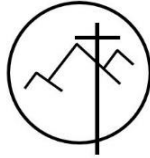


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Sunday, September 04, 2016

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

" 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness' ... for whenever I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:9b, 10b)

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 Mon-Fri

Reservations (719) 884-2304 Before 5:00am

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076

*Your worship service today planned by
MCMC Worship Commission.*

Sermon downloads available online:

<http://mcmcpl.org>

Order of Service

Speaker Amy Zimelman
Worship Leader Dennis Book
Song Leader Judy Thiessen

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: To find where Jesus is headed when we have lost track of Him:

People: God gives us strength in our weakness.

Leader: To receive those who are broken from life experiences:

People: God gives us strength in our weakness.

Leader: To listen to one another in our doubts and questions:

People: God gives us strength in our weakness.

Leader: To shelter all who are outcast and heavily burdened:

People: God gives us strength in our weakness.

Leader: Let us enter this place of transformation:

People: And worship God!

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns HWB #16 God is here among us

SS #49 I will come to you in the silence

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Hymns

HWB #539 Make me a captive, Lord

HWB #575 Precious Lord, take my hand

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Spirit, we confess that sometimes we shy away when You are prodding us towards vulnerability with each other. We are afraid of sharing our doubts and weaknesses.

People: Teach us to be vulnerable, that we may grow in faith together.

Leader: Jesus, we confess that we lose track of You sometimes. When You call us to relationship, we prefer to keep going through the motions of religion.

People: We desire to follow You. Teach us how.

Leader: God, we confess that we are too quick to judge each other, to decide who is faithful and faithless.

People: Give us an openness to all, leaving judgment to You.

Assurance of God’s Love

Leader: The triune God is not afraid of our doubts and weaknesses and failures. God’s grace is sufficient for us, for God’s power is made perfect in weakness. Even when our faith is weak, we are loved and forgiven by God.

Scriptures

Luke 2:40-52; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Sermon

“Faith in the Upside-Down Kingdom”

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

HWB #546 Guide my feet

Sending Prayer

Sermon Notes



- ❖ Why is it important that Jesus Himself, God incarnate, **grew** in wisdom/faith/stature? What implications does this have for our understanding of God and ourselves?
- ❖ Do you agree that it's fairly easy to lose track of Jesus because of things like unsettling life circumstances or choosing religion over relationship (as Kraybill discusses in chapter 3)? What has losing track of Jesus looked like for you or people you know?
- ❖ "Of course we're not meant to carry the faith alone. We need each other." Have you ever carried the faith for someone? Has someone ever carried it for you? Relatedly, is it strange to think that doubt/frailties/weaknesses of faith can actually be a gift to the community? Why or why not?

Birthdays



Anniversaries

- 6 Janelle Diller
- 7 Steve & Janelle Diller (A) 7 Millie Gordon
- 10 Tim Yoder 17 Mary Gardner
- 20 Mary & Paul Johnson (A)
- 23 Cheryl & Winston Yost (A)
- 27 Heidi Juell



Ongoing Events

- Pastor Paul & Mary Johnson will be **gone until September 15**. Please contact the elders with any needs. Paul & Mary will also be attending the **annual church retreat** with Beth-El Mennonite August 16-18. Please plan to join! Registration forms can be found on the church secretary office door, or contact Dennis Book or Sharon Baker with questions/arrangements.
- 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

CHURCH RETREAT with Beth-El Mennonite: Sept. 16-18 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. See Dennis or Sharon re. lodging arrangements/questions. This will be a great way to connect with folks from Beth-El, and a full schedule of activities is planned for the 3 days! Registration due Sept. 11; forms on the MCMC secretary's office door or available by attachment in Sharon's 8/28/16 email. Call Jeanette Martin at 719.636.2716 or email forms to Jeanette (office@bethelmennonite.org) by Sunday, Sept. 11. She will send lodging assignments by email to registrants by Wednesday before retreat. **There will be a worship circle at MCMC Sept. 18 at 9:30 AM** for those not attending retreat.

The **Belong Tour** is coming to **Loveland, CO, September 23-24** at the Budweiser Event Center. Formerly known as

Women of Faith, the tour features Christian women speakers and is "a gathering for women who crave a deeper connection with each other, their community, their purpose, passion and dreams." Peace Mennonite has tickets available for \$45 through Elaine Goodwin, Administrative Assistant. You may contact her on her cell (720-215-8460) or the church phone (303-340-1555). For additional info on the event and speakers, visit <http://www.belongtour.com/belongevents/denver-loveland-co/> and click on the "group download" tab.



Announcements

DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach & Reflection) is celebrating its 30th anniversary of providing service-learning programs in urban neighborhoods. DOOR was founded by two MCC service workers, Les and Gwen Guftisan-Zook, in 1986 in Denver, Colorado. We will celebrate our anniversary with a worship service followed by lunch and a silent auction. We would love to have you join us Sunday, September 18th at West High School's auditorium (951 Elati Street, Denver, CO 80204) at 10:30am. Lunch provided for a suggested donation of any amount. Contact Cindy Cervantes with questions: 303.246.4543.

Opportunities to Help



Volunteers still needed to staff the pie booth at the MCC relief sale Oct. 14-15. If you could serve Friday or Saturday, contact Barb Eichelberger or Mary Johnson, or sign up on kitchen door.

Needed: 3 volunteers to help set up 5 tables for Golden Circle Senior Nutrition meal after Discovery Hour weekly.