

**DATE: April 2, 2023**  
**Palm Sunday Sixth Sunday of Lent**  
**Sermon Series: Truth and Reconciliation: The Practice of Faith**  
***Order of Service***

**Speaker:** Vern Rempel  
**Worship Leader:** Jina Brenneman  
**Song Leader:** Vern Rempel  
**Sound Room:** Jake Eichelberger

***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**

**Interview with artist, Jeannie Villacorta**

**Opening Hymns** #31 *Come, We That Love*  
#797 *We Are People of God's Peace*

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

**Congregational Hymn:** #605 *My Life Flows On*

**Offering:**

**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.

**Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11**

**Sermon: Doing the Opposite**

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

**Sending Song:** #840 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

**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**

Vivienne Shellenberger B	April 2
Dar Barrie & Mary Gardner A	April 6
Faye Brenneman	April 13

#### **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**

### ***Mountain States Conference News***

Our speaker for MSMC Summer Assembly **July 21-23 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp** will be **ISAAC VILLEGAS!** Isaac is a Mennonite pastor and leader who grew up in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands as a child of Latin American immigrants. He is currently a PhD candidate and award-winning writer and contributing editor (with columns in *The Christian Century* and *Anabaptist World* and with his work in *Sojourners*, *Anabaptist Witness* journal, *Conrad Grebel Review*, and many other publications). See his website here:

<https://isaacvillegas.com/about/> You definitely won't want to miss

hearing from Isaac this year at Assembly, so keep saving those

dates! MSMC Summer ASSEMBLY 2023 will be **July 21-23 at**

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp**. Everyone is welcome.

**SPRUCE BEETLE PACKET WORKDAY APRIL 22nd** - Camp continues its effort to minimize the impact of the spruce beetle's desire to make a home and reproduce in the mature Engelmann spruce trees here at RMMC. Pheromone packets disbursed around camp facilities are intended to trick the beetles into thinking the trees are already inhabited with beetles and that they should go somewhere elsewhere. Please sign up to come help with this year's distribution by clicking the "VOLUNTEER" link on the web page and select "VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND SIGN-UP". Friday night accommodations are offered by request and meals provided include breakfast (8:00am), brunch (10:30am) and supper (5:30pm) as interested/able to join in.

**SPRING MENNONITE QUILTERS RETREAT** - Camp's first quilter's retreat for 2023 is coming April 20-23. These retreats are a great opportunity to get away and get those projects done that have been waiting. While there will be some short, fun breaks, the main focus of this weekend will be giving participants plenty of time to sew. Bring lots of projects, or that one big project you've been waiting to

start. Sharing ideas, tips and techniques are part of the weekend along with bringing any show and tell items to share with the group. To register, please visit the camp website at [www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org).

### **FROM MDS and Western Slope Mennonite Fellowship...**

Volunteer Weekend Coming Up! April 28 – 30

Help build a handicap accessible ramp, paint, landscape, and clear brush! Meet and work with other volunteers for a fun and productive weekend. Free lodging and food provided. Please RSVP to Beuford Aeschliman at 941.592.7028 or [beuford47@hotmail.com](mailto:beuford47@hotmail.com).

“**Rocky Mountain MDS** has several projects and events planned. Put these dates on your calendar:

**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.

**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.

## **MENNONITE CHURCH USA**

### **From MSMC and MC USA...**

Leaders from across the country met for the semiannual Constituency Leaders Council in San Antonio March 23-25. Conference ministers and moderators attended, along with MC USA executive staff and representatives from constituency groups. It was a time full of connecting, eating, singing, and enjoying San Antonio together. Moderator Ryan Koch, Conference Minister Amy Zimbelman, Mennonite Women representative Erica Lea-Simka, and Queer Constituency Group representative Randy Spaulding all attended from Mountain States.

### **MennoCon23**

Mennonite Church USA is hosting a collaborative Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit, July 7, 2023, at the Kansas City (Missouri)

Convention Center. The event will bring together experts in climate change, spiritual activism and social justice to explore the ways that young people ages 14 to 25 can put their faith to work to address the spiritual and human crisis caused by climate change. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/climatesummit](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/climatesummit)

**Mennonite Church USA** is seeking nominees for its 2023 #BringthePeace awards. The annual award is given to two honorees: a legacy peacemaker and a young peacemaker (age 16-25), who can help inspire other young leaders. Submit your nominees by completing this form by April 14: [mennoniteusa.org/btp-nomination](https://mennoniteusa.org/btp-nomination)