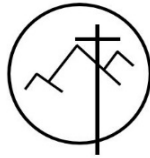


There will be a time of quiet meditation when the music stops

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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 February 18, 2024

9:00 am: *Worship Begins*

Coffee

10:00: Discovery Hour

Lead Pastor: Vern Rempel

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Sermon downloads available at <http://mcmcpl.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: February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Order of Service

Speaker

Vern Rempel

Worship Leader:

Angela Liew

Song Leader:

Vern Rempel

Sound room:

Jake Eichelberger

We Gather

Welcome:

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

**L: The voice of God proclaims of Jesus, “You are my
beloved, and I love you.”**

A: We, too, are God’s beloved children, loved and
embraced.

**L: With all the voices reminding us that we are not
enough or don’t belong, it is tempting to forget our place
in God’s Kingdom.**

A: With the waters of baptism and the voice of God’s
promises, we can face the temptations of any wilderness or
desert that would draw us away from the Source of our
hope.

L: Embrace your belovedness.

A: We rejoice in God’s unending love for us!

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God
#622 Jesus, Rock of Ages

Congregational Hymn: Just As Long As I Have Breath

6 Just as Long as I Have Breath

1. Just as long as I have breath, I must ans - wer,
2. Just as long as vi - sion lasts, I must ans - wer,
3. Just as long as my heart beats, I must ans - wer,

“Yes,” to life; though with pain I made my way,
“Yes,” to truth; in my dream and in my dark,
“Yes,” to love; dis - ap - point - ment pierced me through,

still with hope I meet each day. If they ask what
al - ways: that e - lu - sive spark. If they ask what
still I kept on lov - ing you. If they ask what

I did well, tell them I said, “Yes,” to life.
I did well, tell them I said, “Yes,” to truth.
I did best, tell them I said, “Yes,” to love.

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THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Offering and Prayer

Peace Moment: Where Have you Acted or Seen Others Act
for Peace?: Faye Brennehan

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

O God of love, as Jesus was driven out to be tempted in the
wilderness, we too, face wildernesses of our own. We are
tempted to forget your promises, to rely upon our own
strength, and to listen to the destructive voices of power

and oppression. Free us from our own hubris. Help us to reclaim our spiritual center as rooted in your love. Open our being to hearing your voice proclaim us as your child who is welcomed, held, and whole. Amen.

Stations of the Cross: Art by Charles S. Ndege, Tanzania. Statuary, San Luis, Co., photo images by Dennis Book

Scriptures: Genesis 9:8-17 NRSV
Sermon: Destruction and Covenant

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song : #98 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
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

Garcia Wood B	February 16
Mary Johnson B	February 17
Brenda & Ken Smith A	March 7
Dennis Book B	March 19

MCMC

Annual Business Meeting.....Today

Mountain States Conference New

MSC Assembly (Beth-El).....July 26-28
The Jan/Feb Zing! has dropped. Here is the link: [Jan/Feb Zing!](#)

It is with a saddened heart that I write to share news of Marge Freed's passing. Marge was a charter member of Beth-El, and she turned 99 years old last August. She will be missed by many people.

As Marge prepared for the end of her life she requested that there not be a funeral or memorial service for her. Instead, she asked her family to have a simple time together at her graveside.

It is my understanding that they plan to move ahead with those arrangements.
In lieu of a service, when you think of Marge I invite you to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for her life, and perhaps even tell someone what you appreciated about her.
Peace, Jordan

FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP...

Take a look at the latest/greatest happenings here at RMMC. This information can be viewed on:

- [RMMC Web Page - News & Stories](#) (under "About Us")
- [RMMC Facebook Page](#)
- [RMMC Instagram Page](#)

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Jonathan Kuttab, international human rights attorney and Mennonite Church USA 2023 Bring the Peace Legacy Peacemaker honoree, describes how his work as a human rights lawyer relates to peace and justice. Read more and watch the interview here: [mennoniteusa.org/kuttab-btp](#)

Beryl Jantzi, director of stewardship education for Everence, shares congregational stewardship resources in his recent Menno Snapshots blog. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/new-year-stewardship](#)

American Mennonite History Timeline here: [mennoniteusa.org/african-american-mennonite-history-timeline/](#)

Mennonite Church USA's (MC USA) Climate Justice Ministry will begin receiving applications for the [Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund](#) grant, starting April 1, 2024.

The grants are for hardware purchases related to solar panels, car charging stations or other renewable energy projects. Most solar grants are \$5,000, but congregations may request up to \$10,000. Grants for car charging stations are limited to \$1,800. To apply for the grant, contact Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler. Send your inquiry to [climatejustice@MennoniteUSA.org](#)
Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, climate justice coordinator for **Mennonite Church USA** (MC USA) has signed a letter to Congress, along with 62 faith-based organizations, asking for strengthened funding for [Victims of Crime Act \(VOCA\) grants](#). VOCA grants are the primary source of federal funding for victim services. The letter was written by the [Interfaith Coalition Against Domestic And Sexual Violence](#) To read the letter go to: [https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-signs-letter-to-](#)

[congress-asking-for-strengthened-funding-for-victims-of-crime-act-grants/](#)

The **Women in Leadership** ministry of MC USA is releasing season three of its popular podcast, "Holding It(,) Together." The podcast is available on the [MC USA website](#), [Apple](#), [Google Podcasts](#), and [Spotify](#).

Other new episodes will drop once a month. Upcoming release dates are Feb. 26, Mar. 25, April 29, May 27 and June 24, 2024.

FROM MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE...

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); wide-toothed combs; laundry soap (Fels Naptha or Zot); shampoo (20 oz min); fingernail clippers ; and hand towels (dark colored). Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care kits, for those k currently need: men's T-shirts (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's underwear (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's crew socks; lotion (12 oz min); and adult backpacks. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117).

MCC Young adult Peace Camp in Black Forest, Colorado, March 10-15 - Join us for a week of hands-on peacebuilding training in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado Springs! MCC's Peacebuilders Training is for young adults hungry to connect with other young adults; root themselves in intentional, theological reflection; and apply that to the real-world work of peace and justice in their communities. Find out more and register for the Peace Camp. [https://mcc.org/get-involved/peace-camps](#)

FROM MENNONITE ACTION...

We are grateful for all who took action across Canada on Friday. In [Mennonite Action's local organizing toolkit](#), you can find resources for organizing similar actions in your own community. And on February 24, all are invited to attend a [virtual local organizing training](#) at 3:00 Eastern / 12:00 Pacific.