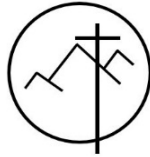


*There will be a time of quiet meditation when the music stops*

*at 9:00 am prior to the start of worship. We invite you to join in this time of silence before our service begins. \**

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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: August 20, 2023**

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

**Coffee**

**10:00:** Discovery Hour

**Lead Pastor:** Vern Rempel

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

*Please silence your cell phones. Thank You.*

**DATE: August 20, 2023**  
**Sermon Series: Travelers: Where Are We,  
Where Are We Going?**

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

**Speaker:** Wilmer Villacorta  
**Worship Leader:** Dar Barrie  
**Song Leader:** Don Graber  
**Sound room:** Jake Eichelberger  
**Pianist:** Jay Liew

### ***We Gather***

**Welcome**  
**Announcements**  
**Time of Quieting**

### **Call to Worship:**

One: O God Embodied, the one made flesh who dwelt among us, help us to arrive this morning with a “yes.” A “yes” to our faith that says our bodies are good and holy, just as and however they are.

**All: A “yes” to show up here, even if our minds may be in other places at times.**

One: A “yes” to believing enough in you, this community, and our own call to know this is where we need to be in this moment.

**All: A “yes” to bringing all that comes from and through our hearts to you, O Heart-maker.**

One: Come, let us bring ourselves to God’s table of plenty,

**All: With our inherent worth and dignity to guide us.**

**Selah. Amen.**

**WE GROW IN WORSHIP**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymns:** #759: Take My Life and Let it Be  
#371: Come Gracious Spirit

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

**Congregational Hymn:** #778: Will You Let Me be Your Servant

**Offering and Prayer: Offertory:** Jay Liew

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

Today, God shows us the power of repentance. And how profound is it to see this embodied in Christ. May we have the courage to admit when we’ve been wrong, the courage to ask for forgiveness, and the open heart to improve our views and behavior with others. Amen.

**Scriptures:** Ruth 1: 15-17

**Sermon:** Loving Kindness for Destitute Travelers

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

**Sending Song :** #831: Blest Be the Tie That Binds  
**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**

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 28<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet will be on the kitchen door. They will arrive Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$45 a box. Faye is our contact person for Peace Mennonite Church.

## Mountain States Conference News

This year marks the grand finale of the sale in this beautiful location, Rocky Ford, and we're gearing up to make it an epic event that you won't want to miss! The Rocky Mountain MCC Sale has been a cherished tradition in our community, bringing people together to support this important cause and find incredible treasures. As we bid farewell to this iconic location, we're calling on all of our friends, neighbors, and supporters to make this year's sale the most memorable one yet.

### Ways You Can Help:

**Volunteer:** We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with various aspects of the event – from setting up, working at various booths, assisting with the general and quilt auctions, to clean up. Your time and energy will play a vital role in making this sale a success.

**Donations:** We are always looking for homemade baked items for the pantry, plus items for the Christmas booth, Crafts booth, Kids auction, silent auction and general auction. Your gently used items can find new homes and contribute to the success of the sale. All proceeds from the sale will go towards supporting MCC initiatives and projects.

**Spread the Word:** Help us spread the news far and wide! Invite your friends, family, and colleagues to join us at the Rocky Mountain MCC Sale. Together, we can make this event a grand celebration of community spirit and giving. For more information on how you can get involved,

volunteer, or donate, please visit our website at [www.rockymountainmccsale.org](http://www.rockymountainmccsale.org).

Thank you for your continued support.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Mountain States' 2023 VIRTUAL Faith & Life Forum will be on October 7th, 2023. More info to come.

Photos and videos of **Assembly 2023** can be found on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MountainStatesMC>

or on Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/mountainstatesmennoconf/>

More photos and reports to come.

**From Conference Minister Amy Zimbelman and her research partner Duke PhD candidate Elizabeth 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/church-vitality/women-in-leadership/gathering-stories-envisioning-equity/>

To receive future updates about this ongoing project, please sign up for our email list at [bit.ly/supportingpastorssignup](https://bit.ly/supportingpastorssignup)

**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

**Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC)** — formerly known as Alternatives to Military Enlistment

Network (AMEN), — has formed a steering committee, recruited volunteers and began its work to counter the recruitment of youth by the U.S. military. Press release here: [Peaceful Options for Training and Careers \(POTC\) announces steering committee action | Mennonite Church USA \(mennoniteusa.org\)](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/peaceful-options-for-training-and-careers-potc-announces-steering-committee-action)

**Roots of Justice | "Expanding our Vision for Peaceable Communities,"** an intergenerational conversation changing the ways we think and respond to conflict, violence and community peacebuilding | Thurs., Aug. 24 @ 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT) on Facebook Live | Learn more and register [here](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/roots-of-justice).

**Lisa Longacher**, a development officer for Hesston College shares about how her art can be used for positive change.

Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/art-for-change](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/art-for-change)

**Olivia Krall** named archives coordinator for MC USA

Archives: [Link](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/archives)

**MC USA youth** invited to participate in energy challenge:

[Link](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/youth-energy-challenge)

**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](mailto: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](https://www.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.](#)