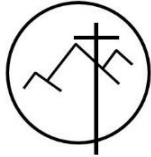


Mountain Community Mennonite Church

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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 24, 2023**

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

**Coffee**

**10:00:** Discovery Hour

**Lead Pastor:** Vern Rempel

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**Elders:** Barb Eichelberger, Wilmer Villacorta

**Information Technology Support:** Wilmer Villacorta

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076

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

*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. \**

**Sermon Series: Compassionate Spiritual Community**

**DATE: September 24, 2023**

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

**Speaker:** Vern Rempel  
**Worship Leader:** Dennis Book  
**Song Leader:** Dennis Book, Vern Rempel  
**Sound room:** Lynn Roth

### ***We Gather***

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

### **Call to Worship:**

Might God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope. You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the plains. We set our attention and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as we worship your holy name. Amen.

### **WE GROW IN WORSHIP**

**Opening Prayer**  
**Opening Hymns:** #716: God of Grace and God of Glory  
#617: When Peace Like a River

**Prayers of the people and sharing the grace.....**  
**Congregational Hymn: #144: God, Give Me Time**  
**Offering and Prayer:**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Confession):**  
God of abundance, forgive us for embracing a worldview that capitalizes on scarcity. Help us to know that you have given us enough for our journey. You have created us wonderfully and uniquely. Forgive us for comparing ourselves with our neighbor when we are called to love them. Help us to embrace how you have made us as individuals who may bring our singular gifts to our common life.

Scriptures: James 3: 13-18, NRSV

**Sermon:** Gentle  
**Communion**

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

**Sending Song :** #743: Just a Closer Walk With Thee

**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

Heidi Juell B

September 27

## MCMC

**Potluck** .....**September 24**

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

**Worship with Beloved Community**.....**October 22**

**Rocky Mountain MENNONITE RELIEF SALE**.**October 20–21**

## Mountain States Conference New

Mark your calendars for the **BOULDER MENNONITE HYMN SING!** Folks have expressed interest in regular all-conference hymn sings. The next hymn sing will be held Sunday afternoon, October 29, 3pm here at Boulder Mennonite Church. Light refreshments will be served following the hymn sing. Song leaders and musicians are encouraged to contact Carole Suderman ([cjsude@yahoo.com](mailto:cjsude@yahoo.com)).

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**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](http://www.fmcdenver.org/hiring)

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

You can help by volunteering, giving a donation, and spreading the word.

The fun begins on Friday evening with a wonderful meal and entertainment, and continues on Saturday. Whether

that is a 5K walk/run, pancake breakfast, shopping at one of our wonderful booths, buying something at the auction, riding in the barrel train or a slice of pie and ice cream, there is something for everyone. It is never too early for pie and ice cream!

**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.

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. Moderated by Rev. Amy S. Zimbelman.

**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>

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Learn more and register by October 15, 2023, for the Mennonite Church USA Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/energy-spirit](http://mennoniteusa.org/energy-spirit) View the PowerPoint slide here:

[mennoniteusa.org/slide-energy-youth](http://mennoniteusa.org/slide-energy-youth)

**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](mailto: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://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/just%20peace%20pilgrimage>

**FROM THE COALITION TO DISMANTLE THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY...**

Apache Stronghold continues prayerful struggle to protect sacred places: Apache Stronghold, a grassroots, non-profit organization, made up of San Carlos Apache, other Indigenous tribes and their allies, work tirelessly to prevent the land transfer of Oak Flat to build the largest copper mine in North America. The [Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#), begun by Mennonites, is supporting the lawsuit. Apache Stronghold continues to believe that prayer is one of the most powerful ways to protect Oak Flat. On November 4, Indigenous people will gather at Oak Flat to pray, and they have invited people of all faith traditions to join them. The Coalition is encouraging individuals who are able to travel to Oak Flat for a day of prayer, and for those who can't travel, they suggest organizing prayer events at their churches and in their communities. Read more at [Mennonite Mission Network's website](#).