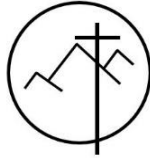


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Sunday, March 26, 2017

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

We are bombarded by visual images, and can mistake what is seen for what is true. God reveals hidden truths, surprising us and challenging our assumptions. Once our eyes and hearts are opened, we can see with greater clarity. Restore us, O God! We see.

Lent 4

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
Today's service planned by MCMC Worship Commission

Order of Service

Speaker	Paul Johnson
Worship Leader	Meredith Oakes
Song Leader	Dennis Book
Children's Time	Rae Shellenberger

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: Here in this place we gather to worship.

All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Here in this place we gather to see You.

All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Here in this place we gather to perceive You in all
Your glory and beauty.

All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Remove our blindness so that we might see
ourselves honestly, and humbly worship You.

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

Quartet You Are All We Have

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

****Family & Friends Prayer**

Congregational Hymns

Offering and Prayer

With all that we have and all that we are, we honor You.
Restore us, O God, to live in freedom and trust.

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader: O God, You open our eyes to see what is true. We
confess that sometimes it is easier for us to stay
blind than to embrace the fullness of Your truth.

**People: We admit that it is scary and unsettling to fully
accept what You want us to see.**

Leader: Your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our
expectations, and establishes a new order where
we are no longer leading the way. Forgive us, O
Lord, when we would rather stay in the darkness
of our current reality instead of receiving Your
miracle of light and new life.

**People: Remove the cataracts from our eyes, that we
may see and celebrate Your goodness around us.
Quicken our minds, and soften our hearts, that
we may recognize that You are at work.**

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God who brings all things into the light,

All: *Restore us.*

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.
Though we cannot see through the valley of the
shadow of death, God is with us. We will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Quartet Reveal Your Mystery

Scriptures **John 9:1-5, 8-16, 35-41**

Sermon "Now I See"

Anointing

Pastors Paul & Amy

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

Sending Prayer

Go with your eyes wide open and your hearts softened to see the face of God in each person you meet—and to love them accordingly. Go in God’s peace. Amen.

Sermon Notes



- John 9:1-5 Do we believe in a God of punishment? If not, why then do we have disabilities?
- John 9:8-16 Jesus heals "in the name of the One who sent Him." How will this divide humanity?
- John 9:35-41 Why would Jesus say, "If you are blind, you have no guilt?"

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



March Birthdays

26 Rae Shellenberger

30 Dean Williams

*****Family & Friends Focus: Tony Archer & Sydney***

Ongoing Events

- Pastor Paul will be in office Monday and Pastor Amy will have office hours Tuesday this week. Please call for appointments.
- Women’s Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Fridays. Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- Men’s Coffee Saturdays at 7am at Serrano’s.
- “More than a Meal” 8am Saturdays, Legacy Wesleyan Church, 502 N Walnut, Co Springs.



Upcoming Special Events

A Faith and Life Forum will be held Sat., April 29 at Beth-El from 9am-12pm, featuring Drew G.I. Hart, author of *Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*. A freewill offering will be taken, with lunch provided. See flyer on sanctuary bulletin board!

Announcements

Interested in serving as an MCMC delegate to the Mennonite Church USA conference in Orlando, FL, July 4-8?

Please let Gayle P., Jake E., or Rae S. know by March 24. This event includes two days of business sessions and three days as a delegate to the Future Church Summit. For information regarding the summit, see Sharon Baker.



Opportunities to Help

More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, S. Sudan and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. MCC is working to provide emergency food assistance and increase its response to the crisis. Because of serious conflicts and concerns for safe, unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance, this process is slow and challenging. To donate to MCC’s relief fund, visit mcc.org/learn/what/relief, call 1-888-563-4676 or send a check to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp needs food service volunteers:

May 17-21: a quilt retreat and outdoor group

May 27-29: Memorial Day Work & Play retreat

June 4-10: Colorado Roots Music Camp

Contact Mary Yoder (mary.rmmc@gmail.com or 719-687-9506) or online using “Volunteer” link at www.rmmc.org.



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