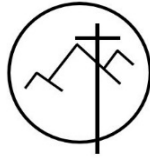


There will be a time of quiet meditation when the music stops

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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: November 26, 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.

*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: November 26, 2023
Sermon Series: Art and Faith
Order of Service

Speaker
Worship Leader:
Song Leader:
Sound room:

Ivy Johnson
Dennis Book
Vern Rempel
Lynn Roth

We Gather

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting
Call to Worship:

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Worship with
gladness and singing!

**Many: God is Creator, Sustainer, Keeper, and
Shepherd. Bless God’s name.**

One: Enjoy the presence of God! Give thanks and praise!

Many: God is Sovereign and Holy. Bless God’s name.

One: Know that God reigns! God’s kingdom comes!

**Many: God is Healer, Redeemer, Restorer, and Friend.
Bless God’s name!**

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: His Eye is on the Sparrow
I’ll Fly Away

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

Congregational Hymn: Wade in the Water

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Confession):

Sovereign God, transform us in your image. Your reign is
just and righteous. We go our own way and live according
to our own will. Make us ambassadors of your kingdom.
Let us represent you through words and actions. May we
release our need for anything that creates a barrier to
loving you and our neighbor. May we know and bear
witness that we are all neighbors. Amen.

Art as an Expression of my Faith: Faye Brenneman

Scriptures: Matthew 5: 1-11, Matthew 6: 6-20

Sermon: A Canary in the Coal Mine

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song :

Mary Don’t You Weep

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

Randy Brenneman B November 26
Paul Johnson B December 3

MCMC

Mountain States Conference New

Snow Camps are coming again in 2024!

Jr. High.....January 19-21
Sr. High.....February 16-18
Young Adult.....February 16-18
Scrapbook Retreat.....January 26-28

The Leadership Board of Mountain States Mennonite Conference is exploring a conversation about the borders of our conference. We have had churches in other states in the region show interest in becoming part of our conference, so it raises questions of our geography and what it might look like to welcome additional congregations--or not. As part of this discernment process, the conference minister has been informally surveying pastors individually and at their pastors meetings, but we'd also like to hear from you. What are your thoughts? If you have a strong opinion on the topic after reading this paragraph, please reach out to Ryan Koch ryank@mountainstatesmc.org or Amy Zimbelman at amyz@mountainstatesmc.org. Also, be on the lookout for a Zoom forum or two in early 2024 so conference leaders can hear from anyone interested in engaging in a conversation about the pros and cons of opening our conference's borders beyond Colorado and New Mexico. Thank you for your thoughts!

Check out the latest [Zing! newsletter here](#), including reports from Boulder Mennonite's trip to Taos to connect

with Indigenous folks, photos from the Relief Sale, a reflection from Amy Zimbelman on Israel and Palestine, news about upcoming conversations in our conference, and more.

Bookkeeper or treasurer? Would you like to serve the church with your skills? **Mountain States Mennonite Conference seeks a conference treasurer** [Job description listed here](#). Qualified candidates please send your resume and the names and contact info for 2 references to Amy Zimbelman amyz@mountainstatesmc.org.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Mennonite Church USA issued a statement on the Israel-Hamas War on Nov. 15. The statement laments the loss of life and stands on our shared Anabaptist faith values in a call for a ceasefire. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/ceasefire/

The Center for Community Justice in Elkhart, Indiana, honored Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA's denominational minister for Peace & Justice, for her work in restorative justice at an event celebrating the 45th anniversary of its Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP). Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/ccj-honors

Menno Snapshots

This fall, several Mennonite Church USA congregations from Northwest Ohio worked with RAWtools and Mennonite Central Committee to host a community event about gun safety. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/gun-safety-ohio

During the Korean War, Sue Park-Hur's Aunt Hwasil was separated from her mother and brothers. After 40 years, she was finally able to reunite with her family, a privilege that many other Korean families have not been able to enjoy. Park-Hur is Mennonite Church USA's director of racial/ethnic engagement. Read her blog here: mennoniteusa.org/korean-family-reunion

Learn more about MCC's advocacy response to the violence in Palestine and Israel [here](#). MCC also offers resources for better understanding the situation and ways to financially support a humanitarian response in Gaza:

[Palestine Israel booklet](#)

Disaster response initiatives

[A Cry for Home, MCC's advocacy response](#)

SAVE THE DATE – The MCC Comforter Blitz will be March 4-6 in Yoder, Kansas.

FROM MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE...

Check out volunteer service opportunities for disaster relief (one week or more): <https://mds.volunteermatrix.com/>

FROM AMBS...

Online Short Course: [Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture](#): Jan. 31 – March 12. Study how 16th-century Anabaptists approached Scripture — as compared with Catholics and other Protestants — and consider those similarities and differences in light of today. Instructors for this six-week AMBS Online Short Course are Laura Brenneman-Fullwood, PhD, and David Cramer, PhD. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Sign up by Jan. 10 to save \$50.

Have a lovely holiday!

In your festivities this week, consider acknowledging the specific people groups that have called the land you live on 'home': *We acknowledge the systems of power and privilege that have led us to live, work, farm, and raise children in this land. We admit our complicity in the colonization of these territories, whether knowingly or not, and we commit ourselves anew to hearing and honoring the realities facing Indigenous people today, in hopes of restoring and rebuilding right relationships between our nations.*

FROM MENNONITE EDUCATION AGENCY...

MEA is pleased to announce the 2023 Advent at Home worship guide, "How will we know?" is now available for free download in English and Spanish at <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/advent-at-home/>.

MEA Hispanic Ministries has received a grant from The Schowalter Foundation to adapt the *Instituto Biblico Anabautista* (IBA – Anabaptist Bible Institute) digital resources to better serve participants in virtual settings. The press release is available online at <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/news-events/news/>.