighbors loved coming together for terrific music and we raised over \$2,700 for SLRJP. Michelle Brayley, on behalf of everyone at SLRJP.

House to share – Rebecca Johnson is looking for two people to share a house with her in Southeast Minneapolis – two singles or one couple is fine. Anyone interested can her at 612-267-5306 for further information. The house comes with washer and dryer, use of freezer space, etc.

Tom Johnson says hello from Albuquerque — He also says "Tell Chris I put a Whistle-Pigs bumper sticker on my vehicle and listen to his CD's on my computer. I miss everyone at FMC. I really miss the kids. **Tom's address is 3434 Crest Avenue SE, Apt #2, Albuquerque, NM 87106.** You can still reach as a local call by calling his cell phone at 612-655-1444.

America A Cappella — Sat., April 10, 7:30 p.m. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 8600 Fremont Ave. South, Bloomington MN. **Chorus Polaris** www.choruspolaris.org \$15/under 21 free. Jerry Janzen sings in this chorus.

A Common Word: Love in Christianity and Islam Thursday, April 15, 7:30pm to 9pm, John Roach Center Auditorium, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Campus A Common Word is a Muslim declaration, signed by hundreds of Muslim scholars, clerics, and intellectuals worldwide, which emphasizes the commonality of love in Islam and Christianity. A panel featuring Dr. Jamal Badawi, Zafar Siddiqui, Dr. Terence Nichols, and Minnesota Council of Churches' Gail Anderson will discuss this declaration's implication for Muslim Christian relations.

Free crib available – Crib has two drawers and a mattress. Very nice crib. Please talk to Kristin Green 612-721-8786 if you would like the crib.

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