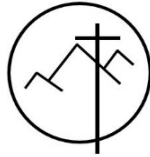


There will be a time of quiet meditation when the music stops

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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 31, 2024

9:00 am: *Worship Begins*

Coffee

10:00: Discovery Hour

Lead Pastor: Vern Rempel

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Sermon downloads available at <http://mcmcp.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 31, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Lent
Order of Service

Speaker

Worship Leader:

Song Leader:

Sound room:

Vern Rempel

Mary Gardner

Vern Rempel and Dennis Book

Lynn Roth

We Gather

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Placing of Flowers on the Cross

Call to Worship:

**One: We gather in the presence of God’s love to celebrate the
best love story ever told.**

All: The Holy Story of the Risen Christ!

**One: A story of the Risen Christ who came as a sacrificial lamb
to heal a hurting world.**

All: The Divine sign of God’s love and grace.

**One: The story of three women who rose early to care for
Jesus’ body in the tomb.**

All: An act to honor God’s loving presence sent to be among us.

**One: These women arrived and saw an empty tomb; they were
shocked and afraid.**

All: They remembered the symbol of human shame of the old
rugged cross.

**One: But the story did not end with the crucified Jesus. An
Angel of God appeared in the empty tomb, and their terror
transformed into amazement.**

All: God’s love had once again been revealed.

**One: The journey of the three women continued; they were
asked to go out and spread the Good News of God’s love,
peace, and justice found in the Risen Christ!**

All: Today, we receive this Good News; Christ is Risen. He is
Risen as He said!

We Grow in Worship

Opening Prayer

Special Music: Jay Liew

Opening Hymns: #329 Were You There?

#352: This Joyful Easter Tide

Prayers of the people and sharing the grace...

Congregational Hymn: #333: Low in the Grave He Lay

Offering and Prayer, Offertory: Vern Rempel and Don Graber:

My One and Only Love

Prayer of Transformation and New Life:

Redeeming God, We recognize that your love for all creation is
great and unmovable. All that we need on earth: has been
provided, and yet we struggle to share a portion of our blessings
so that all might have enough. You have created an earth vast
with land and sea. And yet, we embrace a narrative of scarcity.
Believing that somehow there is not enough for everyone to be
cared for. But the data proves otherwise. We know there is an
overwhelming abundance of resources on the earth you
created. Help us to choose a narrative of abundance over
scarcity. Give us the strength to help make this world a better
place by embracing your agape love of equality for all creation.
Let your ancient story of love be our new, innovative, and
transformative story of love. The kind of love that transforms
hearts, O God, and leads us towards this new way of living. May
this new life speak to the kind of prosperity that overflows with
your love of peace and justice for all people, everywhere!



**7th Station of the Cross: Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross
Into His Mother’s Arms. Art by Charles S. Ndege, Tanzania.
Statuary: San Luis, Co. Photo Images by Dennis Book**

Scriptures: Mark 16: 1-8 NRSV

Sermon: Resurrection and the Entropic Universe

Congregational Hymn: #346: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Communion:

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song : #340: Lift Your Glad Voices

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

Mary Gardner/Dar Barrie A

April 6

MCMC

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

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

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

Mennonite Church USA is pleased to announce that the 2025 MC USA biennial national gathering and leading faith formation event, Follow Jesus '25, will take place July 8-12, 2025, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-announces-convention-details-names-director-of-event-planning/>

The MC USA Executive Board, meeting via Zoom on March 15-16, 2024, affirmed a clean audit and a new strategic plan that

seeks to reimagine church in new ways. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/executive-board-plan/>
Earth Day 2024 falls on Monday, April 22. Consider offering a worship service or Christian Education focus celebrating and caring for Earth on April 21, or a Sunday close to Earth Day. Join MC USA Climate Justice Coordinator Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler on Apr. 2 at 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT for the first of four webinars in MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom" initiative. The first webinar will focus on Indigenous Justice and Climate Justice and will feature the testimony of Indigenous leaders, Manuel May Castillo and Mark Charles, and the prophetic voices of Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler, co-founders of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and authors of the book "So We and Our Children May Live."

[Learn More](#)
[Register](#)

FROM MENNONITE ACTION...

Our #SendAidNotBombs week of action is underway! Across North America, hundreds of Mennonites and allies are participating in powerful, courageous, and creative actions to urge lawmakers to send aid, not bombs, to Gaza and support an immediate ceasefire.

Our actions continue all week and into next week. Follow along on our [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) where we're sharing live updates and stories. Or see all that's yet to come on our [action map](#).

FROM MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK...

Mennonite Mission Network is intentional in what it does and how it does it: building partnerships next door and around the globe to participate in God's work in the world. Our purpose is to lead, mobilize and equip the church to participate in holistic witness to Jesus Christ — across the street, all through the marketplaces and around the world.

Mission Network staff embody this purpose. Recently, staff members were asked to consider their role in the agency, and how they see their daily work joining into Mission Network's purpose. The contemplation of these questions is important not only for staff, but also for anyone connected to Mission Network, whether they be donor, partner, mission worker, service participant or prayer partner.

[Read more >>](#)

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 ASSOCIATED MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY...

Do you want to take concrete steps toward doing justice? Through customized workshops and strategic planning sessions, Nekeisha Alayna Alexis, MA, Intercultural Competence and Undoing Racism Consultant, can provide the resources, tools and support you need to increase your ability to interact across cultural differences; take tangible steps toward your antiracism goals; and transform the culture and practices of your congregation, educational institution or workplace. Contact Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary to request a consultation today! ambs.edu/invite

FROM ANABAPTIST DISABILITIES NETWORK...

Join the We Are Able faith expedition—an enriching experience for intellectually disabled young adults. From June 24–27, we'll volunteer, worship, and have fun together in Elgin, Illinois. Stay in university dorms, engage in devotions, and make a difference in the community.

Led by Jeanne Davies and Jonathan Shively, this event promises a memorable blend of service and enjoyment. [Read a reflection by We are Able 2023 participant, Emily.](#) [Read a reflection by We are Able 2023 leader, Jonathan.](#)

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

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