

First Mennonite Church

October 12, 2008

Welcome!

The purpose of **F**irst **M**ennonite **C**hurch is to:

FOLLOW JESUS

MATURE IN FAITH

CARRY THE GOOD NEWS

Sunday School, Worship, and all our church activities equip and strengthen us to fulfill that purpose.

We invite members, friends, and visitors to join us on the journey!

9:15-9:40 – Snacks & conversation in Fellowship Hall

9:40-10:20 – *Sunday School*

PreK-5 th Grade	Room 30
Junior High	Room 11
High School	Room 13
Mosaic	Room 22
Gather 'Round	Basement Stage

10:30 – *Worship—Communion*

[A nursery is available in Room 10 downstairs for your use.]

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Prelude

Florence Schloneger

Call to Worship

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: We lift them up to the Lord!

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

*Hymn #51 "Let the whole creation cry"

Confession:

P: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do: And I ask you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

L: Let us pray for one another in silence . . . May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

P: Amen.

Offering our First Fruits – Communion MMN

Sharing & Prayer

Sunday Singers

Jesus, offered up as bread

I am the Bread of Life (HWB #472)

Scripture Reading – Ephesians 2:12-22

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #471 "Eat this bread"

*Scripture Reading – John 6:47-58

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: The *Didache*: One from Many

*Hymn #475 "Become to us the living bread"

Communion Litany see insert

Sing & Rejoice #148 "Yours is the kingdom"

Service of the Bread

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth. We thank you, our Father, for the life and knowledge which you have revealed through Jesus, your Child.

P: To you be glory forever!

L: As this broken bread was scattered over the hills and then was brought together and made one, so let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

P: Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever!

Service of the Cup

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine. We thank you, holy Father, for the holy vine of David, your child, which you have revealed through Jesus, your Child.

P: To you be glory forever!

Thanksgiving see insert

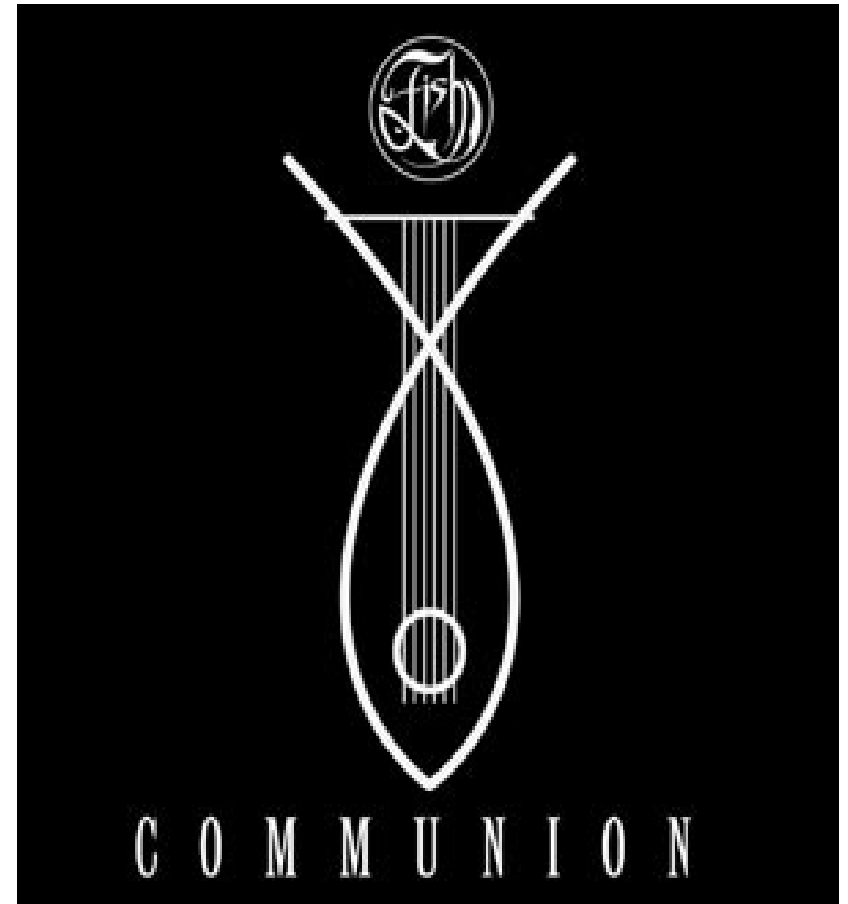
*Hymn #118 "Praise God from whom"

Blessing

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Postlude

(*Please stand if comfortable.)



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Sunday, October 12, 2008*

Communion Service based on the Didache

Communion Litany

L: As grain once scattered over the hills was in this bread made one,

P: So, O God, may your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom!

ALL: For yours is the glory and the power, through Jesus Christ forever!

L: We remember that the Lord Jesus on the night before his death, when he was at the table with his apostles, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them saying, "This is my body which is given for you."

P: We thank you, our Father, for the way of life and truth you have revealed in Jesus, your Son. To you be glory forever!

L: And Jesus took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

P: We thank you, our Father, for the promise of the vine of David you have fulfilled in Jesus, your Son. To you be glory forever!

ALL: Our Father . . . [sins/sin against us]

L: Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

We thank you, Holy Father, for lodging your sacred name in our hearts and for revealing your sacred truth and faith through Jesus, who alone brings us everlasting life.

P: To you be glory forever.

L: By your will, all things were created, and all things exist to your honor and praise. You have given us food and drink to

enjoy, but you have given us also the spiritual food and drink for eternal life through Jesus, your Son.

P: To you be glory forever.

L: Remember your church, save it from all evil, and make it perfect by your love. Make it holy, and gather it together from the four winds into your kingdom, which you have made ready for it.

P: For yours is the power and the glory forever.

L: Come, O Christ!

P: Hosanna to the Son of David!

L: Our Lord, come!

ALL: Amen!

Thanksgiving

L: We thank you, Holy Father, for your sacred name which you have lodged in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith and immortality which you have revealed through Jesus, your Child.

P: To you be glory forever!

L: Almighty Master, you have created everything for the sake of your name, and have given all of humanity food and drink to enjoy that they may thank you. But to us you have given spiritual food and drink and eternal life through Jesus, your Child.

P: To you be glory forever!

L: Remember, Lord, your church, to save it from all evil and to make it perfect by your love. Make it holy, and gather it together from the four winds into your kingdom, which you have made ready for it.

P: Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever!

L: May grace come and this world pass away!

P: Hosanna to the God of David!

L: If any are holy, let them come. If not, let them be converted.

P: Our Lord, come, Maranatha! Amen.