

Mountain Community Mennonite Church
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Sunday, February 26, 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 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 was planned by the MCMC

Worship Commission.

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

Order of Service

Speaker

Paul Johnson

Worship Leader

Jake Eichelberger

Song Leader

Judy Thiessen

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quietening

Call to Worship (based on Exodus 24:12-18 and Psalm 99)

Leader: We hear Your challenge, O God, and Your call:

**People: Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy
Mountain!**

Leader: We hear You, Holy One, but we are afraid. What
will we find there?

**People: Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy
Mountain!**

Leader: We are assembled in this sanctuary, this holy
place. Let us meet together here, away from the
distractions of the world.

**People: Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy
Mountain!**

Leader: Mighty One, we know You are a lover of justice.
You have established equity. Our knees, yes even
our souls, quake before You for we have not done
what we ought to do.

**People: Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy
Mountain!**

Leader: You have shown Yourself to be a forgiving God,
therefore we exalt Your Name. Yes, O God, we will
come with excitement, trembling with
anticipation, to Your holy mountain!

**People: Come! Receive instruction in holiness,
righteousness, compassion, and peace.**

Leader: Come! Regain insight to see the least among you,
those whose rights have been trampled upon.

**People: Come! Let the anointing oil of My Spirit open
your ears to the sounds of weeping and the
anguished cries for justice.**

Leader: Come! says the Lord; receive wisdom and
strength.

**People: Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts to
receive Your Word.**

Leader: Anoint us as Your priests to those who live on the
margins – the outcasts, the lonely, the ignored.

People: Anoint us as Your holy people.

Leader: Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy
Mountain! I am the Sovereign and Holy One. Do
not be afraid.

People: Come! Let us worship God!

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

HWB #16 God is here among us

HWB #80 O bless the Lord, my soul

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

Congregational Hymns

HWB #306 In Christ there is no East or West

HWB #507 Gracious Spirit, dwell with me

Offering and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of Mercy and Grace, You come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us:

All: Yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate.

Leader: You give us the ministry of reconciliation:

All: Yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness.

Leader: You invite us to join with Peter, James, and John on the mountain of Transfiguration:

All: Yet we deny the wonders You have worked in our own lives.

Leader: You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth:

All: Yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us.

Leader: You bless our lives with boundless love:

All: Yet we fail to witness to that love, and so keep others from knowing You.

Leader: Forgive our selfishness, we pray. Transform us by Your Spirit and Your Word into that which pleases You, the image of Christ. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Leader: Jesus admonished Peter, James, and John not to tell of what they witnessed on the mountain until He was resurrected. But we can tell what we have seen and heard of God's glory! Here is the good news: Jesus lives! He is raised! We are forgiven! Go, share the vision! Tell of God's love! In this God is well pleased!

Scriptures

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Sermon

"Letters from the Heart"

Communion

Pastor & Elders

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

SS #57 Go, my friends, in grace

Sending Prayer

Sermon Notes

Paul in 2 Corinthians suggests we get over it! Why should we not spend time commending ourselves or seeking commendation and praise from others?

Followers of Jesus have Christ's letter written on our hearts. How does that look to others?

In a culture of self-assurance, our confidence and competence doesn't come from our own ego, humility comes from the very Presence of the Living God. How do we make the switch?

Birthdays Anniversaries

27 Fran & Tim Yoder (A)

Ongoing Events

- Pastoral office hours as follow. Please call for appointments:
Pastor Paul, Thursday, March 2
Pastor Amy, Tuesday, Feb. 28.
- Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Fridays.
Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- 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 Events

March 19 at 2pm, Rocky Ford Mennonite Church will host a meeting to discuss a long-term plan for the Rocky Mountain MCC Relief Sale.

Announcements

On Sunday, March 12, there will be a brief business meeting immediately following worship service and before coffee. Please join if you are able!

Opportunities to Help

MCC Material Resource needs: We are running very low on the following items: men's deodorant (min. size 2.25 oz), men's briefs (white), size L or XL only, men's crew neck undershirts (white), size L or XL only, lotion (max 2 oz), bath towels (medium weight, dark colors), fingernail clippers, shampoo (13-24 oz). You may shop Amazon Smile (https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/17TB7GOT33OVJ/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_70dwyBJSDP1DX) for easy shopping and shipment directly to MCC, plus a portion of purchase is donated to MCC by Amazon. Items can be brought to MCC at 121 E. 30th in N. Newton, KS 67117 and left in the After Hours Donation Drop Off anytime. Thanks for your continued generous support!



General Fund Donations Thru February
Budget \$5,368.02 Actual \$4,855.01

