

Sunday, July 10, 2016

Join Us – We share God's love by: Following Jesus, Reconciling Community and 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."

9:15am *Gathering for Worship*

9:30am Worship Begins

11:10am Discovery Hour

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Silver Key - Golden Circle Nutrition Program
Senior Lunch in the Sanctuary
12:00-12:30pm Monday-Friday
Reservations (719) 884-2304 Before 5:00am

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076

Your worship service today was planned by the MCMC Worship Commission.

Order of Service

Speaker Paul Johnson

Worship Leader Dennis Book

Song Leader Judy Thiessen

We Gather

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the One who calls us to love and speak truth to power:

People: No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

Leader: We are called to love and defend our brothers and

sisters who suffer in silence:

People: No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

Leader: We must rise up, stand up, and speak up for righteousness:

People: No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate together the power to love

and to speak truth:

People: We are ready to worship our God who is still

speaking! No one can stop us now!

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

HWB 154 This is my

Opening Hymns Father's world

SJ 15 Santo (Holy)

Joys and Concerns

HWB 143 Amazing grace!

Congregational Hymns

HWB 389 Take my life

(verses 1,2,3,6)

Offering and Prayer

Peace Moment

Where have you acted or seen others act for peace this past week?

Prayer of Confession

Leader: In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain:

People: We confess you are still speaking!

Leader: In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored:

People: We confess you are still speaking!

Leader: In a world crying out for wisdom, love and mercy:

People: We confess you are still speaking!

Leader: In a world calling for the blessing of truth:

People: We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to hear!

Leader: Let us confess together:

People: We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion. We let ourselves get so busy that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering. We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness and silence our witness. Teach us to champion the cause for

justice for all, strengthen us to love our neighbor and speak truth, no matter the penalty. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Leader: The Word of God assures us that we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ. Let us go from this place with authority, knowing that God's Word gives us strength to love our neighbors, near and far, and power to speak up for those who are broken. Thanks to the Word of God!

Scriptures

Romans 6:14-16

Sermon

"Freedom's Grace"

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

HWB 430 God be with you

Sending Prayer



Sermon Notes

We have two choices, according to Romans; there is no other option. What will we choose?

Yancey, in his book, *What's so Amazing about Grace* (p. 116) talks about the "Law of Unforgiveness." Does our culture believe in this law? Do our families believe in this law? Do you place your faith in this law?

The power of Grace is reconciliation. It may not include justice, but it always includes forgiveness. What do we do when justice under Law is not God's Plan?

Sermon downloads available online at http://mcmcpl.org

Ongoing Events

- Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30am each Friday.
 Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- Men's Coffee each Saturday at 8am at Serrano's.
- Each Saturday "More than a Meal Ministries"
 8:00am at Legacy Wesleyan Church, 502 N. Walnut
 St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905.

Upcoming Special Events



Note: The MCMC congregational meeting today at 10:45 will adjourn at 11:30 AM to offer opportunity to attend Beth-El Mennonite's noon Fiesta Meal fundraiser.

Fernando Perez and Rebeca Torres are preparing the meal; this is an educational/fundraising event for Casa de Paz, which offers help for the immigration maze for newcomers in Aurora. Fernando and Rebeca are Mennonite pastors from Mexico City, working at Casa de Paz this year.



MSMC Annual Assembly is August 5-7 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp!

Announcements

Please sign up to bring food and paper goods for the partnership picnic with Beth-El Mennonite, Sat., July 23, at Palmer Lake pavilion and recreation area. We are still in need of many items – see list on the kitchen door!

Centura Health nurse/volunteer RN for Silver Key, Pam Frisbie, is available to check blood pressures at the Golden Circle Nutrition lunch the first and third Thursdays of the month. She offers free BP checks; please take advantage of this helpful wellness program!

Opportunities to Help

Mountain States Conference is looking for childcare providers for Annual Assembly to provide care during worship services for ages 4 and under. Childcare providers receive free room and board and meals. Contact Karen Martin at administrator@MountainStatesMC.org.

The Craft Booth at the MCC Relief Sale in October is looking for handmade crafted items to sell. We need items that are knitted, crocheted, embroidered, crafted cards, handbags, jewelry, candles -- anything you make would be appreciated! Please bring items to the sale on Friday afternoon/evening or early Saturday morning.

The MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton is in need of the following items: full size Fiskars scissors, sewon snaps (20-25/pkg), large bars of laundry soap, full-size bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright color), and men's briefs (sizes M, L, XL). These items can be brought to North Newton, Kan., purchased online via Amazon Smile or other retailers and shipped, or we welcome monetary donations designated "Kit Supplies." Thank you for your ongoing support of the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee! If you have questions, please call 316.283.2720 or visit mcc.org/kits for more information.

Tri-Lakes Cares has requested the following items during July: shampoo, pancake mix and sugar. As always, other food and toiletry items and diapers are appreciated! Please place donations in the TLC tub in the upstairs lobby.