

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
“Growing together as children of God”  
March 11, 2018

**\*Gathering Song:** “Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life” #587 HWB

**Musical Interlude**

**\*Welcome and Call to Worship** based on Psalm 145

Leader: All your works give you thanks, O God,

**People: and your faithful ones bless you.**

L: May humankind learn of your power,

**P: and the glorious splendor of your reign.**

L: God, you are faithful in all your words

**P: and holy in all your works.**

*All: Your dominion endures for all generations.*

**\*Hymn:** “Lord of light, your name outshining” #410 HWB

**Prayer of Confession:**

O God, before whose face we are not made righteous even by being right:  
free us from the need to justify ourselves by our own anxious striving,  
that we may be abandoned to faith in you alone, through Jesus Christ.  
Amen. *-Sing the Journey, #129*

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

**Children’s Time**

**Hymn:** “Ubi caritas et amor” #452 HWB

**Scripture reading:** John 18:28-40

**Sermon:** “Whose kingdom and whose truth?”

**Hymn:** “When from the darkness” #102 STJ

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

**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 STJ: Sing the Journey Hesla: River of Gladness*  
*\*Please stand if you are able*

**Offering and Offertory**

**Announcements**

**\*Sung Benediction:** “Go, my friends, in grace” (insert)

**Postlude**

Community Time

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

**11:00: Christian Education for all ages.** There are two adult education options today: a) The final session of the worship series will be a discussion, led by Dick Westby and Kristi Zabriskie, about Body Movement in Worship. Sanctuary.

b) Exploring Anabaptist Mennonite Faith & Practice, led by pastors and deacons. Fellowship Hall

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**TODAY:** Lent 4: Jesus and Pilate

**Worship leader:** Linda Benton **Song leader & Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Reader:** Richard Benton, Jr.

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Ushers:** Dan Gerber, Thaine Dirks

**Fellowship:** Martin-Miller

**Nursery:** Hermann Weinlick, Candace Lauth

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Lent 5: Jesus condemned (John 19:1-16a)

**Worship leader:** Jenny Wandersee

**Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Song leader:** Wendy Brunner

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Shelly Hendricks, Stew Thornley

**Fellowship:** Rudy Okerlund, John Hershey

**Nursery:** Andy Martinson, Abra Staffin Wiebe

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**Mar 4: Attendance: 67**

**Offering:** not recorded

**Thanksgivings:**

**Concerns:**

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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: Dan Leisen, Heather Wengerd,**  
**Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Katie Cuffey,**  
**Hermann Weinlick, Kristin Green**

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*FMC office hours: Mar 12-16*

**Ry:** Tues, Thurs 10-3 **Joetta:** Tues, Wed 10-2

**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 Mennonite Mission Network:** Last month, Taiwan experienced a powerful earthquake that killed at least nine people. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the people of Taiwan as they grieve the loss of loved ones and rebuild their lives.

**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.

**Nursery Updates: We have assigned volunteers** for the nursery through May 27<sup>th</sup>. SignUpGenius will send you a confirmation email. We have needed to **re-open our search** for a Sunday morning **Nursery Staff Person**. If you have ideas of someone who would be suited for this position, please encourage them to apply. Copies of the posting are on the foyer bulletin board. Please pray that we will find someone soon. **Until the position is filled, we will need three volunteers each Sunday.**

*Thank you to Barbara Beers*, who has coordinated the plans for our worship services during Lent, and to *Cleta Roth Gingerich and Karla Hovde* who designed the visual elements.

**Church Meetings and Events** ([online calendar: www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

**Mar 14** – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., FMC chapel

**Mar 14** – Commission/Committee Annual Reports due to church office

**Mar 21** – Youth Faith Formation, 6 p.m., location TBD

**Mar 26** – Newsletter items due to church office by noon

**Mar 28** – Deacon Commission, 7 p.m., Kristin Green’s home

**Mar 29** – Maundy Thursday meal and service, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Apr 1** – Easter breakfast & worship (no Sunday School classes)

## John 18:28-40

<sup>28</sup>Then the [Jewish temple guards] took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The [Jewish leaders] replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup>(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) <sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to [my enemies]. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup>Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jewish crowd again and told them, "I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup>They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

**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

**MCC Benefit Concert** - The Concert Choir from Tabor College, a Mennonite Brethren college in Hillsboro, Kansas will perform "Adoration" in the Valley Community Presbyterian Church **at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 21.** Varied songs of faith were chosen to express the theme that "Praise can only be true if carried out in all circumstances." Valley Presbyterian invites guests to attend their 6:45-7:30 Lenten service before the concert if they so desire. Contributions made at the concert will support the Mennonite Central Committee's programs in Puerto Rico, some of which have been in place for years, but have intensified in the wake of Hurricane Maria's devastation.

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## Announcements (cont.)

**Calling all singers!** Miriam Augsburg has agreed to lead a **choir to sing on Easter Sunday.** She is planning three rehearsals, in hopes that those who sing, are able to participate in at least two of the three rehearsals: Sunday, March 18, 8:30-9:15 a.m. (before worship)  
Sunday, March 25, 11-noon (education hour)  
Easter, April 1, between breakfast and worship.  
Copies of the music are on the table in the narthex for those who would like to start practicing at home. - *Worship Commission*

**Impact Living Christian Center** (26<sup>th</sup> St and 36 Ave S.) is deeply grateful for the support they feel from our congregation. As a token appreciation and desire to continue building the "Beloved Community," they are **inviting members of our church to join them for a time of fellowship on Sunday, Mar. 18 from 1-3 p.m.** "We envision our time together to include good food, informal fellowship and brief remarks by Pastor Ry and Pastor Tim Jackson." In order to give them an estimate of how many people might attend, please **sign up on the sheet in the narthex TODAY** or speak to Ry.

**MDS Service Opportunities** - Right now, MDS is in need of volunteers to assist with hurricane relief through the end of April 2018. Glenn Geissinger has a complete list of locations and number of persons needed. A few lists can also be found in the narthex, above the mail folders. Please respond no later than **TODAY, Mar. 11** and tell him specifically 1<sup>st</sup> choice (dates & # of vols) & 2<sup>nd</sup> choice (dates & # of vols. If we can gather a group for a week or two, he'll pass along more specific information ASAP. Thanks for considering a service opportunity!

**Boundary Waters trip for Women** - Do you like sleeping in a tent? Do you like to hike and canoe? Do you want to get away for a few days? Come to the Boundary Waters with us! **Our first meeting is March 18 at noon. Bring a bag lunch.** The trip will most likely be in September. Learn more and help plan! - *Leslie M., Heather W., Joan K., and Donna M*

**Distinguished Professor Beverly Roberts Gaventa will be delivering the Fretheim Lecture this year at Luther Seminary** (Olson Campus Center, Chapel of the Incarnation) at 7 p.m. on Apr. 10. The title of her lecture is "We, They, and All in Paul's Letter to the Romans." She will also be preaching at Luther the next day at 11 a.m. For more details visit the Luther Seminary website. Dr. Gaventa is a renowned New Testament scholar. She was also a member of Pastor Ry's dissertation committee!