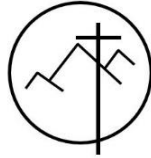


Mountain Community Mennonite Church

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

“We are a new creation in Christ, leading us in the
ministry of peace and reconciliation.” 2 Cor. 5

DATE: January 1, 2023

4:00 pm: Worship Begins

Coffee

Discovery Hour

Lead Pastor: Vern Rempel

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Elders: Barb Eichelberger, Wilmer Villacorta

Information Technology Support: Wilmer Villacorta

Silver Key - Golden Circle Nutrition Program

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

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076

Sermon downloads available at <http://mcmcp.org>

Please silence your cell phones. Thank You.

*There will be a time of quiet meditation when the music stops
at 9:00 am prior to the start of worship. We invite you to join
in this time of silence before our service begins.**

DATE: January 1, 2023

Order of Service

Speaker:

Worship Leader:

Song Leader

Sound Room:

Vern Rempel

Melissa Roth

Dennis Book

Lynn Roth

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

**Leader: In crimson clothing you came, bringing the day of
vengeance, the year of redemption.**

People: God has not forgotten you, O Jerusalem.

**Leader: O Lord, your compassion and kindness are for us,
even in our distress.**

People: Even in suffering we remember your love.

**Leader: You have become fully human; you call us
brothers and sisters. You Lord, will gather your people
again for the day of redemption.**

**All: Let our repentance give you glory. Let our praises
give you joy, until you come again.**

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #259: To Us a Child of Hope is Born

#243: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace.....

Congregational Hymns:

#248: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, vs. 1-3

#253: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks, vs. 1-3

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Eternal God, the dawn of a new year prompts us to reflect
on our past and hope for our future. Help us live every day
seeking your way and moving on your path. Help us
commit to love and resolve to extend the grace and mercy
we need from you and our neighbor. Make us new. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 2: 15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the
shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to
Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which
the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste
and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the
manger. When they saw this, they made known what had
been told them about this child; and all who heard it were
amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary
treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.
The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all
they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After
eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child;
and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel
before he was conceived in the womb.

Sermon: “Winter Count: Stories from our 2022”

Sending Song: #277: As With Gladness

Sending Prayer

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

**Please return the hymnals to boxes provided at back of
sanctuary. Exit promptly to Narthex. Thank you**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rick & Linda Pankratz A	January 1
Karen Weins B	January 8
Steve Diller B	January 10
MCMC	
Program Cabinet	January 13
Annual Business Meeting	January 29

The plastics industry has a new trick for making and selling even more wasteful single-use plastic.

It's pushing a practice deceptively called "chemical recycling," which is really just burning plastics to turn them into fuel -- and pumping out toxic pollution in the process.

As special interests in the industry continue ramping up their support for the expansion of this harmful practice, let's sort fact from fiction.

The vast majority of plastic is never recycled. That's despite the plastics industry's insistence that throwing plastic in the blue bin can reliably and substantially curb plastic pollution.

Companies have maintained a status quo where the burden of recycling all this "stuff" falls squarely on the consumer and taxpayer -- keeping themselves blissfully free from accountability for the mountains of plastic waste they're responsible for creating.

The industry's latest greenwashing attempt is something it's calling "chemical recycling." It says it can reclaim some of the chemicals from plastic products by burning them. But that's not really recycling. Burning is dirty -- and many of the chemicals that don't get recovered are spewed into the air as harmful pollution.

Later, the leftover waste from this incineration process simply gets burned once more and then discarded at hazardous waste facilities. And worse still, that deceptive label allows plastic producers to avoid air quality standards and skip investing in pollution controls.

Mountain States Conference News

Outreach Employment Opportunity at First Mennonite Church of Denver

First Mennonite Church of Denver is seeking a permanent, quarter-time (1/4 time) Direct Assistant Coordinator to facilitate and manage its rent and energy assistance programs that it offers weekly as part of its community outreach program. *Deadline to submit resume: Friday, January 6, 2023.* For a full job description and more information, please click [here](#).

The MDS Volunteer Weekend Please mark your calendars for the next MDS Volunteer Weekend in May 2023.

MC USA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mennonite Church USA and the Kineo Center invite pastors and leaders to participate in the upcoming webinar, "Facing Ministry Pain: Four Ways We Cope," on Wednesday, Jan. 4, from 2-3:00 p.m. ET/11 a.m.-noon PT. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/kineo-center-webinar
PEACE CHURCH

After two years of renovations and pandemic-related delays, the new Brooklyn (New York) Peace Church opened its doors in October 2022. The Atlantic Coast Conference church plant welcomed members of the Spanish-speaking congregation that previously met in the same location. Read more about their first few services here: mennoniteusa.org/brooklyn-peace-church (Lea la versión en español aquí: mennoniteusa.org/brooklyn-peace-church-spanish)

Jan 2-7, 2023: Peace for the Weary at Camp Deerpark:

Calling young adults living in metropolitan areas to take a break from daily life and join MCC for a transformational week of connection and learning. During this experience, you will gain tools for understanding trauma and develop strategies for self-care and healing through the lens of restorative justice to bring back to your city. Registration

fee is \$200; sign up now at mcc.org/peace-for-the-weary. More information about peace camps: mcc.org/peace-camps.

The Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Executive Board has nominated Marty Lehman of Goshen, Indiana, as moderator-elect for the Delegate Assembly cycle beginning July 2023. Lehman is a former associate executive director for Churchwide Operations for MC USA and has a deep affiliation with and affection for the denomination. Read more about her here: mennoniteusa.org/marty-lehman-moderator-elect

MennoCon23, Mennonite Church USA's largest faith formation gathering, will be held July 3-8, 2023, in Kansas City, Missouri. There will be programming for all ages, including a one-day Climate Summit for youth and young adults. See the tentative block schedule here: mennoniteusa.org/meenocon23-schedule

Menno Snapshots

The new documentary "A Creative God: The Visual Arts in Worship" was of great interest to Katie Graber, chair of the Intercultural Worship committee for the Voices Together project. She had an opportunity to interview Jerry Holsopple, professor of visual and communication arts at Eastern Mennonite University, about his involvement with the documentary project. Read the interview here: mennoniteusa.org/interview-jerry-holsopple

***CORRECTED** The Kineo Center, a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA), is hosting a webinar called Facing Ministry Pain: 4 Ways We Cope on Jan. 4, 2023 at 2pm ET. This webinar explores the coping responses that pastors often utilize to deal with their pain and offers some practical ways to attend to pain in a way that brings health. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/kineo-webinar