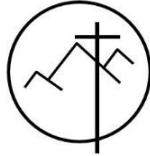


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Sunday, April 23, 2017

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.

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 Sharon Baker
Song Leader Dennis Book
Children’s Time Rae Shellenberger

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing a new song!

People: A springtime shout-out to new life!

Leader: Sing praise to our joyful Easter God,

People: Whose power brings new life out of death!

Leader: Immerse doubt and despair in the fountain of new birth.

People: Our visions and hopes are refreshed, made new!

Leader: For God has taken ordinary things --

People: And made them extraordinary!

All: Sing a New Song!

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace

Congregational Hymns

Offering and Prayer

Ken Hawkey, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Redeeming God, with You there is always more life, more hope, more joy. When doubt assails us, and we fail to recognize You at work in our lives,

All: Lord, have mercy!

Leader: When fear impairs our faith, and our eyes and ears and hearts do not know You,

All: Christ, have mercy!

Leader: When anger and sorrow stop us from doing the risky work of love,

All: Lord, have mercy!

Words of Assurance

Within every kernel of doubt, there is a tree of life and hope. In those times when our faith falters, when we cannot bring ourselves to see the presence of the Holy among us, God takes our faith and transforms it, patiently showing us the many ways Christ walks among us. Look around you: as close as your own beating heart, and in the eyes of your nearest neighbor, grace abounds at the heart of all life. You are all God’s children, loved without condition -- go in that peace. ***Amen.***

Children’s Time

Scriptures

John 20:19-31; 1 Peter 1:3-9

Sermon

“A Brief History of Some Faith-Filled Folks”

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

Sending Prayer

Sermon Notes



- Our roots are not directly from Catholicism or the Protestant Reformation, but from the Radical Reformation (a movement that was rejected by both other groups). Do you think that distinction is important for us today? Why or why not?
- The stories of those faith-filled folks who have gone can guide us in navigating our own faith journeys. Who are the faithful role models you look to?

Ongoing Events

- Pastor Paul will be in the office Monday & Thursday, and Pastor Amy will also have office hours Monday. 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!** MCMC and Beth-El Mennonite will hold our 2nd annual partnership picnic on Sat., July 29 from 12-4pm at Palmer Lake gazebo. Invite friends and enjoy fishing, canoeing, biking,

wading, etc. Bring your own table service and lawn chairs. MCMC will provide meat and Beth-El will provide side dishes.

Author Drew Hart will be featured at Mountain States Mennonite Conference's "Faith & Life Forum" on Sat., April 29. Join friends from across the conference to hear Drew's presentation and participate in breakout sessions about racism in the church, immigration advocacy within MSMC, conference minister search update and credentialing review. The gathering will be at Beth-El Mennonite from 9 am to noon with lunch following, and child care is provided. RSVP to Karen Martin, administrator@MountainStatesMC.org, by April 26.

Announcements



Clean out your 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. Bring unneeded prescription pills/ointments, but no liquids. Keep these out of our landfills! ****Note flyer** on sanctuary bulletin board about saving lives in Africa by donating empty prescription bottles -- see Sharon Baker!

Check out www.whogivesascrapcolorado.com! They accept craft/office supply donations, along with a myriad of items (list on website). You can also buy items -- proceeds go to an organization benefiting arts for children.

Pastor Amy will preach 3x/month until June. With the Zimbelman baby set to arrive in early July, Pastor Paul will preach the majority of July, August and early September.

Auditions will be held April 28/29 for Village Arts' Summer 2017 production of William Shakespeare's A

Midsummer Night's Dream. Adults, teens, and children (age 7+) are welcome. Visit www.villageartscs.org for audition/production info and to sign up for auditions.



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

Opportunities to Help

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and MCC U.S. is offering four free booklets that could help create a community of care for those affected by sexual violence and find ways to act against it. To order, email resources@mcc.org or call toll-free, 888.563.4676.

- *Understanding Sexual Abuse by a Church Leader or Caregiver*
- *Abuse: Response and Prevention – A Guide for Church Leaders*
- *Created Equal: Women and Men in the Image of God*
- *Pornography: Lies, Truth and Hope*

As immigration enforcement tightens in the U.S., women, children and teens from Central America fleeing domestic and sexual violence in their home countries encounter quick deportation or harsher legal processes and extended detention when they seek refuge. To learn more about this issue, including how to speak with legislators about acting compassionately, read this Action Alert from the MCC U.S. Washington Office, mcc.org/protect-women-children.

Helping hands needed to set up/clean up after service!



Spend Memorial Day weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for Work & Play Retreat, May 26-29! Register online (www.rmmc.org), call (719-687-9506) or email (info@rmmc.org)!