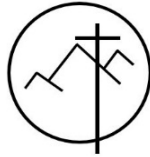


There will be a time of quiet meditation when the music stops

*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 January 14, 2023

9:00 am: *Worship Begins*

Coffee

10:00: Discovery Hour

Lead Pastor: Vern Rempel

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Information Technology Support: John Beck

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

Please silence your cell phones. Thank You.

DATE: January 14, 2023
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday

Order of Service

Speaker
Worship Leader:
Leader:
Sound room:

Vern Rempel
Angela Liew
Vern Rempel
Lynn Roth

We Gather

Welcome:
Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

One: We praise you, O God, for you are our God, and we are your people.

Many: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

One: Search us and know us, Creator, remove us from shadows into your presence.

Many: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

One: Place your hand upon us, Gracious One, as we worship you and minister in your name.

Many: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #715: Longing for Light
#504: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

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

Congregational Hymn: #714: Let There be Light

Offering and Prayer

Peace Moment: Jina Brenneman: Where have you acted or seen others act for peace?

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Confession):

Holy God, 1 Corinthians 6:12 reminds us that “All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be dominated by anything. You have created us in your holy and divine image. We pray to reflect your goodness in the world. We confess that we have engaged in actions and attitudes contrary to your kingdom, and we ask for wisdom, guidance, and fortitude to be the people you have called us to be. Amen.

Scriptures: John 1: 43-51 NRSV

Sermon: Ramifications and Hope

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song : #611: Lift Every Voice and Sing
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

Rollin Murphy B January 15
Teresa Barnes B January 17
Ken Smith B January 31

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

Happy New Year!

Welcome to our **new Conference Administrator Cheryl Beachey** from Western Slope Mennonite Fellowship! We're excited to have her on board. We'll share more about her in our next Zing newsletter.

As we embark upon 2024, 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 and moderator have been informally surveying pastors and leaders individually and at meetings, but we'd also like to hear from you.

We have one more Zoom event that will be fairly open-ended conversations discussing the pros and cons of welcoming additional churches:
—**Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30pm on Zoom**

RSVP to Amy amyz@mountainstatesmc.org if you plan to attend to get the Zoom link emailed to you. See you there!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

We celebrate the peacemaking legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 15, 2024. King understood the interconnectedness of all life and planted the seeds for the environmental justice movement. In his final trip to Memphis in 1968, King confronted environmental racism in the United States as he helped lead a strike by Black sanitation workers who were protesting hazardous working conditions. The strike represented one of the first organized actions of the environmental justice movement. ([source:causes.com](https://source.causes.com)) Engage your congregation, neighbors or family in an act of service that cares for our planet on MLK Day:

- Prayerfully bike or walk instead of driving.
- Join efforts to make homes in your community more energy efficient.
- Plant a tree. Learn more about how trees heal our climate from Mennonite Men's [JoinTrees](#) initiative.
- Partner with others to plan a community garden.
- Cook a plant-based meal featuring locally grown ingredients, and share it with neighbors!
- Advocate for climate justice. Check out [Mennonite Central Committee's](#) Climate Advocacy campaigns. Or learn more from Interfaith Power and Light's [January 25 webinar](#): What's on Deck for Climate Policy in 2024 Briefing.

Mennonite World Conference | Climate Pollinators webinar, Latin America focus with Juliana Morillo | January 16 @6 a.m. PT/9 a.m. ET | Register [here](#).

FROM MENNONITE ACTION...

Nearly 3,500 people who identify as Mennonite have joined the Mennonite Action Network efforts to peacefully advocate for an end to the Israel-Hamas war. On Tuesday, January 16th at 11:30am, hundreds of Mennonites across the US will gather for a Peace Service in front of the Capitol Reflecting Pool in

Washington, DC. Mennonites will gather to pray, sing, and demand our representatives call for a permanent ceasefire, a release of all hostages, and an end to the occupation of Palestine.

At least 7 Colorado Mennonites from MSMC are planning to attend the DC events and some are in need of financial support for travel expenses. Please consider donating money to support them. Contact Annaken Toews, annakenmtoews@gmail.com

Also consider signing the petition urging national leaders to support a permanent ceasefire:

<https://www.mennoniteaction.org/us-petition>

Local efforts are being encouraged for January 16 in solidarity with the DC event. More support and tools for planning a local event can be found at

<https://www.mennoniteaction.org/get-involved>

Mark your calendars for the 3rd virtual mass meeting of Mennonite Action on Saturday, January 20 to debrief the national event and learn more about the movement. Register here: <https://www.mennoniteaction.org/call>

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

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