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 24, 2024

9:00 am: Worship Begins

Coffee

10:00: Discovery Hour

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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 24, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Lent Order of Service

Speaker Vern Rempel
Worship Leader: Mary Gardner
Song Leader: Vern Rempel
Sound room: Lynn Roth

We Gather

6th Station of the Cross: Jesus is Raised upon the Cross and Dies. Art by Charles S. Ndege, Tanzania. Statuary: San Luis, Co. Photo Images by Dennis Book

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Announcements
Time of Quieting
Call to Worship:

L: People of God, do not be afraid, for your Savior is coming,

A: riding on a donkey, daring to raise the branches of liberation.

L: Shout your hosannas in the street and in the sanctuary.
A: Hosanna in the highest! Our Savior has come to set us free!

L: Palm branches and praise mark this day with hope.

A: Hosanna, come and save us!

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #563: Come Thou Fount

I Love Everybody

Prayers of the people and sharing the grace...

Congregational Hymn: #606: Guide Me, O Thou Great

Jehovah

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer of Transformation and New Life:

welcome you with shouts of joy. Amen.

God of our hosannas, it would be all too easy to embrace a vision of you as entering Jerusalem with all the pomp and circumstance and violence that power provides. And yet, that is not your way and we confess that we often whisper with the ways of fear rather than shout of your liberation for all people. Help us to lay our lives at your feet and





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Scriptures: Mark 11: 1-11

Sermon: Public Demonstrations of Love

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song: #306: I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

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

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March 26

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

Please remember to bring fresh cut flowers next Sunday, Easter, to decorate the cross. Thank you.

Mountain States Conference New

The March Zing! can be found <u>here</u>. 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

Please pray for conference ministers, moderators, and other leaders from across the U.S. as they gather in Goshen, IN for the MC USA Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) meeting this week.

In case you missed it, there is a recording of "The Hope-Filled Persistence of Women in Ministry" webinar. Rev. Amy Zimbelman, conference minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference, and Elizabeth Johnson, Ph.D. candidate at Duke University, shared major (and new) findings from their national study of women in MC USA ministry. English | En español

On March 4, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on the case of Apache Stronghold v. U.S., voting 6-5 in favor of allowing the permanent destruction of Oak Flat, a sacred Indigenous site. Apache Stronghold has committed to appealing the ruling to the Supreme Court as a violation of religious freedom. Please keep this in your prayers. You may also show your support by signing a <u>petition</u>.

Mennonite Church USA is seeking nominees for its 2024 #BringThePeace awards. The annual award is given to two honorees: a legacy peacemaker in recognition of their life's work and a young peacemaker (age 16-25), who can help inspire other young leaders. Submit your

recommendations for nominees by completing this form before April 19: mennoniteusa.org/btp-2024-award-nominations

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. <u>Giving opportunities</u>

FROM ASSOCIATED MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY...

AMBS has received a \$1,249,830 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to establish a program to help congregations deepen their study of the Bible with the goal of connecting more authentically with their communities.

The five-year project — titled "Anabaptist Thriving Congregations" — is designed to equip Mennonite congregations in the U.S. and Canada to read and interpret both the Bible and their sociocultural context for the purpose of being witnesses to the gospel in their local community. Berry noted that a core belief of Anabaptism — a Christian movement that began in central Europe in the 16th century — is that faith communities consisting of ordinary people can read and interpret Scripture together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. However, the practice of studying Scripture together on a regular basis has diminished over time among Mennonites. Berry is excited to introduce congregations to Confessional Bible Study — an approach to Bible study developed at AMBS that is at the heart of the new project.

Congregational Guides from multiple congregations will be part of cohorts to exchange ideas, support and encouragement throughout the process, Berry noted. Three to five congregations will be invited to participate in the pilot cohort to begin in the fall of 2024. Congregational leaders interested in participating can email formationcollaborative@ambs.edu.

To read the entire article, click here.

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, and play.