

**DATE: March 19, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Sermon Series: Truth and Reconciliation: The Practice of Faith**

***Order of Service***

**Speaker:**

**Vern Rempel**

**Worship Leader:**

**Angela Liew**

**Song Leader**

**Vern Rempel**

**Sound Room:**

**Lynn Roth**

***We Gather***

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Time of Quieting**

**Call to Worship:**

**Liturgist: Kindred of God, a new vision of leadership is called forth and God calls upon the least likely, the unheard of, and the humble of heart to assemble to receive anointing.**

All: In peace, we anoint the forgotten, the youngest, smallest, and unlikeliest of siblings whom God has raised up to serve.

**Liturgist: Though the call may involve risk and danger, we are called to listen, obey, and live a love unwavering.**

All: In peace, we anoint the disinherited and dismissed.

**Liturgist: God's call does not depend on our outward appearance or our earthly achievements.**

All: In peace, we anoint neighbor and kin alike, knowing God looks upon the heart.

All: Let us open our hearts to God this day. Amen.

***We Grow in Worship***

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymns #131 Je louerai l'Éternel (Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord)**

**#797 We Are People of God's Peace**

**Prayers of the people and sharing the grace.....**

**Congregational Hymn: #161 I Sought the Lord**

**Offering and Prayer:**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

God of surprises, we know that we do not often perceive the world as you do. We look to the flashy fame, the grand gestures, optimal achievements,

and unreachable standards. Yet, in spite of our misguided reach towards perfection, you give us glimpses of your grandeur and grace. Surprise us yet again this day, O God, that in our complacency which allows us to drift towards the same old ways of faith that we may be transformed anew. Provide us with a new cup of oil that we may be anointed by your love so that we may set out into your world to bless and anoint others. In the name of the One whose love and peace make all things new we pray. Amen.

**Sermon:** Acts Of Healing

**Scripture:** John 9:1-17 NRSV

**Communion**

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

**Sending Song:** #706 *O Healing River*

**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**

Dennis Book B

March 19

Rae Shellenberger B

March 26

### **MCMC**

**Celebration of Life of Linda Pankratz.....March 25 at the Tri-Lakes YMCA**

**Easter Brunch.....April 9**

**Program Cabinet.....April 14---1:00**

**Memorial for Clair - April 15 at 10:00 am at MCMC.** In lieu of flowers, the family would like to give donations to:

**LCC International Fund, Inc.**

PO Box 101787

Pasadena, CA 91189-1787

Clair's niece, Robin Gingerich teaches English at LCC. The funds are currently directed 100 percent to Ukraine.

## Or to Pikes Peak Hospice

### **Mountain States Conference News**

“**Rocky Mountain MDS** has several projects and events planned in the coming months, and we would love to have you join us! Put these dates on your calendar:

**April 28-30** we will be working at the Aspen Camp for the Deaf, constructing a handicapped accessible ramp. Contact Beuford Aeschliman, [beuford47@hotmail.com](mailto:beuford47@hotmail.com)

**June 2-4 MDS** will be in Questa, NM, renovating an old video store to become a community center for formerly addicted or incarcerated folks. Contact Mike Smith, [crna\\_mike@hotmail.com](mailto:crna_mike@hotmail.com)

**July 24-28** folks will be painting and roofing the MVS house in Alamosa. Contact Alice Price, [aliceprice1950@gmail.com](mailto:aliceprice1950@gmail.com)

Finally, we invite and encourage your participation September 15-16 for the Region 3 celebration of MDS at Boulder Mennonite Church. Herm Weaver will share his music and many inspiring stories will be told!”

**MSMC virtual Faith & Life Forum** will be in the fall this year. We’ll be hearing from Ismael Camacho, the staff attorney for the New Mexico Legal Aid Centro Legal Campesino. Ismael started working as a farmworker as a child and is now a lawyer who supports farmworkers who have been treated unjustly. He is the recipient of the 2020 NM Cesar Chavez Si Se Puede Award. Event date and more information to come, so stay tuned!

### **FROM MCC...**

We would like to provide you with an update on the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale.

After holding the sale in Rocky Ford, Colorado for 47 years, the time has come for a change. We have had many wonderful volunteers help organize the sale in Rocky Ford, but the local group has gotten smaller and the effort is continuing to grow in scope so it is time to look for a new home for the sale.

We would like to thank everyone that has helped make the sale a huge success for nearly a half-century, and counting. If you have any questions please contact Darcey VanWagner at [mdvw@comcast.net](mailto:mdvw@comcast.net)

## **MENNONITE CHURCH USA**

### **Beyond Incarceration webinar series**

- **March 21, 2023 at 7:30pm:** Practice: What does proclaiming, intervening and creating alternative systems to mass incarceration look like in practice?

**Registration for MennoCon23** is now open. Mennocon23 will be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6, immediately followed by the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly and the new Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit. Register here: [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/](https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/)

**Mennonite Church USA** hired Warren Yoder as the director of constituent engagement. In this new position, Yoder will help the denomination connect more fully with its member churches, organizations and individuals. Read more about his work here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/director-of-constituent-engagement](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/director-of-constituent-engagement)

## #MennoCon23

Interested in volunteering at MennoCon23, Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6? Mennonite Church USA is seeking volunteers for special events, children's and junior youth programming, and more! Fill out a form here: [mennoniteusa.org/forms/mennocon-volunteer-interest](https://mennoniteusa.org/forms/mennocon-volunteer-interest)

Mennonite Church USA will host a webinar for more information about what to expect during MennoCon23 on March 30, 2023 at 7 pm ET/4 pm CT. Stay up to date on the latest convention news by subscribing to Peace Mail, the denomination's only news source here: [mennoniteusa.org/peacemail](https://mennoniteusa.org/peacemail)

## Menno Snapshots

The word “home” is something that Christians talk about frequently. But what happens when someone is experiencing physical homelessness? Kyle Nye, author of “Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness,” the current CommonRead selection for the denomination, discusses topics around how Christians can respond to this call: [mennoniteusa.org/grace-can-lead-us-home](https://mennoniteusa.org/grace-can-lead-us-home)