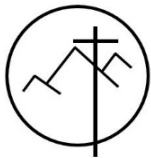


There will be a time of quiet meditation when the music stops

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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 March 3, 2024

9:00 am: *Worship Begins*

Coffee

10:00: Discovery Hour

Lead Pastor: Vern Rempel

vkrempel@gmail.com

soulreport.WordPress.com

Elders: Barb Eichelberger, Wilmer Villacorta

Information Technology Support: John Beck

Mountain Community Senior Services (719) 488-0076

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: March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Order of Service

Speaker

Mary Sprunger Froese

Worship Leader:

Angela Liew

Song Leader:

Dennis Book

Sound room:

Lynn Roth

We Gather

Welcome:

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

L: Into the house of God we are called to enter,

A: to worship and receive the gift of grace.

L: As we step towards this sacred space,

A: we acknowledge all that can distract or exploit.

**L: God calls upon us to cleanse our houses of all that does
not find its source in God’s love.**

**A: Together we give ourselves in worship and right
relations with our neighbor. Let us worship God.**

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #103: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#305: The Glory of These Forty Days

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Grace.....

Congregational Hymn: #806: Called by Earth and Sky

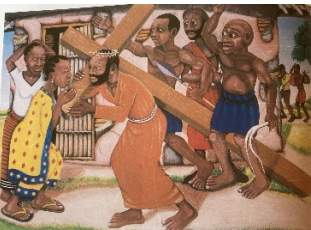
Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

Holy God, there are times when we choose to bring our
folly and the many reckless ways of exploiting the poor
into your house. Sometimes without our even knowing it.

And so, when our houses of worship need change or when
we have wandered from your ways, help us to turn
towards you. Not because of what we can gain from you,
but because your love is a gift unearned and unwavering.
Grant us your grace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

**3rd Station of the Cross: Jesus Meets His Mother: Art by
Charles S. Ndege,Tanzania, Statuary: San Luis, Co.,
Photo Image: Dennis Book**



Scriptures: Exodus 20: 1-17, Psalm 19

Sermon: The Ten – A Guide for the Common Good

Communion:

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song : #180: This is God’s Wondrous World

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

**Brenda & Ken Smith A
Dennis Book B**

**March 7
March 19**

MCMC

Men’s Retreat:..... March 1-3
Women’s Retreat:..... March 8-10
MSC Assembly (Beth-El).....July 26-28

Mountain States Conference New

Women’s Retreat: March 8-10 The [Mountain States Mennonite Conference Women’s Retreat](#) at Rocky Mountain Camp is right around the corner. The theme of the weekend will be Unconventional Healing, and we are excited to welcome Amy Zimbelman, MSMC Conference Minister, to share with us. There are forces in all of our lives that hold us back: things like self-doubt, anxieties, hopelessness, bitterness, or fear. We’ll look at biblical figures like Mary Magdalene and the woman with the flow of blood — women who broke from the norms of their day to find liberation. We’ll also hear from one another and from MC USA women in a recent study to find examples of what it might look like today to reach out boldly for our own healing. As part of the activity options, Lori Oswald will lead an experiential opportunity to connect with nature in a way that helps to create balance and nourishment in our busy lives. Additionally, the weekend will include opportunities for fellowship and activities of your choosing, including yoga, hiking, human curling, and crafts, or you may choose to simply relax by the fireplace! If you haven't already, click here to "[REGISTER FOR CAMP](#)". Please contact the Women's Retreat committee members or camp for additional details: Tina Troyer - tinitat@gmail.com Anna Unruh - am.unruh@gmail.com Camp Office - info@rmmc.org Thanks!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS - Summer is coming! Come explore our summer theme "What's the Forecast?" No matter the weather, God is always with us; in the calm, in the storm, and everything in between. This summer we will be looking to Joshua 1:9 and Matthew 28:20 to learn how we can see God in all situations. For more information on camps and to register visit us at rmmc.org (Rates: Best-Before March 1, Better-March 1-May 31, and Good-after May 31). Scholarships are available as to ensure money isn't a barrier to a summer camp experience at RMMC.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Rev. Amy Zimbelman, conference minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference, and Elizabeth Johnson, PhD candidate at Duke University, will share major findings from their national study of women in MC USA ministry during an MC USA webinar on Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/registraiton-wil-march11 View the slide here: mennoniteusa.org/WIL-webinar-register

Talashia Keim Yoder, a pastor at College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana, and author of Mennonite Education Agency’s “Lent at Home 2024” downloadable worship guide for families, reframes Lenten confession and penitence with the life-giving ways we can find God in the desert. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: mennoniteusa.org/lent24-jesus-desert

FROM MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK...

Even for those who are rooted in Anabaptist peace theology, living out peace is not easy, and often, we do not go far enough. In spring 2022, Mission Network staff completed a new strategic plan, with “Peace, Justice and DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)” as one of our top seven priorities. This means that we are committed to working toward peace, justice and DEI throughout our work and ministry, including in our internal structures, through our programs and

with our partners. This kind of commitment also involves having a desire to learn and grow together. Conversations and interactions with partners remind us that this work is mutual, and each one of us has so much to learn and give. To read the entire article and find ways to join in the peacemaking work, please go to [Blessed are the peacemakers](#).

FROM MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE...

MCC Young adult Peace Camp in Black Forest, Colorado, March 10-15 - Join us for an incredible week of hands-on peacebuilding training in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado Springs! MCC’s Peacebuilders Training is a learning experience 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> **Mennonite Education Agency**, the education agency of Mennonite Church USA, is pleased to share the Lent at Home 2024 worship guide and calendar, available for download in English and Spanish at the MEA website: <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/lent-at-home/>.

This resource is offered at no cost to the congregations, conferences, individuals, and families of MC USA and MC Canada. However, gifts to help cover the costs of production are joyfully accepted at the MEA website <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/> and click on Donate. Checks can be made payable to Mennonite Education Agency and sent to 3145 Benham Avenue, Suite 2, Elkhart, IN 46517. May this beautiful resource inspire and deepen your experience of Lent!

Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2024, for the MEA Scholarship for BIPOC Students within Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) for the 2024-25 academic year. Scholarship information, requirements, and the application form are available online at <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/schools/mea-scholarship-for-bipoc-students/>. Questions can be directed to Jolene VonGuten, jolenev@MennoniteEducation.org or 574-343-1310.

FROM ASSOCIATED MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY...

Anabaptist Witness welcomes submissions on the theme of “Witness in Palestine and Israel” for the October 2024 issue. Over the past 75 years, Mennonites have been involved in a wide variety of relief, development and peacebuilding projects in Palestine and Israel. As the region continues to be marred by legacies of refugee dispossession, military occupation and violent conflict, reflection on the past, present and future of Anabaptist witness there is of vital importance.

Anabaptist Witness is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes academic essays, reflection pieces, sermons, poetry, interviews and visual art. Historical, biblical, theological and missiological approaches are welcome. Submissions are due July 1, 2024. [Click for guidelines](#).

Mary Oyer hymn sing audio recordings available online. “Wade in the Water: Singing our Faith” — a community hymn sing organized and led by Mary K. Oyer and Kent Dutchersmith with musicians from Faith Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana — is now available as a YouTube playlist in honor of Mary, a longtime music professor who died Jan. 11, 2024. The hymn sing was held June 15, 2007, at Goshen College’s Sauder Hall as part of Indiana-Michigan

Mennonite Conference’s Annual Sessions, and the recordings are shared by Faith Mennonite Church with the permission and blessing of the conference. The recordings illuminate Mary’s warm, open and gracious way of leading people in creating music together and of introducing music from across the world. ambs.edu/in-mi-hymn-sing

Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Hybrid courses (combining online work and one week on campus) include Christian Leadership in the 21st Century and History of Christian Spirituality. In-person courses (also open to auditors) include Biblical Storytelling; Spiritual Practices: Trees of Life; and The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! Register by April 29. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

Online Short Courses

Biblical Interpretation Across the Two Testaments

April 10 – May 21

Instructors: Mary Schertz, PhD, Professor Emerita of New Testament; and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD, Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible
As Christians reading the Bible after the Holocaust, we will explore the concept of supersessionism, the harmful theological claim that the church has replaced Israel as God’s covenant community and the authority of the New Testament “supersedes” that of the Old.

How can we as Anabaptist Christians read our Scriptures faithfully, creatively and respectfully?

Register by March 20 to save \$50!

[Learn more and register](#)

Fully online seminary degree. Check out Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s fully online **Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism!** The 46-credit-hour academic degree program can be completed in four years of part-time study and offers a global approach to Anabaptist theological education. ambs.edu/matga

It is with sadness that MC USA announces the passing of Anthonia Chibuzo Onye (May 18, 1971 to Jan. 12, 2024), regional minister for Southern California for Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, recently appointed member of the Mennonite Mission Network board of directors, and associate pastor at Wholcare Community Missionary Church in Los Angeles. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/celebrating-chibuzo-onye

FROM ANABAPTIST DISABILITIES NETWORK...

Join the We Are Able faith expedition—an enriching experience for intellectually disabled young adults. From June 24–27. Led by Jeanne Davies and Jonathan Shively.

Register at the Church of the Brethren's [FaithX Page](#).

Read the latest in the [Connections Newsletter: Winter 2024](#)