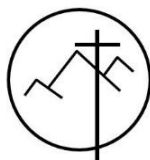


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**January 6, 2019**

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

*Epiphany Sunday*

*Sermon Series: Naming and Reclaiming Power*

**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**

**Gayle Preheim**

**Song Leader**

**Dennis Book**

## ***We Gather***

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Time of Quieting**

**Call to Prayer**

Leader: Look! The Holy One has come.

**People: Let us worship Jesus.**

Leader: Though we face obstacles and injustices at every  
turn,

**People: Let us adore Jesus.**

Leader: For the Holy One is powerful and calls us to be  
empowered.

***All: Thanks be to God for showing us the way!***

## ***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: We remember the Magi, who set out with singular  
focus on the promise of the heavens.

***All: And we remember the ways that we have lost sight of  
You, God, as the bright guide for our lives.***

Leader: We remember that they stayed determined on  
their journey, not even swayed by Herod’s power  
and promises.

***All: And we remember that often we have started out  
well, but strayed from Your path, detoured by our  
fleeting fears and desires.***

Leader: We remember the wise ones who adored the  
Child: wisdom and wealth falling to their knees  
before a poor infant.

***All: And we remember that too often we have given our  
adoration to wealth or wisdom, not seeing the Christ  
in our midst.***

**Words of Assurance**

Leader: To each of us who knows that we have lost sight of  
the promise, or lost the way of our God, or lost  
hope, God has a promise: “I am with you.” God  
gives a holy presence, and forgiveness, and new  
hope, in the Christ.

***All: Thanks be to God! Amen.***

**Scriptures**

**Micah 5:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12**

**Sermon “Beyond Lobster Brains: A Wise Use of Power”**

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

**Sending Song**

**Sending Prayer**



**Sermon** **Notes**

*Why do you think people (Mennonites in particular) are  
hesitant to name the power dynamics happening in the  
room?*

Why do you think it's so easy to think in terms of either/or, with regards to power (i.e. either you're the conqueror or the conquered)? Why is it important to think about other creative uses of the power and authority that we may have?

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said: "Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love." What do you think of this idea?

January Birthdays

8 Karen Wiens

10 Steve Diller, Kim Hiebert

15 Rollin Murphy

17 Teresa Barnes

19 Mary Veatch

29 Steve Hiebert, Judy Thiessen

31 Ian Klein, Ken Smith

Ongoing Events

- For appointments with Pastors Paul or Amy, call 720-880-8773 (Paul) or 719-985-7649 (Amy).
- 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.

Upcoming Special Events

Our annual congregational business meeting will be Sunday, January 27. Please mark your calendar to attend!

MSMC youth groups are invited to the annual Snow Camps at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Be inspired

by singing and worshipping, slide down the tube run (hopefully!), play broom hockey, and explore beautiful scenery! Visit [www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org) or call 719-687-9506.

Jr High - Jan. 25-27: Speaker: Colin Roynon (Beth-El Mennonite youth pastor)

Sr High – Feb. 15-17: Speaker: Clayton Gladish (Hesston Mennonite pastor)

**Come to RMMC** for the annual Men’s Retreat to spend time with God and other men in the beauty of creation, March 1-3, 2019. Men’s Retreat is planned each year by a committee of MSMC church members, and festivities include worship, foosball, ping pong, chess, human curling, snowshoeing, great fellowship and more! Register online at [rmmc.org](http://rmmc.org) or call camp with questions (719-687-9506).

**The mountains are calling, and you must go** to the Women’s Retreat at RMMC, March 15-17. Worship sessions will be led by Anita Amstutz along themes from her book, “Soul Tending: Journey into the Heart of Sabbath.” Activities include relaxing, hikes, crochet & knit corner, beekeeping conversations, worship, food, puzzles/games, coffee & coloring, chair massage, and volunteer opportunities. Register at [www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org).

Other RMMC events include:

- **January 18-20** Scrapbook Retreat
- **February 22-24** Young Adult Snow Camp
- **March 15-17** Women's Retreat



Announcements

The MSMC community is invited to an ordination service for Zach Martinez, pastor of Sojourn Mennonite Church, Sunday, January 13 at 5pm, at Sojourn MC (located at St.

Luke’s Episcopal, 2000 Stover Street, Fort Collin CO, 80525). Questions? Email [sojournmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:sojournmennonite@gmail.com).

**Mennonite Disaster Service is searching** for individuals with a knowledge of and passion for the MDS mission, vision & values, and a commitment to the Anabaptist church. Current position openings: (1) Communications Manager in Lititz, PA, (2) Volunteer Training Specialist, home based (U.S. resident) and (3) a Leadership Volunteer Interviewer, home based (U.S. resident). Info at [www.mds.mennonite.net/who-we-are/employment](http://www.mds.mennonite.net/who-we-are/employment).

Mennonite Mission

Network Prayer

**Jane & Jerrell Ross Richer and family** are returning to Ecuador after six months in the U.S. Pray for wisdom, patience, and especially for daughter, Sierra, who is remaining in the States for college.

From MC USA

**Introducing the new monthly** MC USA Faith Formation Network e-newsletter! Sign up to receive it at [mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/faith-formation](http://mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/faith-formation).

Opportunities to Help

**Tri-Lakes Cares pantry needs** for the month of January:

- Snacks for snack pack program (applesauce & fruit cups, pudding, crackers, granola bars....)
- Beef stew or similar chunky soup
- Cooking oil
- Paper towel rolls

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General Fund Donations Through December

Budget \$71,617.00 Actual \$73,092.83