

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

“Growing together as children of God”

April 8, 2018

**\*Gathering Song:** “Jesus calls us here to meet him” #3 STJ, vv. 1-3  
**Musical Interlude**

**\*Welcome and Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 145)  
**Response: The words of God are faithful;  
the works of God are kind.**

*Final/All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
Let all flesh bless God’s holy name forever!*

**\*Hymn:** “Star of the morning” (insert)

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

**Children’s Time:** Gregg Richardson

**Hymn:** “We walk by faith” #570 HWB

**Scripture Reading:** John 20:19-31

**Sermon:** “Peace, resurrection wounds, and a call to forgiveness”

**Hymn:** “The risen Christ” (insert)

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns** (*It is a joy to welcome guests; this can  
be a time for guest introductions.*)

**Moment for Mission:** Church building dedication in Quito, Ecuador

**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**

**\*Sending hymn:** “The strife is o’er” #263 HWB

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Community Time

**10:40: Fellowship Time**, Basement Fellowship Hall

**11:00: Christian Education for all ages.** Two adult education choices:

~ Anabaptist-Mennonite Faith & Practice, Parent Resource Room

~ “When in Romans,” Front of Sanctuary

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**TODAY:** Easter 2: Jesus gives the Spirit, appears to Thomas

**Worship leader:** Joan Kreider

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Gregg Richardson

**Piano:** Miriam Augsburger

**Ushers:** Minke Sundseth, Thaine Dirks

**Nursery:** Elena Vidas, Volunteer Needed

**Fellowship:** Del Seitz & Mary Friesen Seitz

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Easter 3: Paul’s Conversion (Acts 9:1-19a)

**Worship Leader:** Matthew Hendricks

**Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Song leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Piano:** Karen Zeug

**Ushers:** Shelly Hendricks, Thaine Dirks

**Nursery:** Arlene Geissing, Alisa Bardo-Martinson

**Fellowship:** Jen Shirk, Linda & Rick Benton

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**Apr 1:**

**Attendance:** 89

**Offering – Local Budget:** \$1,942

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**Thanksgivings:**

**Concerns:**

We are grateful that **Andy Martinson** has agreed to serve as an **interim nursery coordinator** as we **continue our search for an ongoing Sunday morning Nursery Staff Person**. If you have ideas of someone who would be suited for this position, please encourage them to apply! Position is posted on FMC website.



**Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow**  
**Deacons: Dan Leisen, Heather Wengerd,**  
**Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Katie Cuffey,**  
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***FMC office hours: Apr 9-13***

**Ry:** Tues, Thurs 10-3 **Joetta:** Tues, 9:30-12:30; Tuesday afternoon/evening Joetta will participate in an event “Steps toward Healing with Minnesota’s Tribal Communities”; Wed-Sat she will be out of town.

**Office Staff: Aimee Weigle:** M-Th 9:30-12:30, Friday afternoon

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

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**Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** Today Amanda Bleichty, pastor at Washington Mennonite Church in Washington, Iowa, is being ordained. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry Amanda and Washington Mennonite share.

**Would you like someone to pray with you or discuss a matter of concern?** 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))

**Apr 10** – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

**Apr 11** – NO Church Council meeting this month

**Apr 14** – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., Library

**Apr 18** – Youth Faith Formation, 6 p.m., Ratigan Green home

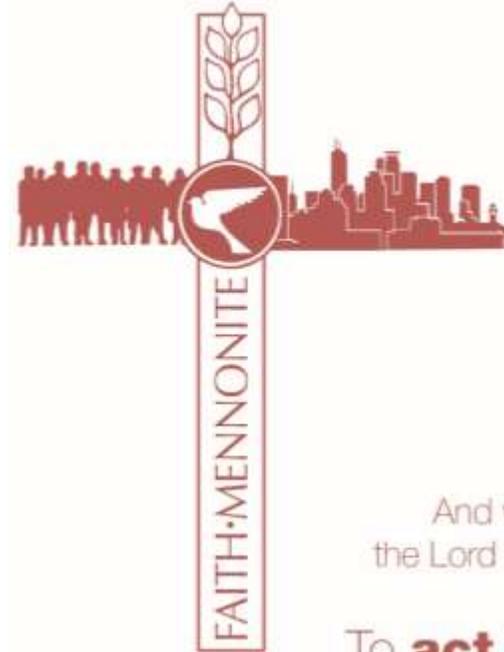
**Apr 21** – Asamblea Meet & Greet, 6 p.m. Fellowship Hall

**Apr 22** – Brunch & Annual Congregational Meeting (no Sunday school)

**Apr 28** – Eco-Justice Committee walk, 9 a.m., Woodlake Nature Center

**Save the date** – **Joetta’s farewell celebration** will be held **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 p.m.**, with a concert in the sanctuary followed by a party in the fellowship hall. Her final Sunday will be May 20.

**Join the choir and sing at Joetta’s Farewell Celebration on Saturday evening, May 19<sup>th</sup>!** We will rehearse on **Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**, during the adult education hour. I have arranged a special piece with Joetta in mind. – *Rudy Okerlund*



And what does  
the Lord require of you?

To **act justly** and  
to **love mercy**  
and to **walk humbly**  
with your God.

Micah 6:8

**Come,  
walk with us.**

## John 20: 19-31

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the [Jewish leaders], Jesus came and stood among them and said, **“Peace be with you.”** <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, **“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”** <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”**

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, **“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”**

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **“Peace be with you.”** <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, **“Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”** <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, **“Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”**

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**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

**If you would like to take one of the remaining Easter plants home,** please indicate which you would like on the sign-up sheet in the narthex and give your contribution through the offering (memo: worship flowers; suggested contribution: \$13). **Available plants:** one tulip, one hyacinth, three lilies.

*(Announcements continued on back)*

## Announcements (cont.)

**Cynthia Miller will leave for Haiti on Apr. 12th and the medical team she works with is once again requesting children's vitamins** to give away at the clinics. Receipts will be generated for cash or checks made out to Haiti Companions. **If you are interested in donating, please speak with Darrell today.**

**Faith Mennonite is sponsoring a spring anti-war march on Sunday, Apr. 15th at 1:30 p.m.** This march is to encourage funds for housing, education, and the environment, rather than continued military involvement in other countries. The march is initiated by Minnesota Peace Action Coalition. There is a flier posted in the narthex. Please see Melissa Hochstetler with questions or to attend as a group.

The **Gifts Discernment committee** invites **two** members of the congregation to **consider serving a two-year term as a youth sponsor!** We are blessed to have a growing group of thoughtful and engaged youth, ranging from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. As a youth sponsor at FMC you will have the opportunity to coordinate some fun activities in the neighborhood and/or to consider ways that would help connect our youth to the Mennonite church at-large. If you are interested in serving our congregation in this way or if you have further questions, please let us know! – *Gifts Discernment Committee* (Darrell Martin, Donna Minter, and Dan Leisen)

**Meet & Greet with Asamblea De Derechos Civiles** - Are you concerned about our immigrant neighbors and looking for ways to organize and build power within our community? Have you been interested in learning how to get involved in the work of Asamblea? Come and meet with local organizers of Asamblea, enjoy a meal together, and learn how you can join in the struggle for justice and emancipation. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall the evening of **April 21st**. If you'd like to help organize the event, please connect with either Pastor Ry or Karen Wiebe.

**Rudy Okerlund's Woodwind Quintet will perform a free concert** on Sunday, Apr. 22nd, at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. in St. Paul. Hope to see you there!

Plan to join the **FMC Eco-Justice committee for a spring migration birding trip** on Saturday, April 28th at 9 a.m. at the Woodlake Nature Center in Richfield. For more information, contact Leslie Minkler.