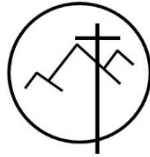


There will be a time of quiet meditation when the music stops

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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: December 10, 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: December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

Order of Service

Speaker

Paul Johnson

Worship Leader:

Rae Shellenberger

Song Leader:

Dennis Book

Sound room:

Jake Eichelberger

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Advent Candle Lighting:

Joan Murphy

Call to Worship:

Leader: A voice cries out declaring God’s presence.

Comfort, O Comfort my people, says God.

All: We come preparing the way of the Lord.

Together, we actively wait for God’s peace.

Leader: A voice cries out declaring God’s equity.

Valleys shall be lifted and Hills be made low.

All: We come to make straight in the desert a highway.

Together, we’re pressing toward God’s peace.

Leader: A voice cries out declaring steadfastness.

Grass withers, flowers fade, but God’s word stands forever.

All: We lift up our voices with strength and good tidings.

Together, we carry out God’s peace.

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #218: Come, Thou Long – Expected
Jesus

#243: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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

Congregational Hymn: #216: Lo, How a Rose E’er
Blooming

Offering and Prayer: Offertory: Jay Liew

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Confession):

We come to you, Creator, not asking for an empty or
entitled peace;

We come to you asking that you call us to the carpet.
Remind us to dig deeper to the wells of truth.

Help us see beneath the surface level arguments and
beyond viral news clips.

Embolden us to be the revolutionaries you have called us
to be so that all injustice might be eradicated and peace

that surpasses understanding may reign.

Amen.

Scriptures: Psalm 107: 21, I Thessalonians 5:16

Sermon: "Season of Gratitude"

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song : #211: Hope is a Candle

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

Joseph Liew B

December 10

MCMC

Mountain States Conference New

Snow Camps are coming again in 2024!

Jr. High.....January 19-21

Scrapbook Retreat.....January 26-28

Sr. High.....February 16-18

Young Adult.....February 16-18

Check out the latest [Zing! newsletter here!](#)

FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP...

Scrapbook Retreat, Jan. 26-28 is your opportunity to create paper or digital photo books and share ideas and good conversation with other scrapbook participants. Lisa Longacher will return as our program resource for the retreat and help facilitate a variety of activities. Please come for retreat and community in God's creation here at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.

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/

MC USA works with Racial/Ethnic leaders to develop sustainable programs for the various Racial/Ethnic groups who have often found monetary support to be intermittent and fragmented. Your donation will help to empower the next generation of leaders in MC USA.

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

FROM AMBS...

New Vision issue on "Family" available for free online. The Fall 2023 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* — edited by Andy Brubacher Kaethler, PhD — explores how the church can play a positive role in supporting families without relying on a narrow understanding of the ideal family unit itself. ambs.edu/vision

Online Short Course: Understanding Anabaptist

FROM MENNOMEDIA... "The Holy in the Night, Finding Freedom in a Season of Waiting" by Shannon W. Dycus | Available for purchase [here](#). Watch a webinar on "Community Devotion: Implementing Devotional Books in a Congregational Setting" with Shannon W. Dycus [here](#).

FROM MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE...

Calling all volunteers! You can be a part of bringing hope to communities affected by disaster by volunteering for a week or more. We love having you on board with us! Click [here](#) to see all the ways to volunteer with MDS.

MENNONITE EDUCATION AGENCY...

"How Will We Know" by Talashia Keim Yoder | Available in English and Spanish for free download [here](#).

FROM EASTERN MENNONITE SEMINARY...

Featured Spring Course: Faith-Based Social Transformation Online or on campus, audit or graduate credit, Thursdays 2:25-5:05pm EST. Taught by Dr. David Evans, this course studies organizing, capacity building, strategic planning, and religious practices that religious movements use to engage social issues. Beginning with the U.S. Civil Rights movement, what can we learn from religious movements that successfully address the pressing concerns of their day? [Learn more](#)

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. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE...

MCC Responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict: As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners.

Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to

offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction.

Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel or call

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