

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: September 17, 2023

9:00 am: *Worship Begins*

Coffee

10:00: Discovery Hour

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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. **

Sermon Series: Compassionate Spiritual Community

DATE: September 17, 2023

Order of Service

Speaker:

Vern Rempel

Worship Leader:

Jina Brenneman

Song Leader:

Dennis Book

Sound room:

Lynn Roth

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

**One: Bless the Holy One with our whole selves. Praise the
Maker of our being!**

Many: Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of
our God.

**One: The Sovereign One endows us with many gifts and
equips us to do good work.**

Many: Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of
our God.

**One: Holy Love entered the world without condemnation
but with grace and forgiveness, mercy and compassion,
redemption and restoration.**

Many: Hallelujah! We give thanks for the mighty deeds and
the good works of our God!

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #390: In Christ There is no East or West
#600: O Thou in Whose Presence

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

Congregational Hymn: #550: God Who Touches Earth
With Beauty

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Confession):

God of grace, we need your strength in our weakness. We
confess that we can be judgmental and hyper-critical of
our neighbors, family, and friends. We project our own
shortcomings on others in order to deflect attention from
our mistakes. We withhold and condition forgiveness,
mercy, and grace from those who wrong us at the same
time we seek it for the wrongs we have done. Even still, we
struggle to forgive ourselves. You have shown us the better
way. Help us to follow your path—receiving and extending
forgiveness in a world in need of an infusion of grace for
transformation. In your mercy, O God, hear our prayer, and
let us forgive as you forgive. Amen.

Bass, Guitar, and Voice: Stuart Dietrick, Dennis Book

Scriptures: James 2:23-26

Sermon: “Don’t talk of love, show me!”

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

Paul & Mary Johnson A September 20
Heidi Juell B September 27

MCMC

PotluckSeptember 24
Worship with Beloved Community.....October 22
Rocky Mountain MENNONITE RELIEF SALE...October 20–21

Beloved Community will be joining us for worship and potluck on September 24. Make sure to join in the fellowship.

Mountain States Conference New

First Mennonite Church of Denver (FMC) is seeking a permanent, half-time, on-site employee to manage the daily administrative responsibilities in our office. Qualified candidates will have a strong work ethic and be highly organized and self-motivated. Check out the job description here: www.fmcdenver.org/hiring

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Join us for the VIRTUAL 2023 Faith & Life Forum on **October 7th 9:30-11:30**. *Resetting the Table*: A look at right relationships among the plants, animals, and people who sustain our food system.

What's behind the bunch of grapes or the cut of beef in your grocery store? Whose lives are wrapped up in our food systems and how can we engage with them with more care and justice? Join **Ismael Camacho**, former farmworker and current staff attorney at New Mexico Legal Aid, and **Rev. Dr. Trevor Bechtel**, writer, ethicist, teacher, and pastor at Shalom Community Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan, as we delve into a discussion of what the interconnectedness of all creatures means for our lives. Moderated by Rev. Amy S. Zimbelman. Registration information coming soon, but please **mark your calendars!**

Glennon Heights Mennonite Church will be hosting Glennon Heights Live, a special **dinner and variety show on Sept 30**, featuring the talents of Glennon Heights church family members of all ages. Potato bar dinner at 5:30 pm; Show at 7:00 pm; Zoom option will be available. 11480 W. Virginia Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80226. \$20 suggested donation for adults, \$10 for children (but pay what you can). All proceeds go to the Next Step Fund, GHMC's scholarship program. Please register at <https://bit.ly/glennonnightlive>

Calling all MSMC Pastors, chaplains, and passion ministry leaders (a.k.a. credentialed leaders): Save the date for **Pastors' Retreat** this year. It's **November 10-12 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp**. Zach Martinez will be our featured speaker, so you won't want to miss it!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

MC USA announces the hiring of Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler as climate justice coordinator.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-names-karla-stoltzfus-detweiler-as-climate-justice-coordinator/>

Menno Snapshots: Yujin Kim, a communications associate for Mennonite Central Committee East Coast, reflects on the 70th anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement and how separation and longing are part of her family narrative, shaping her identity and motivating her to work for peace. Read her story here: mennoniteusa.org/belonging-in-peace

FROM MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE...

MDS Work weekend on October 5-6-7 at Marshall Fire clean-up and repair.

MDS Annual Meeting: October 21: Please join us for the Rocky Mountain unit annual meeting at Rocky Ford in conjunction with the MCC sale, the last one to be held in that location. You are invited to a free breakfast from 7:30-9:00 at Christine's Restaurant in Rocky Ford. Please RSVP to Mary Johnson, mjmanyik@gmail.com or 303-726-9890 if you can come!

FROM MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK...

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the members of the Movement of Anabaptist Women Doing Theology from Latin America (MTAL), as they compile their devotional book for 2024–2025. Pray that God's spirit will guide the team of volunteer editors and designers as they work with submissions from more than 300 women.

Check out MMN's Pilgrimages here: [https://](https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/just%20peace%20pilgrimage)

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FROM MENNOMEDIA...

Violence pervades some children's Bibles, but The Peace Table, Shine's new storybook Bible, provides a peace witness, while providing thoughtful prompts concerning more violent passages. Read more about Chrissie Muecke's

experience as part of The Peace Table's Team

here: mennoniteusa.org/peace-witness-paths