

Sunday, January 22, 2017

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

Sermon Series: Faith in the Public Square
"Then they told what had happened on the road, and
how He [Jesus] had been made known to them in the
breaking of the bread." (Luke 24:35)

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. Sound room assistance this month has been provided by Lynn Roth – thank you!

Order of Service

Speaker Amy Zimbelman
Worship Leader Rae Shellenberger
Song Leader Judy Thiessen

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: The Creator said: "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: Cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind."

People: We are grateful for this good creation.

Leader: "God said, 'Let us make humankind in Our image, according to Our likeness.'"

People: We are grateful for the gift of our lives.

Leader: The Creator said: "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food."

People: We are grateful for the good food You have given us.

Leader: You are our caretaker, may we reflect You as we care for creation and for the image of God in each other.

All: Thanks be to God!

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

HWB #46 I sing the mighty power of God HWB #156 All things bright and beautiful

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace...

Congregational Hymns

SJ #87 Put peace into each other's hands HWB #453 Let us break bread together

Offering and Prayer

Peace Moment

Sharon Baker

Where have you acted or seen others act for peace this past week?

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, in Christ You call us to unity of mind and purpose, but we confess that our hearts are often turned toward separation and division. We quarrel; we encourage rivalries; we tear down our brothers and sisters in faith. Help us to remember that we share one bread and one cup around Your table.

Teach us to hold fast to those promises which draw us together in the Spirit, so that we may proclaim the power of Christ's life and ministry with one voice.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Receive the good news: There is no place, not even in our hearts, where the love of God cannot penetrate. God is around and among us, healing, restoring and calling us to new life as one body, united in Christ.

People: Praise be to God for the gift of forgiveness and the promise of peaceful unity!

Scriptures

Genesis 1:24-31; Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

"Finding God at the Table"

Communion

Pastor and Elders

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

HWB #423 May the grace of Christ our Savior

Sending Prayer

Sermon Notes



- Have you ever heard the word "dominion" in Genesis 1:26 and 28 used to justify environmental degradation? If the word is re-interpreted as "caretaking," how does that change humans' relationship with creation?
- "At the center of Christianity is a table." How has food shaped your faith and your spirituality?
- One way we can move forward as a church in the midst of political and theological diversity is this:
 We keep eating together. Do you agree with this?
 What are other ways?

Sermon downloads available: http://mcmcpl.org



Birthdays and Anniversaries

29 Steve Hiebert, Judy Thiessen 31 Ian Klein, Ken Smith

Ongoing Events



- Pastor Paul will be in the office Tuesday afternoon this week following home visits 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 each Saturday at 7am at Serrano's.
- "More than a Meal Ministries" 8am Saturdays at Legacy Wesleyan Church, 502 N. Walnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905.



Upcoming Special Events

The annual MCMC business meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 10:53 AM. Copies of the agenda have been distributed to mailboxes. Please plan to attend, and thanks in advance for your participation!

All those interested in planning for this year's MCC quilt will meet Tuesday, January 31st at 11 AM in the lower level

at MCMC. We will eat the Golden Circle meal at noon and continue planning till finished. Please let Meredith Oakes know if you plan to eat and attend, so she can confirm the number of lunch reservations with Louise.



Elders are requesting that cluster groups forward names of individuals for potential involvement with Outreach Commission and Nurture Commission. Also, we ask that each household reflect on their gifts and how they might support the work of our commissions this year. Again, Elders are asking clusters to meet within the month. They would like to visit with each cluster to hear thoughts on the past year and the idea of a long-term pastoral team. Elders hope to visit each cluster before the annual business meeting at the end of January. Thank you!

Word of Thanks



Dear Church Family,

We enjoyed the cards some of you wrote to us last Sunday. We like the funny monkey one that says "Hang in there." That is what we are doing. It was so nice to hear from you with encouraging, loving words. Dennis brought them Monday when he spent the day with us at the 2 appointments. We love you, too!

Marilyn and Don