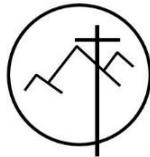


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**Sunday, April 16, 2017**

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

## ***He has risen! Easter***

**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** Dennis Book  
**Children’s Time** Rae Shellenberger



**It’s a party! Fill the vase on the altar  
table with fresh flowers.**

## ***We Gather***

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Time of Quieting**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: When all hope seems lost, Christ is risen!  
***All: He is risen, indeed!***

Leader: When fear hovers close at hand, Christ is risen!  
***All: He is risen, indeed!***

Leader: When disillusionment and despair threaten us,  
Christ is risen!  
***All: He is risen, indeed!***

Leader: Come! Celebrate the risen Lord! Alleluia!

## ***We Grow in Worship***

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymns** HWB #275 Lift Your Glad Voices  
HWB #269 Thine Is the Glory

**Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace**

**Congregational Hymns** #276 This Joyful Easter Tide  
#271 Christ Is Arisen

**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** (based on STS 179)

Leader: O Living God, Who raised Jesus from the dead, we  
shout Your great victory; we sing hymns of praise!

**People: Even when our hearts are heavy and our eyes are  
dimmed by sorrow, You are faithful. You wipe  
away all tears and bring joy in the morning.**

Leader: Teach us, O God, to live into Your  
resurrection life, that we might be a hopeful  
people, always drawn into the depths of Your  
love.

***All: Alleluia! Amen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!***

**Quartet** “You Are All We Have”

**Children’s Time**

**Scriptures** John 20:1-18; Colossians 3:1-4

**Sermon** “Easter: Three Resurrections”

## ***We Go Out to Serve***

**Sending Song**

**Sending Prayer**



***We are thankful for the beautiful "banner" Judy  
Thiessen prepared throughout Lent and this Easter  
morning. Thank you, Judy, for sharing your gifts and Dan,  
for hanging these meaningful symbols!***



### Birthdays

18 Sidney Archer

### Anniversaries

21 Greg & Karen Mortensen (A)

### Ongoing Events

- Pastors Paul and Amy will be in the office Tuesday afternoon, following pastors' meeting in Pueblo in the morning. 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

**Join us at the lakeside this summer!** The MCMC/Beth-El 2nd annual partnership picnic will be held Saturday, July 29 from 12-4pm at the Palmer Lake gazebo. Bring friends and enjoy fishing, canoeing, biking on local trails, wading, etc. Bring your own table service and lawn chairs. MCMC will provide meat and Beth-El will provide side dishes. (Gerry may make pulled pork if his schedule isn't full!!) More info to come.

**Attention Alumni & Friends!** You are invited to an MCC gathering Sun., April 30 at 4pm at First Mennonite. RSVP by April 21 to [sharonnelson@mcc.org](mailto:sharonnelson@mcc.org) or [909.519.7797](tel:909.519.7797).

**There's still time to sign up for the Faith and Life Forum** at Beth-El Mennonite on April 29. Worship begins at 9am, followed by a presentation by author Drew G.I. Hart and break-out conversations around racism and immigration. Lunch (by donation) by Colorado Springs Service

Adventure Unit, and childcare provided. RSVP by April 26 to Karen Martin: [administrator@MountainStatesMC.org](mailto:administrator@MountainStatesMC.org).

### Announcements

**Time to clean out the medicine cabinet!** Monument Police Department is sponsoring Drug Take Back Day on April 29 from 10am-2pm at the station at 645 Beacon Lite Road. They take unneeded prescription pills and ointments, but no liquids. Keep these items out of our landfills!

**Clean out your closets, too!** Check out the website, [www.whogivesascrapcolorado.com](http://www.whogivesascrapcolorado.com). They accept donations of craft and office supplies, along with a myriad of other items (complete list on website). You can buy items there, as well, and the money goes to an organization that supports the arts for children.

**Pastor Amy will be preaching** three times a month until June. With her due date in early July, Pastor Paul will then preach the majority of July, August and part of September.



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



### Opportunities to Help

**ATTENTION:** We need volunteers to set up and clean up following the meal today and make sure tables, chairs, etc. are placed where needed. The "old crew" has "retired" for a few Sundays and we need a few new helping hands!

**Spend Memorial Day weekend at Rocky Mountain** Mennonite Camp for the Work & Play Retreat, May 26-29! Register online ([www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org)), call (719-687-9506) or email ([info@rmmc.org](mailto:info@rmmc.org)) to let us know you can come!

### Easter

*Benjamin Alire Sáenz (1954 – )*

**My mother woke us that Sunday – her voice a bell proclaiming spring. We rose diving into our clothes, newly bought. We took turns standing before mirrors, combing, staring at our new selves. Sinless from forty days of desert, sinless from good confessions, we drove to church in a red pickup, bright and red and waxed for the special occasion. Clean, polished as apples, the yellow-dressed girls in front with Mom and Dad; the boys in back, our hair blowing free in the warming wind. Winter gone away. At Mass, the choir singing loud: ragged notes from ragged angel's voices; ancient hymns sung in crooked Latin. The priest, white robed, raised his palms toward God, opened his mouth in awe: "Alleluia!" The unspoken word of Lent let loose in flight. Alleluia and incense rising, my mother wiping her tears from words she'd heard; my brother and I whispering names of statues lining the walls of the church. Bells ringing, Mass ending, we running to the truck, shiny as shoes going dancing. Dad driving us to see my grandmother. There, at her house, I asked about the new word I'd heard: resurrection. "Death, death," she said, her hands moving downward, "the cross – that is death." And then she laughed: "The dead will rise." Her upturned palms moved skyward as she spoke. "The dead will rise." She moved her hands toward me, wrapped my face with touches, and laughed again. *The dead will rise.***

