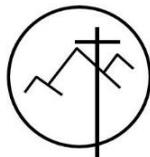


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**Sunday, July 24, 2016**

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** Jake Eichelberger  
**Song Leader** Dennis Book

***We Gather***

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Time of Quieting**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We come abounding in thanksgiving:

**People: For in Christ we find in all fullness, the holiness,  
the justice, the hope of God.**

Leader: We come abounding in thanksgiving:

**People: To feel God’s life in us, flowing through our roots  
in Christ and establishing our faith.**

Leader: We come abounding in thanksgiving:

**People: To celebrate the mystery of God-with-us: Christ,  
Who lives fully in us and in Whom we fully live.**

***All: Let us welcome the One who was sent to make us  
alive in the fullness of God. Amen.***

***We Grow in Worship***

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymns**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Congregational Hymns**

**Offering and Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: St Paul’s reminder to the people of Colossae holds true for us today: Many false teachings at work in the world may tempt us away from God with “fascinating philosophies and empty deceits”; let us think for a moment of what form they might take in our lives.

*Silent reflection...*

Leader: If you wish, name out loud some of these “philosophies and deceits” that divert us from God. (e.g. Advertising promises,) ... Let us pray together Christ’s most true teaching:

***ALL: The Lord’s Prayer (using debts/debtors)***

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Our hearts are full when we remember that God made us alive with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses, and erasing the record that stood against us. Paul tells us that God set our sin aside, nailed it to the cross. Rejoice together that in the company of the risen Christ, we are fully forgiven.

**Special Music**

**Scriptures** Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43  
(Parable of the Weeds)

**Sermon** “Grace in the Weeds”

***We Go Out to Serve***

**Sending Song**

**Sending Prayer**

***Sermon downloads available online at <http://mcmcp.org>***



## Sermon Notes

What powerful words describe the weeds and the one who sows them?

How seriously does Jesus take the wrongs done to believers in the faith? What does God expect of Christians living in a pagan society?

Where is grace? What happens to the wheat? In what ways do we grow grace?

Grace is a biblical concept. What is the biblical way to oppose practices or policies you believe are unbiblical?

## 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

*Rewilding the Way* author Todd Wynward to speak at Boulder Mennonite Church, Tues., July 26, 7pm - The Watershed Way. Contact Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey (jeremiahosbornegowey@gmail.com) or Morgan Shimabuku (morganshimabuku@gmail.com) for info.



MSMC Annual Assembly Aug. 5-7 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp!

## Special Note

*Dear friends at MCMC:  
July 8, 2016*

*I did not know when I walked into your doors a few years ago that I would find such friends. I knew that you were facing challenge. I knew that you were facing heartache. I knew that you were facing difficulty. But I did not know how deeply I would come to love you. You have been a wonderful group of people with which to work and worship. I have been honored to have filled many roles in your midst: coach, consultant, conflict manager and pastor. Each role has given me great joy, great learning, and great hope. Each time I have been allowed to be with you has been such a gift!*

*My role with you has evolved over these years, and now we face another evolution of that role. I have spent the last couple months reflecting on my work with you, rejoicing in the ways the Spirit has moved, and finding that my time with you as guest pastor seems to have come to a conclusion. It has been a dawning awareness that God may be growing me in new ways and has something new and fresh for you.*

*In light of this new awareness of the Spirit's movement, I have resigned my role as guest pastor and will no longer have the privilege of being with you each month. I will however be open to the occasional invitation to preach with you. I am of course still living in the area and will continue to follow your growth from afar.*

*My final consistently scheduled Sunday will be July 31st. I look forward to spending time celebrating the ways Jesus has walked with you these last years and dreaming with you of what is yet to come.*

*And as always, I love you. I thank you. I am so grateful for you. May God bless you.*

*Peace, Pastor Karen Lichlyter-Klein*

## Announcements

Thanks to all who donated food and effort for the partnership picnic!

Peaches are again available from Peace Community Mennonite in Denver. They are \$35/box, and delivery date is August 27 (order through Aug. 15). Tell friends and neighbors, as this is a fundraiser for Peace. Checks made payable to PCMC; give your order to Faye Brenneman or sign up on the kitchen door!



## Opportunities to Help

We need three volunteers to help set up 5 tables for Golden Circle Senior Nutrition meal after Discovery Hour each Sunday. See Paul Johnson if able to help!

From Barb: We will work on school kits in August, as this is the cheapest time to buy products. Items needed (new items only): 4 spiral notebooks (70 sheets), 8 unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic indicating both 30 cm and 12in), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large pencil eraser. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. Money may be given to Barb to shop for you if you are not able. Thanks!