

**DATE: June 22, 2025**

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

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

**Lead Pastor:** Vern Rempel

Pastor Vern’s email: [vkrempel@gmail.com](mailto:vkrempel@gmail.com)

Pastor Vern’s Blog: [soulreport.WordPress.com](http://soulreport.WordPress.com)

Pastor Vern’s political blog is  
at [mennopol.wordpress.com](http://mennopol.wordpress.com). Recent posts include:  
“Deadly Metal” & “Incarceration Addiction.”

**Elder:** 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>**

**MEETING SCHEDULE:** Worship begins at 9:00 at Palmer  
Lake every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of month.

Worship begins at 10:00 at Dry Creek on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
month.

**Speaker:** .....Merv Birky  
**Worship Leader:**.....Dennis Book  
**Song Leader:**.....Don Graber  
**Sound room:**.....Jake Eichelberger

## WE GATHER

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

**Call to Worship:**

**One: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our  
God?**

Many: You work wonders and display your glory. How great  
is our God!

**One: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so merciful as  
our God?**

Many: You redeem your people from generation to  
generation. How merciful is our God!

**One: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so just as our  
God?**

Many: You hear the cries of the troubled and move in  
righteousness. How just is our God!

## WE GROW IN WORSHIP

**Opening Prayer**

**Presentation of New Art:** Wilmer Villacorta

**Opening Hymns:** #182: I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
#536: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

**Congregational Hymn:** #600: O Thou in Whose Presence  
**Offering and Prayer:**

## Prayer of Transformation and New Life:

God of Grace, sometimes the call to follow you comes  
softly and gently. At other times, your call rushes in with  
urgency and may even overwhelm us as we balance the  
obligations of the day with the needs of the day. Gift us  
with discernment to know what needs our attention,  
focus, and energy. Free us of distractions, even and  
especially the ones we create for ourselves. At the same  
time remind us how to breathe and to be gracious toward  
one another. We travel a road we have not built and have  
not journeyed before. We rely upon you to demonstrate  
the way and lead us into the fullness of life and your  
kingdom.

**Scriptures:** Numbers 21: 4-11, 2 Kings 18: 1-5, with  
reference to 1 Corinthians: 13 and Mark 7: 31-37.

**Sermon:** Spiritual Snake-handling

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

**Sending Song:** #776: Teach Me Thy Truth

**Sending Prayer**

 *\*If you would like to support this gathering financially,  
you may give a check, payable to Mountain Community  
Mennonite Church, or cash, or give on-line. PayPal -  
[mcmctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:mcmctreasurer@gmail.com) (Icon is a picture of the Palmer  
Lake church from the lower parking lot.)*

**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**

**Wilmer Villacorta B....., July 1**  
**Vern Rempel B..... July 19**

### **MCMC**

**Follow Jesus '25..... July 8-12**  
**Piano Recital..... July 18, 4:00 pm**  
**MSC Annual Assembly..... August 1-3**

### **MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE**

**Obituary:** Gail Lloyd, a member of Carlsbad Mennonite, recently passed away. She lived a life of teaching, service, and creativity and will be greatly missed. Read the obituary here:

<https://www.dentonwood.com/obituaries/gail-lloyd>.

**We are thrilled to announce the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale is returning for its second year in Castle Rock!** Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 18th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

As excitement builds, we're starting to plan and would love your help making this year's event a success. There are many ways to get involved:

- Help with setup and take down – We need trucks and extra hands to move items (mostly display racks) to and from our nearby storage unit.
- Donate an item – Contributions are welcome for the general, silent, or kids' auctions.
- Make and create – Add your homemade goods to the craft booth or pantry.
- Volunteer – Join us at a booth on the day of the sale.
- Spread the word – Share the event with your friends, family, and community.

It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with others and support an amazing cause. Stay tuned – a sign-up form will be coming soon. If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to get involved, please contact Darcey VanWagner at [mdvw@comcast.net](mailto:mdvw@comcast.net) or go to the website, <https://rmmcsale.org>

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Update from Roca de Refugio in San Antonio**

Listen to Pastor Dianne Garcia's firsthand account in her **podcast describing the ICE raid** that recently disappeared a member of Roca de Refugio: Mejores Juntos | Podcast at <https://open.spotify.com/episode/1kFveVvISxFuXR3HS9Z0XW>  
Here's the [GoFundMe link](#) to help with legal fees.

Also if you're hearing about the mistreatment of immigrants and wondering *What can I do?* we have a remote **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** to help Pastor Dianne at Roca! She needs assistance with many tasks. Reach out to Cheryl [administrator@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:administrator@mountainstatesmc.org) if you're interested.

#### **Link to World Conference worship service**

For those who weren't able to see the livestream of the worship service in Zurich, Switzerland on May 29 in celebration of Anabaptism's 500th Anniversary, you can now watch the service recording by clicking here: [Zurich livestream - Mennonite World Conference](#)

#### **You can help!**

In preparation for our Assembly this August, we are encouraging congregations to begin collecting supplies for Welcome Kits that are used at Roca de Refugio.

The items needed for one kit are:

- One lightweight bath towel
- One wash cloth
- One tube of toothpaste - 6oz or larger
- Two toothbrushes
- One travel toothbrush holder
- One package of disposable razors - 10 to 20 razors
- One bottle of body wash (closeable) - 12 oz or larger
- One bottle of shampoo - 12oz or larger
- One stick of deodorant
- Hand Sanitizer
- Water Bottle (12oz or larger)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Several sturdy gallon-size zip-lock bags

If you have questions please contact Rhoda Blough at [rhodab@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:rhodab@mountainstatesmc.org)

**"Cultivating Peace"** is a summer series at Beth-El Mennonite Church. [Learn more](#) about these events and find the schedule [here](#).

**One-year Transitional Office Administrator- First Mennonite Church of Denver**

First Mennonite Church of Denver is seeking a One-year Transitional Office Administrator. The position requires 20-25 hrs/wk to manage the daily administrative responsibilities in our office. Primary responsibilities include preparation of the Sunday worship bulletin and PowerPoint; regular communications with the congregation; and supporting the church staff (Interim Pastor, Facilities Manager, Spiritual Formation Director, Direct Assistance Coordinator). You can find the full job description on the Hiring tab of our website at [www.fmcdenver.org/hiring](http://www.fmcdenver.org/hiring) and you can apply directly by emailing your resume and cover letter to [Admin@fmcdenver.org](mailto:Admin@fmcdenver.org). If you would like to discuss the position, feel free to call Steve Slotter at 303-875-1763.

**Lead Pastor Opportunity – First Mennonite Church of Denver**  
First Mennonite Church (FMC), a vibrant congregation rooted in Anabaptist values and located in the heart of downtown Denver, is seeking a full-time Lead Pastor.

View the full job description and learn more: <https://www.fmcdenver.org/new-page-1>

#### **Albuquerque Mennonite Church (AMC) in Albuquerque**

has an opening for a three-quarters time (0.75 FTE) lead pastor for a three-year contract, with the possibility of full-time within the next 18 months.

Full Job Description here: [https://abqmennonite.net/2025-01-28\\_AMC\\_PastorJobDescription.pdf](https://abqmennonite.net/2025-01-28_AMC_PastorJobDescription.pdf)

#### **Sojourn Mennonite Fort Collins**

Sojourn Mennonite is a small community seeking peace within ourselves and in our world, with members involved in issues of immigration, incarceration, Native American justice, and serving the unhoused. We would like a half-time pastor. The benefit package we offer aligns with the Mennonite Church USA guidelines. If you are interested in learning more about Sojourn, please visit the full job posting on our website: <https://www.sojournmennonite.org/seeking-halftime-pastor> and contact Amy Zimbelman at [amyz@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:amyz@mountainstatesmc.org).