## Mountain Community Mennonite Church

Box 502 Palmer Lake, CO 80133 (719) 481-3155



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: August 13, 2023** 

9:00 am: Worship Begins

Coffee

**10:00:** Discovery Hour

**Lead Pastor:** Vern Rempel

vkrempel@gmail.com

soulreport.WordPress.com

**Elders:** Barb Eichelberger, Wilmer Villacorta

**Information Technology Support:** Wilmer Villacorta

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076

Sermon downloads available at <a href="http://mcmcpl.org">http://mcmcpl.org</a>

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: August 13, 2023** 

Sermon Series: Travelers: Where Are We, Where Are We Going?

# **Order of Service**

Speaker: Marc Schlegel Preheim
Worship Leader: Angela Liew
Song Lea der: Dennis Book
Sound room: Jake Eichelberger

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

One: God moves among us.

Many: We welcome your presence, Lord, no matter by what means you arrive.

One: Reach out your hand and we will always be with you. Many: We reach for you, Lord, and trust that you are present when we fear or ache.

One: Your presence, Oh Lord, calms the seas as it calms our hearts.

Many: May we rest assured that you are ever present with us, assuaging our worries as you love our anxieties into abundance.

**WE GROW IN WORSHIP** 

**Opening Prayer** 

**Opening Hymns**: #74: O Worship Our God, All Glorious Above

#478: I Come With Joy

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

Congregational Hymn: #423: God the Sculptor of the

Mountains

Offering and Prayer:

### **Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Confession):**

God our gentle parent, bring calm to the storms that batter us and blow us off course. We do not need to walk on water; we need only walk through our lives as whole and holy children who recognize that your love unites us, buoys us, and carries us forward to face miraculous challenges in a complex world. Help us to see through the clutter of daily existence in order to focus on what is most important: love, compassion, faith, and connection. Amen.

Scriptures: Psalm 104

Sermon: God of Abundance

### We Go Out to Serve

**Sending Song**: #759: Take My Life and Let it Be

**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**

Jeannie Villacorta B	August 13
Dar Barrie B	August 17
Jayne Liew B	August 18
Becky Harder B	August 23
Brenda Smith B	August 31

## MCMC

Rocky Mountain MENNONITE RELIEF SALE......October 20–21 Region 3 MDS Celebration at Boulder Mennonite Church. Sept. 15-16

**PEACHES!** We need to place our order for peaches buy August 28th. A sign up sheet will be on the kitchen door. They will arrive Saturday, September 9th. Cost is \$45 a box. Faye is our contact person for Peace Mennonite Church.

# **Mountain States Conference News**

We had a meaningful and enjoyable Assembly 2023 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, complete with perfect weather! Check out some photos and videos from on our Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/MountainStatesMC or on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/mountainstatesm ennoconf/. More photos and reports to come in the next few weeks on social media and in the upcoming issue of Zing.

From Conference Minister Amy Zimbelman and her research partner Duke PhD candidate Elizabath Johnson: We've created a video of our MennoCon seminar presenting initial findings of our denomination-wide research study on women in ministry. It's now available on MC USA's website:

https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/churchvitality/women-in-leadership/gathering-storiesenvisioning-equity/

To receive future updates about this ongoing project, please sign up for our email list at bit.ly/supportingpastorssignup

### Rocky Mountain MCC Sale- October 20-21

We are looking forward to the Quilt Auction again this year at the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale. Similar to last year, please submit your quilts online by September 1st. Please find more details, contacts and the submission form at rmmcsale.org under "donate an item". If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Katrina Schrock at eschrockefs@yahoo.com.

LABOR DAY WORK & PLAY RETREAT - If you, your family or a group of friends want to enjoy the holiday weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, there are 16 spaces available to register. The weekend is offered as a day of work and play (Sat. or Sun.) with a Monday morning sendoff after breakfast. This year (September 1-4, 2023), we'll be serving (foodservice & HK) along with additional work projects in preparing our facilities/grounds for the coming winter.

## **MENNONITE CHURCH USA**

#### FROM MC USA..

Mennonite Church USA has named Nancy Kauffmann, former board president of Dove's Nest and longtime Mennonite church leader, as the interim denominational minister of Church Safety for MC USA's Church Vitality office. This new position was created so that the denomination could address the need for continued abuse education and prevention work. Read the announcement here: mennoniteusa.org/news/interim-minister-churchsafety

Lisa Longacher, a development officer for Hesston College shares about how her art can be used for positive change. Longacher co-led a youth seminar, "Art for Change: Exploring Your Creativity," at MennoCon23. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/art-for-change

Olivia Krall named archives coordinator for MC USA Archives: Link

MC USA youth invited to participate in energy challenge: Link

FROM MCC...

The MCC School Kit Challenge is going strong, thank you for helping us work towards our goal of gathering 10,000 school kits in the month of August! Did you know that school kits now include 4 new blue or black ballpoint pens? The MCC material resources center in North Newton is very low on pens and notebooks. Please keep these needs in mind as you see these items for sale this month. 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 katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents and other challenge resources can be found at mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.

MCC's focus for Peace Sunday 2023 is Climate Action for

Peace on Sunday, September 17. If this is a topic that is of interest to your congregation, please sign up for the campaign and you'll get access to the available worship resources. children's stories and activities and more. Sign up for the campaign here.

MCC is seeking a host family in Denver! Would you be interested in learning from and sharing a cultural experience with a young person from another part of the world? Do you know someone who could be a great fit? The Conflict Center will be inviting a young woman from Zimbabwe to volunteer through MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program beginning August 23rd. A Host family is needed to provide a private bedroom within their home and serve as a bridge to church, community, activities, and places of interest. A monthly stipend of \$350 is available for the host family to assist with the basics of food, toiletries, and household expenses. If you are interested and would like more information about being a host, please contact Mahlet Mamo at mahletmamo@mcc.org or (720) 806-0280.

#### FROM MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK...

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for staff at Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) as they begin their twoweek summer training session in South Korea. Pray for fruitful relationship building and learning as NARPI brings together peacemakers from China, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, South Korea and Taiwan.