

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

August 8, 2010

Stories of God's People

## Prelude

## Welcome

**\*Call to Worship** –based on Psalm 27: 1, 4, 14

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**P: We come here to receive Christ's assurance and the support of our brothers and sisters.**

L: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.

**P: We come for renewed strength to stand firm in our convictions.**

*All: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!*

**\*Hymns:** "The Lord is My Light" #97 STJ

"You But Trust in God" #576 I HWB (vv1, 2 & 4)

## Prayer

**Children's gathering song:** "Come and see" #20 HWB

**Children's time:** Daniel 3

**Hymn:** "O Young and Fearless Prophet" #374 HWB

## Sermon

### Story

**Hymn:** "O Day of God Draw Nigh" #370 HWB

## Congregational Sharing

### Congregational Prayer

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

## Offering and Offertory

**Announcements** (please give in writing to worship leader)

### Introduction of guests

### \*Sung Benediction:

"Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands" #87 STJ (vv 1 & 5)

### \**Passing the Peace / Postlude*

### Community Time

### Fellowship time – 10:45

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**TODAY:** Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego (Daniel 3)

**Worship Leader:** David & John Mayou      **Sermon:** Kathleen Remund

**Song Leader:** Gregg Richardson      **Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Ushers:** Barb Beers & Paula Okerstrom

**Nursery volunteers:** Jenny Wandersee & Rhonda Martin

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Daniel (Daniel 6)

**Worship Leader:** Beerswing family      **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Pierre Gingrech-Boberg      **Piano:** Adam Nafzinger

**Ushers:** Nikki Nafziger & *volunteer needed*

**Nursery volunteers:** Heather Wengerd & Gregg Richardson

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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.*

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**Aug 1:** Attendance: 76      Offering: \$2870

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## Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund

Deacons: Kami Blackwell Kinney, Greg Renstrom  
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### FMC OFFICE HOURS: Aug 9-13

**Pastor:** Wed 9-4; Thurs 10-4. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m.

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

**Office Assistant:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:**  
[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org). Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

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### Church Meetings and Events

August 10 – Lectionary Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotter’s Restaurant, Marshall & Cleveland, SP (Daniel 3)

August 10 – Bible Study, 7 p.m., FMC Chapel

August 11 – FMC Council, 7 p.m.

August 14 – August Birthday Brunch, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Schlabachs

August 15 – Fall Retreat Committee, 11:30 a.m., FMC

August 24 – Bible Study, 7 p.m., FMC Chapel

August 25 – Deacons Commission, 9:30 a.m., Richardsons

August 25 – Missions and Service, 7 p.m. Chapel

November 13 – Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale

### Bible Story: Daniel 3

King Nebuchadnezzar decided to build a gigantic golden statue for everyone in his kingdom to worship.

“As soon as you hear the music,” the king said, “you will kneel down and worship my statue. Anyone who does not kneel down will be thrown into a fiery furnace.”

The band started to play. Everyone fell to their knees and worshiped King Nebuchadnezzar’s golden statue.

A servant came to King Nebuchadnezzar and said, “Long live the king! You gave strict orders, O king, that when the music plays, everyone is to fall to their knees and worship your golden statue. Anyone who does not follow your orders is to be thrown into a furnace of fire.”

“You are right!” said King Nebuchadnezzar.

“Well, there are three young men here named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. You have placed them in high positions in your kingdom of Babylon. These men are ignoring you, O king. They do not worship the golden statue you set up.”

The king was furious. He ordered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be brought to him. “I will give you one last chance to worship my statue before I throw you into the blazing furnace. What god could save you then?”

The three men stood before King Nebuchadnezzar and said, “The God we serve can rescue us from your furnace, O king. But even if God doesn’t, we still will not bow down and worship your gods. We will stand firm in our faith in God.” Nebuchadnezzar became even angrier. “Fire up the furnace seven times hotter than usual,” he commanded. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were tied up and thrown into the furnace.

The king expected that the men would be burned up immediately, but this is not what he saw. “Look!” he exclaimed. “I see four men, not three. And they are not tied up; they are walking around in the fire, unharmed!” King Nebuchadnezzar went to the door of the roaring furnace and called in, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the High God, come out!”

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walked out of the fire, without even the smell of fire on them. The King Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! God sent an angel to rescue these men who trust in God! They were willing to risk their lives rather than worship any god but their own. No one in this kingdom shall speak against their God.”

(as adapted by Gather 'Round)

L: For the word of God is in the Scripture,  
For the word of God is within us,  
For the word of God among us,

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## Announcements

We are continuing to schedule daily visits to **Rebecca Johnson**, to assist with food preparation, laundry or dishes. **Please note the sign-up sheet for the coming week on the table in the fellowship area.** You can call Rebecca ahead of time and ask if she needs a meal or if there is food at home to prepare. Contact Erin Geiser if you have questions.

**August 10 Bible Study, led by Bob Brown**, 7-8 p.m., FMC chapel. We will discuss chapters 22-31 of the book of Job. Each participant is invited to write a summary of one of the chapters/dialogues. New participants are welcome.

**FMC South Minneapolis Potluck, Fridays, 6 p.m.**, SE corner of Powderhorn Park, corner of 15th Avenue and 35th Street. New participants welcome! Cancelled for rain.

**August Birthday Brunch, August 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m.** If you or a family member has a birthday in August, Pastor Joetta invites you to her home, 248 Aurora Avenue, St. Paul for brunch. This invitation is for whole families and significant others, not just the birthday person. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area or email Joetta.

**Both nursery volunteer and usher needed next Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.** Please call the church office if you can help.

**Families Moving Forward, Friday Sept. 10 and Saturday Sept. 11.** Please note signup sheets on the fellowship table and volunteer. Folks are much needed to help with dinner (preparers, servers, cleanup) and evening activities for the children. The event is at Union Congregational UCC, 3100 Alabama Ave., St. Louis Park. See the sign up for more information. Pat Eliason is the contact.

The **Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale** is scheduled now for **November 13<sup>th</sup>**. While it is a ways off, it is not too early to donate items for the sale. In particular the “Services and Gift Certificates” group would like to secure donations for the live or silent auction. The possibilities for this are nearly limitless. **Please contact Thaine Dirks before September 1<sup>st</sup> if you have services to donate.**