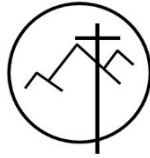


*There will be a time of quiet meditation when the music stops*

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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: June 11, 2023**

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

**Coffee**

**10:00:** Discovery Hour

**Lead Pastor:** Vern Rempel

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**Elders:** Barb Eichelberger, Wilmer Villacorta

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**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: June 11, 2023**

### **Order of Service**

**Speaker:**  
**Worship Leader:**  
**Song Leader**  
**Sound Room:**

**Travis Clarke**  
**Dennis Book**  
**Don Graber**  
**Jake Eichelberger**

#### ***We Gather***

**Welcome**  
**Announcements**  
**Time of Quieting**  
**Call to Worship:**

**LEADER: This month we work toward greater inclusion in every  
church, workplace, and family.**

ALL: We gather today to be refreshed, renewed, and  
strengthened in our faith and in our resolve for the work we  
must do together.

**LEADER: Listen, there is a voice calling us.**

ALL: It is the voice of our Divine Beloved.

**LEADER: The one who loves us invites us to mingle our voices  
together.**

ALL: We call out in worship and praise together.

**LEADER: Bring your hopes, expectations, and longings that you  
have carried with you throughout the week.**

ALL: Here they are. We speak them in our spirit and with our  
words.

**LEADER: Come and worship. Come and praise. Come and pray.**

ALL: We commit ourselves to this sacred time of celebration.

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

**Opening Prayer:**

**Opening Hymns: #156: There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy**  
**#161: I Sought the Lord**

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

**Congregational Hymn: #560: Just As I Am, Without One Plea**

**Offering and Prayer:**

**Prayer of Transformation and New Life:**

**Prayer For Transformation And New Life**

**LEADER: We acknowledge our suffering, brought about by**

**some rhetoric in politics and in many churches.**

ALL: So many of us are sick, scared, dying, or trapped.

**LEADER: Holy Love, we can’t hold this alone.**

ALL: We are discouraged and calling out to you.

**LEADER: We acknowledge racism and the increase in violence  
toward our black and brown siblings.**

ALL: This is unacceptable and sinful. We examine ourselves first  
for any prejudice which contributes to this violence.

**LEADER: God of Mercy, change us where we need to be  
changed.**

ALL: God of the Resistance, we stand with you and with our  
black and brown siblings in rebellion against our racist system.

**LEADER: Divine Beloved, we acknowledge that it is hard to see  
ourselves as you see us.**

ALL: Too frequently we put ourselves down or feel shameful  
about our personhood.

**LEADER: We malign your excellence and creativity when we try  
to fit into boxes not made in our shape.**

ALL: Remind us of our goodness when we praise Your goodness.

**LEADER: The extent of Your image is a mystery to us. Help us to  
see this great mystery in ourselves.**

ALL: Give us strength to claim our inherent sacrality.

**LEADER: We become scared that others will mock us for seeing  
Your image as our intrinsic nature.**

ALL: Find us, O God, in the midst of our fear. Give us strength to  
proclaim, “We are made in the image of The Divine!”

**Scriptures: Isaiah 43: 5-10, 19-21**

**Sermon: Do a New Thing(?)**

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

**Sending Song : #556: I Bind My Heart this Tide**

**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**

**Dan & Judy Thiessen A**

**June 25**

**Gayle & Jana Preheim**

**June 26**

**MCMC**

**Program Cabinet**

**June 20, 11:00**

**[Mountain States Conference News](#)**

**Mountain States Annual Assembly** July 21-23, we'll be having a hymn sing there! We'll also have hikes, worship, activities for the kids, a talent show, a delegate session, great conversations, and much more! Be on the lookout for **registration coming soon** and register early to secure your preferred accommodations!

**FROM RAWTOOLS...**

Hear some of Spencer Goldstein's **incredible story of transformation** from West Point military officer to conscientious objector/RAWtools intern/Beth-El Mennonite attender with his family [here on Rocky Mountain PBS' site](#).

**RAWTOOLS NATIONAL 44K EVENT - MAY 31- JUNE 30, 2023**

**Guns to Garden Tools Livestream Blacksmith Marathon**

in Remembrance of Over 44,000 Individuals Lost to Gun Violence in 2022

Throughout Gun Violence Awareness Month, RAWtools and its collective network of blacksmiths and makers across the country will hold a blacksmithing marathon totaling over 44,000 minutes of labor in remembrance of over 44,000 individuals lost to gun violence in the United States in 2022. Dismantled gun parts will be transformed into garden tools, art, and jewelry. Through this national network, there will be a collective of at least one blacksmith or artist making a tool, jewelry, or piece of art during each day of June. The livestream event, accessible at [www.rawtools.org/live](http://www.rawtools.org/live), will begin May 31 at 11:00 AM (Mountain Standard Time) and run until June 30.

"We want to transform objects that take life into objects that cultivate life. We want to put our thoughts and prayers into action," says Executive Director Mike Martin.

**Rocky Mountain MENNONITE RELIEF SALE**

October 20th–21st Please plan on joining us at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds in Rocky Ford, Colorado, for a fantastic event. We are moving...but NOT YET. There is still time to join in the fun in Southeast Colorado. For more information, please check out our website: <https://rmmcsale.org/index.html>

"**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:

**July 24-28:** Painting and roofing the MVS house in Alamosa.

Contact Alice Price: [aliceprice1950@gmail.com](mailto:aliceprice1950@gmail.com)

**Sept 15-16:** Region 3 celebration of MDS at Boulder Mennonite Church.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

for Mountain States **Annual Assembly July 21-23 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp**.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) and secure your preferred overnight accommodations. We're looking forward to a fantastic time of singing, hiking, asking interesting and important questions, dining, board gaming, talent showing (off), learning, socializing, and breathing some fresh mountain air. Can't wait to see you there!

**MENNONITE CHURCH USA**

**FROM MCC...**

**MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); notebooks (70 sheets) and black or blue ballpoint pens. Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: shampoo (20 oz or more), men's deodorant (min 2.25 oz) and toothpaste (min. 5 oz). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits). Check out MCC's **Peace & Justice Journal** on the impact of border walls and how we can dismantle walls and build bridges of peace and justice [here](#).

Join us for "Delegate Assembly 2023: Know Before You Go, Part II," an informational Zoom webinar on Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT. Leaders from MC USA, Everence and MHS Association will discuss the proposed organizational resolutions for the upcoming Delegate Assembly in Kansas City. Delegates and nondelegates are welcome to attend. Register and submit

your questions here: [mennoniteusa.org/da23-webinar](http://mennoniteusa.org/da23-webinar)

**FROM MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK...**

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayers for all participants in Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure, as they bring closure to their assignments in the coming weeks. Pray for these young adults as they discern God's leadings and as they integrate what they have learned and experienced into the next seasons of their lives.

**We are searching to fill the current opening at Mennonite**

**Mission Network: Staff Accountant** (Full-time, In office, Hybrid or Remote)

The **Staff Accountant** will oversee budget development and monitor budget performance. This position will also be the liaison between finance and other departments and work teams and cross-train to cover other finance functions as necessary. To apply: [www.MennoniteMission.net/about/Employment](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/about/Employment)

Please email Mennonite Mission Network – Human Resources if you have additional questions

at [staffrecruitment@mennonitemission.net](mailto:staffrecruitment@mennonitemission.net)

**From AMBS...**

**Make your commitment to peacemaking come alive with Nonviolent Communication (NVC).** Malinda Elizabeth Berry, PhD, Associate Professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, offers presentations and workshops on Nonviolent Communication — an approach to both leadership and relationships that can help you keep people at the table while growing and maturing as an Anabaptist-Mennonite Christian. She can introduce NVC's core concepts and provide customized interactive sessions based on your context and timeframe: [ambs.edu/invite](http://ambs.edu/invite)