Mountain Community Mennonite Church

Box 502 Palmer Lake, CO 80133 (719) 481-3155



Sunday, May 1, 2016

Join Us – We share God's love by: Following Jesus, Reconciling Community, Building Peace

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow faint."

Sermon Series: Discovering God's Story: Faith, Hope, Love

9:15am *Gathering for Worship*

9:30am Worship Begins

11:10am Discovery Hour

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Silver Key - Golden Circle Nutrition Program

12:00-1:30pm Mon-Fri Reservations (719) 884-2304 before 5:00am

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076

Your worship service was planned by MCMC Worship Commission.

Order of Service

SpeakerKaren Lichlyter-KleinWorship LeaderFaye BrennemanSong LeaderDennis Book

We Gather

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Welcome

Call to Worship

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

Praise God!

The universe is a communion of subjects, not a collection of objects.

Praise God from the heavens!

All creation is a song of praise to God.

Praise God from the earth!

The Earth is a sparkling blue and white jewel, laced with slowly swirling veils of white, like a pearl in a thick sea of black mystery.

Praise God from the deepest sea!

Give me strength to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that is.

Praise God, men and women, young and old!

Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.

Praise God!

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Hymns

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Holy One, too often we seek after the peace that the world gives. We strive for financial abundance and positions of status and power. We look for salvation in the gleaming metropolis with its busyness and its skyscrapers and its burgeoning populace, or in the evenly furrowed rows of fertilized farmland, and we relinquish our lives to a reality of our own creation. Forgive us.

Show us again the river of the water of life in country and city. Lead us to the tree whose leaves are for the healing of the nations and sink our roots there, into the soil of your creation. Remind us that before industry, before economy, before agriculture, before all the systems or our own creation, there was your Creation. Turn us back to you, Source of Life. (a time of silence)

Words of Assurance

ONE: Before industry, before economy, before agriculture, before all the systems of our own creation, there was Love. There is still Love. God's love for us knows no beginning and no end. Give thanks, for we are a loved and forgiven people.

ALL: Amen.

Scriptures

Micah 7:1-7, Romans 12: 9-21,

Hebrews 6:16-20a

Sermon

Signs of Life: Hope

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

Sending Prayer

Sermon Notes

Sermon downloads are available on-line at http://mcmcpl.org



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Karen Lichlyter-Klein
- 9 Karen & Richard Lichlyter-Klein
- 10 Codi Inloes
- 14 Jana Preheim
- 19 Barb & Jake Eichelberger
- 15 Kim & Steve Hiebert
- 22 Lynn Roth & Karen Wiens
- 24 Meredith Oakes
- 25 Terri Inloes & Dean Williams

Ongoing Events

- The pastor will be in his office several days this week. Please call to make an appointment.
- Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 AM each Friday. Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- Men's Coffee each Saturday at 8 AM at Serrano's.

- Each Saturday "More than a Meal Ministries" 8:00 AM at Legacy Wesleyan Church, 502 N. Walnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905.
- Worship Commission, May 10 at 4:45 at MCMC
- Program Cabinet, May 16 at 4:15 at MCMC

Upcoming Special Events

- Due to spring activities and scheduling conflicts, MCMC "Partnership Picnic" scheduled for Saturday May 7, has been postponed until further notice. Thanks for understanding!
- Congregational meeting May 8 during Discovery Hour. The meeting will be brief, but it is important all who are able attend. We will discuss the filling of open positions on Program Cabinet, update everyone regarding Golden Circle, and provide a short worship evaluation for you to complete. Please attend!
- ❖ Join us for an unforgettable evening of praise, singing hymns of the faith, supported by a 100-voice choir and full orchestra. Village Seven Presbyterian Church, Friday, May 6, 7 PM.
- MCSS Volunteer Spring Tea: May 3, 4-6 PM at MCMC.
- The Mountain States Mennonite Conference Faith and Life Forum, postponed due to snow, has been rescheduled for Sat., May 21, 9 AM to 1 PM at Evergreen Lake House. RSVP by May 16 to Karen Martin (administrator@mountainstatesmc.org). More information available on the Mountain States website.
- Mark your calendars and plan to come to MCMC on Saturday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. for the annual MCMC cleaning day. Doughnuts, coffee and lunch will be provided. WE NEED YOU!
- ❖ Deep Faith: Anabaptist Faith Formation for All Ages: Oct. 6–8 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), Elkhart, Indiana. More information/online registration will be available as planning continues; see mennoniteusa.org/deepfaith.

Announcements & Special Notes

- From Lynn Roth: I am very grateful for all the prayers, cards, emails, calls and good thoughts for Karen and me during my surgery and recovery. My recovery and healing are going well, with improvement each day. Thank you.
- Visit www.caringbridge.org/visit/donbrenneman. (Site name: donbrenneman) Don and Marilyn are well stocked with meals at this point, but transportation help to/from appointments would be most appreciated. Contact Jana Preheim if interested in helping with transportation and/or delivery of meals and items: jlpreheim@gmail.com.
- May 22: Hadley's Graduation Reception. No desserts, please, as Kim will bring cake. Bring a card!

Opportunities to Help

- Mennonite Voluntary Service is accepting applications for the 2016-17 year! Opportunities to serve and live in community with others are still open in a variety of placements and locations. Ages 20+ can apply at <u>MennoniteMission.net/Serve</u>, or contact <u>NeilR@MennoniteMission.net</u> for inquiries.
- SWAP needs summer staff! MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program is seeking summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Summer staff vary in age from 19 to 70+, and receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For information go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela at 606-633-5065.
- Senior meals at MCMC Golden Circle Senior Nutrition and Silver Key are looking for volunteers – contact Linda Arguello at Larguello@silverkey.org or 719-884-2319 if interested!