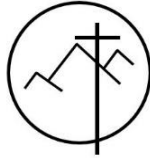


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Sunday, April 02, 2017

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

Restore us, O God!

Lent 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 at <http://mcmcpl.org>

Order of Service

Speaker Amy Zimbelman
Worship Leader Dan Thiessen
Song Leader Judy Thiessen
Children’s Time Rae Shellenberger

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: Come. Bring your weary bones and your crushed souls.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Come. Bring your dashed hopes and broken dreams.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Come. Bring your heavy sorrow and lingering sadness.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Bring all that you have and all that you are. The Spirit is here to breathe life into all that is lifeless.

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns HWB #26 Holy Spirit, come with power
SJ # 29 You are all we have

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

****Family & Friends Prayer**

Congregational Hymns

HWB #349 Spirit of the living God

SS # 121 Nothing is lost on the breath of God

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.

Children’s Time

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader: God, we confess that when we look into the valleys of our lives, we are tempted to fix our gaze on the remnants of our past. We see the dry bones, and we doubt in our minds—“Will these bones ever live?”

People: But in the midst of our doubt, we proclaim that You are the life-giving Spirit. You breathe new life into all that is dead.

Reader 1: For You, O God, raised up the dry bones in the valley.

Reader 2: Your Son, Jesus, brought Lazarus out from the tomb,

Reader 3: and Your Spirit lifted anew the hearts of the disciples.

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, to wait for Your breath.

All: Blow Your mighty wind into the hollow chambers of our hearts, that we may never settle for death but rise again as Your beloved people.

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, Holy Breath,

All: Restore us.

Leader: But with You there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve You, once more. Our whole selves waited for You, O Lord, and You answered us. In You, there is unfailing love and full redemption. You redeem us from all our sins. Amen.

Scriptures Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon "Can These Bones Live?"

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song
HWB #356 Breathe on me, breath of God (v.1-3)

Sending Prayer
Go, breathing deeply of the Spirit, Who inspires life into all that is lifeless. Go enlivened, invigorated, refreshed.
Amen.



Sermon Notes

- How can visions from God lead us to see things with God’s vision (as God might see them)? How else can we develop “God-vision”?
- Where in our lives do we take seriously the notion of speaking life into something, a.k.a. co-creating with God?

- Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel has observed that Ezekiel’s vision of the valley of dried bones bears no exact date because *every generation* needs to hear *in its own time* that these bones can live again. Where do we need to hear the hopeful word that these bones can live again?



Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 5 Fran Yoder | 6 Mary Gardner & Dar Barrie (A) |
| 8 Matt Zimbelman | 13 Faye Brennehan |
| 15 Amy Zimbelman | 18 Sidney Archer |

****Family & Friends Focus: Sharon Baker**

Ongoing Events

- Pastors Paul & Amy will be in office 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

Sunday, April 9, 6:00 p.m., experience *The Passion of Jesus Christ*, featuring the music of the Village Seven Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra. David Simpich of the Simpich Showcase Marionette Theatre joins Choir and Orchestra as reader/actor presenting the words of Isaiah, John, Paul

and other biblical writers as they contemplate the meaning of the cross. Childcare provided, birth through three years. Complimentary admission, free-will offering received. See www.v7pc.org/Passion for more info.

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!

Opportunities to Help



Needed: More Minions to help clean up in the kitchen and move tables and chairs after church each week.

More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, S. Sudan and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. 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.



General Fund Donations Through March
Budget \$22,957.95 Actual \$24,534.28