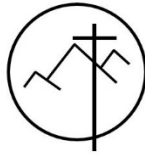


**DATE: October 13, 2024**

## **Order of Service**

Mountain Community Mennonite Church  
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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 October 13, 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>*

**Sermon Theme: The Politics of Jesus**

**Speaker**

**Vern Rempel**

**Worship Leader:**

**Gardner**

**Song Leader:**

**Rempel**

**Sound room:**

**Eichelberger**

**Mary**

**Vern**

**Jake**

### **We Gather**

**Welcome:**

**Announcements:**

**Time of Quieting:**

**Call to Worship:**

**One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O  
God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Many: The Holy One meets us in the stillness of our  
thoughts, in the joy of our laughter, in the spontaneity of  
our encounters, in the hope of our presence.

**One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O  
God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Many: The Creator sustains us with mercy, reassures us  
with compassion, and challenges us with grace.

**One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O  
God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Many: Let us worship our Maker in spirit and in truth,  
through pain and despair, with the fullness of our being. .

### **WE GROW IN WORSHIP**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Opening Hymns:** #621: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less  
#502: Abide With Me

**Prayers of the people and sharing the grace...**

**Congregational Hymn:** #161: I Sought the Lord

**Offering and Prayer:**

**Peace Moment:** Where Have You Acted or Seen Others Act  
for Peace?

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Just God, we confess our attachment to things of this  
world, to our possessions, and to objects of status. We  
acknowledge the pride we take in doing good things that  
require little of us while turning away from the needed  
thing that challenges our wants and desires. Make us  
repairers of brokenness and restorers of lost. Help us to  
discern that life in full pursuit of your kingdom is rich, full,  
and freeing. Even as you test us, help us meet the moment  
with abounding love and abiding faith. Amen.

**Scriptures:** Romans 5: 1-5 NRSV

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace  
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we  
have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and  
we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not  
only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that  
suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces  
character, and character produces hope, and hope does  
not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured  
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given  
to us.

**Sermon:** “Despair and Hope”

### **WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**Sending Song:** #661: On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand

**Sending Prayer**

**Your 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

Doug Harder

B.....October 15

## MCMC

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale.....October 19

F a i t h a n d L i f e Forum.....November 2

Follow Jesus '25.....July 8-12, 2025

## MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

### Attention Youth and Parents

A new committee is forming to increase youth programming to connect middle school and high school youth (6th-12th grade) across churches in the Mountain States region. We are excited to invite youth to a gathering on Friday evening before the Relief Sale!

Join the Beth-El Mennonite Youth Group for an evening of games, food, music and fun on Friday, October 18 from 5-9pm at Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 S. Hwy 43, Palmer Lake, CO.

Parents are encouraged to carpool. Youth leaders for this event include Jonathan Harnish and Michelle Main from Beth-El Mennonite. If you attended Assembly you have already met Jonathan!

All youth are invited to sign-up and volunteer at the Colorado MCC Sale on Saturday, October 19. The youth will assist with sales at the cheese and meat booth. Mouse ears, cheeseheads, hotdog hats and cheesy puns will be shared by Associate Pastor Hannah Martin and youth volunteer Jacob Martin. Please sign up [HERE](#)

If you're interested in joining this committee of folks interested in the youth of our region please contact either Annaken Toews (Beth-El Mennonite Church) at [annakenmtoews@gmail.com](mailto:annakenmtoews@gmail.com)

or Katrina Toews (Western Slope Mennonite Fellowship) at [info@westernslopemennonite.org](mailto:info@westernslopemennonite.org)

Mark your calendars! Faith & Life Forum Saturday, November 2, Faith & Life Forum

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

First Mennonite Church, Denver

*Learning to Hope in the Dark: Practices of Faith for Uncertain Times*

With pastor, educator, and author Shannon Dycus

### Registration is open!

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP:

Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2024 Quilters retreat give 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) [Register](#)

#### FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE...

The big day is almost here! We can't wait to welcome you to the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale on Saturday, October 19th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. This is more than just a sale—it's a time for our community to come together in fellowship, fun, and generosity to support the life-changing work of MCC.

There's truly something for everyone! Whether you're craving delicious food, looking for handmade treasures, exploring fair-trade goods from around the world, or watching the kids enjoy barrel train rides, this day has it all. And of course, don't miss the opportunity to bid on beautiful handcrafted quilts or that one-of-a-kind item from the auction!

Here's a taste of what's in store:

7:00 AM – Kick off your day with a hearty breakfast

8:00 AM – Explore the booths for unique finds or participate in the Run for Relief

9:30 AM – Get ready to bid at the General Auction

10:00 AM – Bring the kids for the exciting Kids Auction

11:30 AM- Drop by and check out the Kids crafts

1:00 PM – Don't miss the special Traveling Quilt Auction

1:30 PM – The grand finale: the stunning Quilt Auction

It's going to be a day filled with laughter, friendship, and incredible support for MCC's global efforts. Whether you're a long-time attendee or new to the sale, we promise there will be something that captures your heart.

We're so excited to see you and share in this wonderful experience!

## FROM MENNONITE CHURCH USA

### The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff

responded with disappointment and significant questions about Mosaic Mennonite Conference's announcement recommending withdrawal from the denomination. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/mc-usa-says-better-together](https://mennoniteusa.org/mc-usa-says-better-together)

Season Two of MC USA's "Lead/Follow" podcast for pastors and leaders has begun! Watch new episodes on YouTube or listen on Apple or Spotify! Watch or listen here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/leadfollow/> View the PDF here: [mennoniteusa.org/lead-follow-season-2-pdf](https://mennoniteusa.org/lead-follow-season-2-pdf) View the PowerPoint slide here: [mennoniteusa.org/lead-follow-season-2-slide](https://mennoniteusa.org/lead-follow-season-2-slide)

In recognition and celebration of our 15 years of service, Mennonite Church USA's The Corinthian Plan invites all interested persons who are part of an MC USA conference or congregation to submit a health and/or wellbeing story. Submit your wellbeing story here: [mennoniteusa.org/tcp-wellbeing-stories](https://mennoniteusa.org/tcp-wellbeing-stories)

### FROM MENNONITE ACTION...

As the U.S. election approaches, our work advocating for a lasting peace in Palestine, Israel, and the broader Middle East will continue. We know we must keep pushing our elected officials to turn away from the politics of warmongering and occupation, and toward supporting a new vision of peace, safety, and justice for all.

But we continue to ask ourselves: How can we understand our role as Christians and Mennonites in this moment, when our political system values death and destruction over life and liberation?

Join Mennonite Action's next mass call [Thursday, October 17 at 8:00 pm ET / 5:00 pm PT](#). Speakers with diverse experiences in electoral politics and political campaigns will discuss what our votes mean, as Mennonites and Christians, in a fraught US election this November. We'll discuss how to continue to advocate for an end to the genocide, no matter the electoral outcome.

### FROM MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE...

MDS is monitoring the potential impact of Hurricane Milton which is expected to make landfall late Wednesday. Milton is expected to make landfall along the Western Coast of Florida. Forecasters expect this powerful storm to hit with life-threatening storm surge, flooding rain and damaging winds as a category 3 hurricane.

What we can do TODAY

\*Provide prayer support for the victims in the path of Hurricane Milton.

\*Financial support – you can send donations to MDS to support the response we may have in the coming days. MDS only accepts monetary donations.

\*Donations may be made online, please select “2024 Hurricane Milton” in the drop-down box. (see donation button above)

\*You may also send a check to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543 and enter “2024 Hurricane Milton” as the designation.

\*Volunteer interest

\*Volunteers can send an email to [volunteer@mds.org](mailto:volunteer@mds.org) – include your name, address, and email address.