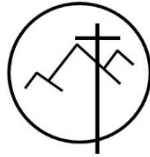


*There will be a time of quiet meditation when the music stops*

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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: March 26, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**9:00 am:** *Worship Begins*

**Coffee**

**10:00:** Discovery Hour

**Lead Pastor:** Vern Rempel

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**Elders:** Barb Eichelberger, Wilmer Villacorta

**Information Technology Support:** Wilmer Villacorta

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076

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

*Please silence your cell phones. Thank You.*

*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: March 26, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

### ***Order of Service***

**Speaker:**

**Jeff Smith**

**Worship Leader:**

**Mary Gardner**

**Song Leader**

**Kathy Smith**

**Sound Room:**

**Lynn Roth**

### ***We Gather***

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Time of Quieting**

**Call to Worship:**

**One: Breath of Life, you animate us.**

Many: We come before you are seeking revival from  
within.

**One: Holy One, when you speak, great things happen.**

Many: Empower us to make great things happen.

**One: Matchless One, you bring good things to life.**

Many: We desire to bring good things to life too.

### ***We Grow in Worship***

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymns** #31: Come We That Love the Lord

#74: O Worship Our God

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

**Congregational Hymn: #84: To God Be the Glory**

**Offering and Prayer:** Offertory: Kathy Smith

### **Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Mender of Hearts, we confess that sometimes in our  
brokenness, we cause brokenness in others. Sometimes in  
our woundedness, we wound others. In these despairing  
moments, we need healing and restoration. We give  
thanks that we are never beyond your reach or grace.  
Amen.

**Vocal Solo:** Kathy Smith: Your love Never Fails, by Chris  
McClarney and Anthony Skinner

**Scripture:** Job 1: 1-5, 13-19, and Matthew 11: 28-30

**Sermon:** A Speck

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

**Sending Song:** #314: Holy Lord

**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

Rae Shellenberger B March 26

Vivienne Shellenberger B April 2

### MCMC

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**

Dear Friends,

Mona Bebe King's family is requesting your prayers for her and for their whole family, as Mona Bebe has recently been signed up for Hospice at home.

Peace, Jordan

### 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

**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

**July 24-28** folks will be painting and roofing the MVS house in Alamosa. Contact Alice Price, 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!

### MENNONITE CHURCH USA

**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://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/director-of-constituent-engagement)

### #MennoCon23

**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/)  
**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://www.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://www.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://www.mennoniteusa.org/grace-can-lead-us-home)

**The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board** welcomed Mosaic Mennonite Conference Moderator Angela Moyer Walter and Assistant Moderator Roy Williams to its online Zoom meeting on Jan. 28, 2023. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/eb-mosaic-moderators](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/eb-mosaic-moderators)

### Menno Snapshots

After a three-year hiatus, Mennonite educators from 14 different schools from across the United States and Albania gathered together in Leesburg, Virginia, Feb 2-4, for the Mennonite Educators Conference, which was hosted by Mennonite Education Agency, the education agency of Mennonite Church USA. Jenn Esbenshade, director of curriculum at Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School, reflects on her time at the conference here: [mennoniteusa.org/better-together-2](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/better-together-2)

**Hopedale (Illinois) Mennonite Church** recently sponsored a two-day comforter blitz for Mennonite Central Committee, a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA, on Jan. 21 and Feb. 4. On Sunday, Feb. 5, Hopedale Mennonite Church blessed the people who made the comforters and prayed for the recipients of the comforters. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/making-comforter](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/making-comforter)