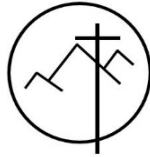


There will be a time of quiet meditation when the music stops

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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 17, 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: March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Order of Service

Speaker

Worship Leader:

Song Leader:

Sound room:

Vern Rempel

Dar Barrie

Don Graber

Lynn Roth

We Gather

Welcome:

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

L: New life rises!

A: That which rises, must first fall and die.

**L: Single grains merely remain as they are unless they are
released to the ground.**

A: The grains of the earth that fall will multiply and
nourish.

**L: Come, die to the self and live a life of service to the
Living God.**

A: And God will raise us up anew. Amen.

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #555 Lord I am Fondly

#371 Come Gracious Spirit

Prayers of the people and sharing the grace...

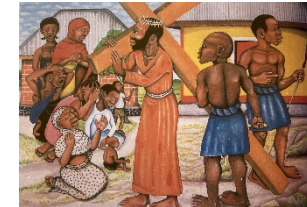
Congregational Hymn: #560 Just as I Am

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer of Transformation and New Life:

God of love, we confess that our ego can all too often get
in the way of our ability to serve you and others with our

lives. Our false self is driven by our lack of trust in you to
provide for our every need. We rely on our own strength.
But, our true self can let go and be formed anew by your
love. Forgive us our false ways and transform us and raise
us to new life. Amen.



**5th Station of the Cross: Jesus Meets the Women of
Jerusalem: Art by Charles S. Ndege, Tanzania. Statuary,
San Luis, Co. Photo Image by Dennis Book**

Scriptures: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Sermon: “All the Largeness We Cannot See”

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song : #556 I Bind My Heart This Tide

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

Dennis Book B
Rae Shellenberger B

March 19
March 26

MCMC

MSC Assembly (Beth-El).....July 26-28

Mountain States Conference New

The March Zing! can be found [here](#). Read about the ministry of Pastor Dianne Garcia. Check out the report on the Borderlands Learning Tour. And, see the Healthy Conflict Resolution Refreshers.

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

MC USA signed a letter to Congress, along with 62 faith-based organizations, asking for strengthened funding for Victims of Crime Act grants.

Read the letter here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/letter-funding-victims](#)

On Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT on Zoom, join Nancy Kauffmann, MC USA's interim denominational minister for Church Safety and Marlene Bogard, former minister of Christian Formation for Western District conference, former executive director of Mennonite Women USA, and current interim pastor at Salem

Mennonite Church, to learn more about safe protection policy guidelines during an informational webinar. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/registraiton-safechurch-march25](#)

View the slide here: [mennoniteusa.org/safe-church-protection-policy-webinar](#)
In celebration of the 499th birthday of Anabaptism, John Roth, project director of MennoMedia's Anabaptism at 500 initiative, reports on the development of the Anabaptist Community Bible, which is slated to be ready for readers on the 500th birthday of Anabaptism. Read more in his Menno Snapshots blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/making-anabaptist-bible](#)

FROM MENNONITE ACTION...
[March Week of Action Toolkit](#). Our next mass, coordinated action will be March 25-29 with the theme "Send Aid, Not Bombs." We are asking communities and congregations to create physical symbols of aid and deliver them to our elected officials. You can learn all about the week, how to organize in your community, and how to create a powerful action in [our new toolkit](#).

FROM MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE...
Since February 2022, MCC has raised more than \$12.5 million for emergency relief response projects in Ukraine. There are no clear signs of a peaceful end to the conflict, but MCC's commitment to peace in the region is stronger than ever. Friends, supporters like you have made a real difference in the lives of Ukrainians caught in the conflict. [See the difference you're making in this latest update.](#)

Check out the latest MCC giving opportunities for the little ones in your life!
A great resource for VBS or Sunday school. [Giving opportunities](#)

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. To read the entire article and find ways to join in the peacemaking work, please go to [Blessed are the peacemakers](#).

FROM ASSOCIATED MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY...
Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 10 – May 21. Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online AMBS short course. Register by March 20 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](#)

FROM MENNONITE MEDIA...
Shine Curriculum introduces Shine Everywhere *Shine: Living in God's Light* is a Sunday school curriculum that inspires children and youth to follow Jesus through engagement with the Bible, prayer practices, play, and conversation in flexible, age-appropriate lessons. "Shine Everywhere allows us to give focused time and attention to discovering and practicing the 'everywhere' habits that grow faith in children," said project facilitator Shana Peachey Boshart. "We look forward to deepening our relationships with congregations and families, listening for what is working to grow faith, and providing helpful resources for churches, families, and children."

[Shine](#)
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](#)