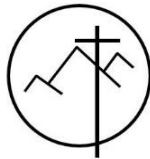


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Sunday, August 21, 2016

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.”

Sermon Series: The Upside-Down Kingdom

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

Mary Johnson

Song Leader

Dennis Book

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: We may be thirsty and parched, like an unwatered garden, so we come into God’s presence:

All: The Divine One is a spring of water!

Leader: We may be weary from worry and work so we come into God’s presence:

All: The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

Leader: We may be lost or confused so we come into God’s presence:

All: The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

Leader: We may be bent over with struggle or pain so we come into God’s presence:

All: The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Hymns

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Isaiah’s people -- the people of Israel returning home from long exile -- sought in the Prophet’s words guidance for building God’s kin-dom: Offer food to the hungry, reach out to the afflicted, remove the yokes of oppression and injustice, overcome despair and complaint in struggle. We too, struggle with this guidance, and too often fail in our attempts to build community. Holy One, forgive us. Take away whatever holds us back. Show us the way to confidence and generosity so that we may be known as your people: Repairers of the broken places and Restorers of streets to safety and peace.

All: O God, with Your help we can change and bring You glory.

Silent confession...

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Though we may have strayed, when we come to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, we can be sure that the kin-dom we are offered cannot be shaken. We will not be abandoned; indeed we will have continual guidance. Each time we feed the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, we grow in the strength of our faith and our bond with God. We are changed. Praise be to God; this simple miracle is made available to all of us, God’s children.

Communion

Pastor & Elders

Scriptures

Luke 1: 49-53

Sermon

“Rules of the Game”

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

Sending Prayer

Sermon Notes



When we re-read the Magnificat of Mary, how do we fit into the five roles of the upside-down Kingdom? How does our church fit into those roles?

How does our church reach out in the new rules of the upside-down Kingdom?

As a Kingdom player, which rules of the game have you personally changed?

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



Birthdays and Anniversaries

21 Rick & Teresa Barnes (A)

21 Richard Klein

23 Becky Harder

31 Brenda Smith

Ongoing Events

The Pastor will be in the office Monday & Thursday of next week. Please call to schedule an appointment.

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



ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT with Beth-El Mennonite Church: Sept. 16-18 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. See Dennis Book or Sharon Baker re. lodging arrangements/questions. This will be a great way to connect with folks from Beth-El as we grow our partnership. A full schedule of activities is planned for the 3 days, and it will be a great time to be at the camp!

Elders’ Quarterly Update

The Elders have been in discernment on the continuing need to have a positive, predictable & Scriptural sermon every Sunday. This has worked well for three years as part-time Pastor Paul had the support of Pastor Karen Lichlyter-Klein monthly on his “off” Sundays. Karen has resigned, and the need for a new pastoral team has emerged. The congregation needs to know the Elders have entered into a process to find a good fit to complete the Pastoral Team. The challenge is to find a gifted candidate to fill this role, even as giving is currently just meeting annual budget.

Elders believe that the congregation deserves continuity and predictability in pastoral services. We will give you periodic updates on our progress. We are open to any suggestions you may have during this season of discernment. Clusters or individuals may contact Rae, Jake

or Gayle if you have questions. Elders hope to have a recommendation to Program Cabinet and the congregation in the next month. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and support.



Opportunities to Help

Running Low! Material Resource Center at MCC Central States is running low on the following: large bars laundry soap, infant gowns/sleepers (size 3-9 months), and good quality sewing scissors. Your donations of these items will allow volunteers to complete relief kits, infant care kits & sewing kits in a timely manner. Items can be brought to 121 E. 30th St., PO Box 235 in N. Newton, Kan., purchased online via Amazon Smile or other retailers and shipped to MCC, or we welcome monetary donations designated “Kit Supplies.” Thank you for your ongoing support of the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee! Call 316.283.2720 or visit mcc.org/kits for more information.

Needed: 3 volunteers to help set up 6 tables for Golden Circle Senior Nutrition meal after Discovery Hour weekly.

MCC School Kit needs (new items only): 4 spiral notebooks (70 sheets), 8 unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler (flexible plastic w/30 cm & 12in), 12 colored pencils (in package), 1 large pencil eraser. Money may be given to Barb to shop.



We also need support for **the MCC pie booth** this year. Talk to Barb if you could help coordinate pie servers and pie delivery. It’s not a big job!