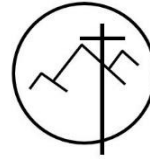


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**Sunday, May 29, 2016**

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

**“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They  
will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow faint.”**

**Sermon Series** What’s So Amazing About Grace?

**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 Monday-Friday

Reservations (719) 884-2304 Before 5:00am

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076

*Your worship service today was planned by  
MCMC Worship Commission.*

**\*Sermon downloads are available on-line at <http://mcmcp.org>**

***Order of Service***

**Visiting Preacher**

**Karen Lichlyter-Klein**

**Worship Leader**

**Rae Shellenberger**

**Song Leader**

**Dennis Book**

***We Gather***

**Announcements**

**Time of Quieting**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship (based on Psalm 146)**

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in God, Maker of heaven and  
earth --

**People: For God keeps faith forever!**

Leader: God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the  
hungry.

**People: God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.**

Leader: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

**People: God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and  
the widow.**

Leader: People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help --

**People: For God keeps faith forever!**

***We Grow in Worship***

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymns**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Congregational Hymns**

**Offering and Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: We confess, O God, that the burdens which weigh us down also  
narrow our vision. Fear of scarcity makes us focus on our own survival.  
We regard strangers with suspicion and find it difficult to share. We  
speak words that we regret and keep silent when we need to speak.  
Weariness and discouragement sap our energy and our faith. We  
wonder how there could be good news that is not of our own making.  
We, whom you call to be an Easter people, are in need of resurrection.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: In the person of Jesus, God invites us to discover the freedom  
and new life that God offers us. God’s forgiveness heals us. God’s grace  
dispels our weariness and discouragement. God’s love clears our vision.  
God’s compassion lifts our burdens. We are made new!

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

**Scriptures**

Luke 15: 11-32

**Sermon**

“Offensive Grace and the Lost Boys”

***We Go Out to Serve***

**Sending Song**

**Sending Prayer**

***Sermon Notes***



What was your image of God growing up?

- A gentle grandfatherly figure full of love
- A stern old man waiting to punish
- A distant deity that didn't care about everyday life
- Other images

Why do you think the more ungodly, unrighteous and undesirable people were drawn to Jesus, while the more righteous, godly and desirable people were threatened by him?

In the story of the prodigal son, what are ways you relate to:

- The prodigal
- The older brother
- The father

Where do you think God wants you to see yourself in the story?

What does it take to have the father's response we see in the parable?

"Only Christianity dares to make God's love unconditional." What does it mean to love unconditionally? In what ways is the church communicating this unconditional love and in what ways is the church communicating conditional love?

"Grace means there is nothing I can do to make God love me more and nothing I can do to make God love me less." Do you agree or disagree? Why?

In what ways is it hard for you to accept grace? In what ways is it hard for you to give it?

Who is God prompting you to show unconditional love to in your life?




### Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Rae & Rick Shellenberger	5 Heidi Juell & Dennis Book
10 Faye & Clair Brenneman	13 Meredith & Gerry Oakes
14 Haley Eichelberger	25 Marilyn & Don Brenneman
25 Judy & Dan Thiessen	26 Jana & Gayle Preheim

### Ongoing Events

- ❖ The Pastor will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday during the week of May 29-June 4. Please call to schedule an appointment.
- ❖ Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30am each Friday. Contact Rae Shellenberger at 719.213.6931.
- ❖ Men's Coffee each Saturday at 8:00am at Serrano's.
- ❖ Each Saturday "More than a Meal Ministries" 8:00am at Legacy Wesleyan Church, 502 N. Walnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905.

### In the Know

 **Spread the Peace** grant stories. Check out this blog series highlighting stories from congregations across Mennonite Church USA who received **Spread the Peace grants** in 2015 from the Peace & Justice Support Network (PJSN is a partnership of Mennonite Mission Network & Mennonite Church USA). Each congregation is working creatively to spread peace : [mennoniteusa.org/tag/spread-the-peace](http://mennoniteusa.org/tag/spread-the-peace).

**Sunday school curriculum: Returning Veterans, Returning Hope: Seeking Peace Together** is a 6-week curriculum focused on returning veterans and how the church can play a part in their healing journeys. It is provided by the Peace & Justice Support Network and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. See [pjsn.org/vets](http://pjsn.org/vets).

### Announcements

- MCC Central States is hiring an Immigration Education Coordinator in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas! Info: [www.mcc.org/serve-cs-iec](http://www.mcc.org/serve-cs-iec) or contact Heidi Huber at 316-.283.2720, [heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org).
- Youth Venture is accepting applications for the July 15-25 Los Angeles team! Apply by June 15: [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve) or contact [ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net) for inquiries.
- Mennonite Voluntary Service is accepting applications for 2016-2017! Ages 20+ can apply at [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve), or contact [NeilR@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:NeilR@MennoniteMission.net) for inquiries.



### Opportunities to Help

- MCC needs colored pencils (12/pkg) to complete school kits; as well as receiving blankets (30"-36" lightweight fleece or flannel) for infant care kits. You can purchase items online and have them shipped to our Material Resource Center (121 E. 30th, North Newton, KS 67117). Items for other MCC kits are welcome, but pressing needs are for colored pencils and receiving blankets.
- Our Golden Circle site manager, Louise, is looking for a rental in the Tri-Lakes area. Please contact the church office with info.
- TLC needs the following items during May, June, & July: Shampoo, Pancake Mix, Sugar. Other food and toiletry items and diapers are always appreciated! Please place donations in the TLC tub.