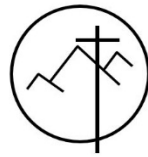


**DATE: September 1, 2024**

## ***Order of Service***

#84: To God be the Glory

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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 September 1, 2024**

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

**Coffee**

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

**Lead Pastor:** Vern Rempel

[vkrempel@gmail.com](mailto:vkrempel@gmail.com)  
[soulreport.WordPress.com](http://soulreport.WordPress.com)

**Elders:** Wilmer Villacorta, Barb Eichelberger

**Information Technology Support:** Wilmer Villacorta

*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://mcmcp.org>*

**Speaker**  
**Vern Rempel**  
**Worship Leader:**  
**Liew**  
**Song Leader:**  
**Dennis Book**  
**Sound room:**  
**Villacorta**

**Angela**

**Wilmer**

### ***We Gather***

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

**Call to Worship:**

**One: O Holy One, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?**

Many: Those who want to journey with you, who may have missed a turn, and who may struggle with rocky patches and rough terrain.

**One: O Holy One, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?**

Many: Those who seek and search for you and for community with doubts and hopes, joys and fears, smiles and tears.

**One: O Holy One, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?**

Many: Those who try and those who sometimes give up. Those who are beautifully, wonderfully, and imperfectly human—all of us! Thanks be to God

### **WE GROW IN WORSHIP**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Opening Hymns:** #65: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

**Prayers of the people and sharing the grace...**  
**Congregational Hymn:** #201: Hear the Turmoil of the Nations  
**Offering and Prayer:**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Eternal God, may we break from the bonds of unaltered, unexamined, and unimaginative traditions. At the same time, may we be released from the compulsion to discount everything that has been a source of life and faithful formation across generations. Help us to discern what needs to be left in our past with honor, recognition, and gratitude, what needs to be eradicated with lament, repentance, and repair, and what needs to be envisioned, imagined, and created for the future. Amen.

**Voices and Guitars:** Vern Rempel and Dennis Book: *Touch the Earth Lightly*

**Scriptures:** Romans 3: 21-23

**Sermon:** Arms Not Very Long

### ***We Go Out to Serve***

**Sending Song:** #91: We Praise Thee, O God

**Sending Prayer**

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

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

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- Angela Liew B**.....
- September 2**
- Janelle Diller**
- B**.....**September 6**
- Steve & Janelle Diller A**.....
- September 7**
- Ann Perschbacher**
- B**.....**September 8**
- Wilmer & Jeannie Villacorta A**.....
- September 12**
- Mary Gardner**
- B**.....**September 17**

**MCMC**

- Making Bierocks at Beth-El**.....
- September 21**
- Follow Jesus '25**.....**July**
- 8-12, 2025**

**MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE**

**Announcement: Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale - Quilt Donations Needed!**

Do you have a beautiful quilt you'd like to donate to this year's Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale? Don't forget to complete the donation form by September 1st! The form can be easily found on our website at [rmmcsale.org](http://rmmcsale.org)



**BIEROCKS** Beth-El would like help in

Join us for our 49th annual sales event that's like no other. It's sure to be a feast for your senses and bring happiness to your soul!

making the traditional sandwich, Bierocks, on September 21.

**SOJOURN MENNONITE FORT COLLINS** seeks a halftime (0.5) pastor. See the full job description on their website: <https://www.sojournmennonite.org/seeking-halftime-pastor>

Contact Amy at [amyz@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:amyz@mountainstatesmc.org) for more information or to apply.

**COVENANTED KINSHIP & PROPHETIC IMAGINATION--** these are threads that run deep through nearly all spiritual traditions. Come engage with other allies from communities up and down the Rio Grande to embark on a path that fosters these practices and nurtures courageous conversations, sabbath circles, kin-dom projects and communities of contrast. Join the half day...or jump into the two-day workshop! To register: contact

[toddwynward@gmail.com](mailto:toddwynward@gmail.com) Cost: \$25 for the half day session. An informal lunch will be provided after the session. Location: 215 La Posta Rd, Taos, NM 87571 Hosted at & by TiLT [Taos Initiative for Life Together] Supported by the NM Conference of Churches

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP:**

**Quilters retreat, Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2024**, gives you space to work on a project while sharing ideas, tips, and stories with fellow quilters. Even if you are not a quilter and still would enjoy attending this retreat for the fellowship or to work on another project (needlepoint, embroidery, cross stitch, etc) please join us! Our leaders for the weekend are Barb Swartzendruber and Mary Yoder. These retreats are geared towards (but not limited to) members of Mountain States Mennonite Conference churches with a purpose of connecting by faith fellowship and fun through quilting.

The weekend will conclude with a Sunday Morning Worship and brunch. [Register](#)

**MYF/JYF Community Builder**

The Leadership Board of **First Mennonite Church** is pleased to announce a new part time staff position for MYF/JYF Community Builder. This position is part of the Faith Formation Program of First Mennonite Church, located near downtown Denver. It will focus on community building, programming and outreach activities for Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF, Middle School) and Mennonite Youth Fellowship (MYF, High School) students within FMC and with the surrounding community. To see the full job description and/or apply please go to this [link](#)

**FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE...**

How are you spending these hot summer days? Maybe inside making crafts? The Craft Booth will be part of the MCC Relief Sale at its new location at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Bring your handmade creations to the booth on October 19th. Contact Jeni Hielt Umble with any questions at [jeni.umble@gmail.com](mailto:jeni.umble@gmail.com).

To get a glimpse of what will be happening this year visit [RockyMountain Mennonite Relief Sale](#).

**FROM MENNONITE CHURCH USA**

**MC USA's Climate Justice Ministry** has selected two recipients and one honoree for the Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge. The award winners are Taftsville Chapel Mennonite Fellowship, Taftsville, Vermont, and The Freeman Project, Freeman, South Dakota. Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa, has received an honorable mention. Read more here:

[mennoniteusa.org/gen-z-energy-spirit-challenge](http://mennoniteusa.org/gen-z-energy-spirit-challenge)

**Mennonite Church USA** presented Tina Schlabach and Abby Endashaw with the 2024 MC USA Bring the Peace award. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org//btp-2024-award-winners](http://mennoniteusa.org//btp-2024-award-winners)

**Check out the summer issue of Equipping**, Mennonite Church USA's quarterly resource newsletter for pastors and leaders here: [mennoniteusa.org/equipping-july-2024](http://mennoniteusa.org/equipping-july-2024)

**The MC USA Women in Leadership** steering committee gathered to plan the 2025 Women in Leadership Summit July 8, 2025, in Greensboro, NC, preceding the Follow Jesus '25 convention. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/women-in-leadership-plan](http://mennoniteusa.org/women-in-leadership-plan)

**FROM ASSOCIATED MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY...**

**Online Symposium:** Practical Theologies / Wisdom Traditions in Spiritual Care: Sept. 24–26, 2024.

[ambs.edu/iasc-symposium](https://ambs.edu/iasc-symposium)

**FROM MENNONITE MEN...**

Women alone cannot change the historic ranking system that places men at the leadership pinnacle. Men need to be committed to dismantling patriarchy. Jean Zimmerly Jantzi shares the following suggestions for men who want to do better. The list began with a blog post she wrote and expanded with suggestions from other women's experiences. [Read more.](#)