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Sunday, January 15, 2017

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

Sermon Series: Faith in the Public Square

We are a new creation in Christ – leading us in the ministry of peace and reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5

9:15am Gathering for Worship9:30am Worship Begins11:10am 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. Speaker Worship Leader Song Leader Paul Johnson Ken Smith

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Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 40)

Leader: I waited patiently for GOD; Who turned to me and heard my cry, Who lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Order of Service

We Gather

All: We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of the praise of God.

Leader: Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; when we do not turn aside to false gods.

All: We proclaim all Your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all.

Leader: Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but our ears You have pierced and a body You have prepared for us.

All: We proclaim, "Here I am, I have come—I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is in my heart."

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

Congregational Hymns

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God, we confess that You have sung to us but we have not heard Your voice. You have played the flute for us, but we have refused to dance. You have chosen us to pierce the darkness, and we have hidden our lights. Help us to accept our calling, to find strength and grace in Your constant presence and encouragement. May we be eager to serve, to fill Your quiver, to be Your bright arrows in the work of praise and reconciliation. We pray in the name of the One who came to show us who we really are, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

And I will raise you up	HWB 596
Scriptures	Psalms 40:11-12 and John 1:29-34
Sermon	"Who is your Gang?"

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song Sending Prayer

Sermon Notes



 John ch. 1 speaks of faith in the public square. What does the Baptist testify? What do you testify publicly?

2. Psalm 40 also speaks of faith in public. What does it have to say about publicly proclaiming your faith?

3. John the Baptist is the first to publicly identify Jesus as the "Lamb of God." He does it twice in the crowd. What do you repeat twice in your daily conversations?

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



Birthdays and Anniversaries

15 Rollin Murphy

17 Teresa Barnes

19 Mary Veatch

29 Steve Hiebert, Judy Thiessen

31 Ian Klein, Ken Smith



Ongoing Events

- Pastors Paul and Amy will be in the office Tuesday this week. Please call for appointments.
- Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Fridays.
 Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- $\circ~$ Men's Coffee each Saturday at 7am at Serrano's.
- "More than a Meal Ministries" 8am Saturdays at Legacy Wesleyan Church, 502 N. Walnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905.

Upcoming Special Events



business meeting will be

held on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 10:53 AM. Copies of the agenda have been distributed to mailboxes. Please plan to attend, and thanks in advance for your participation!



If you're interested in planning for this

year's MCC quilt will meet on Tuesday, January 31st at 11 AM in the lower level at MCMC. We will eat the Golden Circle meal at noon and continue planning till finished. Please let Meredith Oakes know if you plan to eat and attend, so she can confirm the number of lunch reservations with Louise.



Elders are requesting that cluster groups forward names of individuals for potential involvement with Outreach Commission and Nurture Commission. Also, we ask that each household reflect on their gifts and how they might support the work of our commissions this year. Again, as a reminder, **Elders are asking clusters to meet within the month.** They would like to visit with each cluster to hear thoughts on the past year and the idea of a long-term pastoral team. Elders hope to visit each cluster before the annual business meeting at the end of January. Thank you!



Many thanks!! Pastors Amy and Paul wish to thank the congregation for your gracious gift to us over the Christmas season! Blessings to you all in 2017.