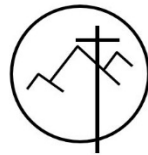


**DATE: April 21, 2024**

**4th Sunday of Easter  
Order of Service**

**Opening Hymns:** # 6 Let's Walk Together  
Beautiful One

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Join Us – We share God’s love by: Following Jesus,  
Reconciling Community and Building Peace  
“We are a new creation in Christ - leading us in the  
ministry of peace and reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5

**DATE April 21, 2024**

**Speaker**  
**Jeff Smith**  
**Worship Leader:**  
**Liew**  
**Song Leader:**  
**Kathy Smith**  
**Sound room:**  
**Eichelberger**

**Angela**

**Jake**

**Prayers of the people and sharing the grace...**  
**Congregational Hymn:** #371 Come Gracious Spirit  
**Offering and Prayer: Offertory:** Kathy Smith

**Peace Moment: Where have you acted or seen others act  
for peace:** Dennis Book

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Shepherding Christ, even as you lay down your life for us,  
we confess our unwillingness to support the those in need.  
Too often, we may be more like the one who runs away in  
times of trouble. We aren’t always bold enough to protect  
the powerless; following your example is rarely easy or  
comfortable. Forgive us. Help us lay down our apathy and  
follow your example. Remind us that we belong to one  
another, and to you. Amen.

**Scriptures:** Psalms 23  
**Sermon:** Feeling Sheepish

***We Go Out to Serve***

**Sending Song :** #377 New Earth, Heaven New

**Sending Prayer**

*Your worship service today was planned by the MCMC  
Worship Commission. \*\**

***We Gather***

**Welcome:**  
**Announcements:**  
**Time of Quieting:**

**Call to Worship:**

One: When we are scattered, Jesus our Good Shepherd  
gathers us in.

**Many: When we are lost and lonely, we can depend on  
Christ’s love.**

One: When we are oppressed, Jesus our Good Shepherd  
cares for us.

**Many: When we are threatened because of who we are,  
we can depend on Christ’s protection.**

One: We know Christ, because Christ’s tenderness has  
guided us for generations.

**Many: Christ knows us by name. Christ will lay down his  
very life for our sake.**

One: Let us worship our Good Shepherd, who cares for all  
of us with fierce love.

**Many: Let us give thanks for Christ’s presence with us.**

**WE GROW IN WORSHIP**

**Opening Prayer:**

**9:00 am:** *Worship Begins*

**Coffee**

**10:00 am:** *Discovery Hour*

**Lead Pastor:** Vern Rempel

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**Elders:** Wilmer Villacorta, Barb Eichelberger

**Information Technology Support:** John Beck

*Please silence your cell phones. Thank You.*

*There will be a time of quiet meditation when the  
music stops at 9:00 am prior to the start of worship.  
We invite you to join in this time of silence before our  
service begins.*

**Sermon downloads available at <http://mcmcpl.org>**

Please return the hymnals to boxes provided at back of sanctuary. Thank you

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Barb & Jake Eichelberger**.....**May 19**  
**Karen Wiens & Lynn Roth**.....**May 22**

### MCMC

**MSMC Assembly 2024**.....**July 26-28**  
**Share A Meal**.....**May 5**  
One of our May Sunday service falls on **Cinco de Mayo** we are asking that everyone bring their favorite Mexican dish for the May 5th Sunday potluck.

### MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

**ASSEMBLY 2024** will be the weekend of July 26-28 at Beth-El in Colorado Springs.  
The planning committee is already working hard on this year's gathering! Theme coming very soon...

### FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP...

**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](http://rmmc.org) (Rates: Best-Before March 1, Better-March 1-May 31, and Good-after May 31). Scholarships are available to ensure money isn't a barrier to a summer camp experience at RMMC.

### FROM MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Join **Amy Zimbelman**, Conference Minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference, on April 23, 2024, at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT for a panel discussion of pioneering women in ministry. We will hear from Dianne Garcia, who recently planted a church ministering to asylum-seekers in San Antonio, Texas, and Marilyn Miller, who is the first woman ordained to pastoral ministry in the General Conference Mennonite Church. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-wil-april23](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-wil-april23)

Mennonite Church USA's Climate Justice Ministry is receiving applications for the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund grant, from now through June 15, 2024. The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund provides funds to assist MC USA congregations interested in forms of renewable energy. The term, "net zero energy," describes buildings or communities that generate enough energy to meet their own needs. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/green-energy-grants](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/green-energy-grants)

**Spiritual director Lester Lind** of the Mennonite Spiritual Directors Network reflects on the beginning of his calling and career as he prepares to retire. Read his reflections here: [mennoniteusa.org/reflections-calling-career](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/reflections-calling-career)

**Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Mennonite Church USA's climate justice coordinator**, visited West Union Mennonite Church, Parnell, Iowa, and spoke about climate change. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/rivels](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/rivels)

**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/>

### FROM MENNONITE ACTION...

Over the last few weeks, hundreds of Mennonites across North America delivered symbols of aid to demand their representatives fund humanitarian aid, not weapons of war.

### FROM ASSOCIATED MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY...

**Expand your leadership capacity through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Practical Leadership Training modules!** Upcoming offerings include Practicing Resilience in Response to Trauma (webinar); Beyond Boring Bible Studies (online short course); Moving through Congregational Changes (online workshop); Living Outside the "Man Box" (online workshop); and more. CEUs available. Register for one or more modules! [ambbs.edu/plt](https://www.ambbs.edu/plt)

### FROM ASSOCIATED MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE...

#### Sign up for the Family Project!

Youth, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, family groups are all invited to participate in our Family Project! This is a great opportunity for the whole family to serve together! Our Family Project locations this summer include Sakanaga Camp, SC and Fraser Lake Camp, ON. See the calendar [here](#) to schedule your family for the South Carolina project and see the calendar [here](#) to schedule for the Ontario project.