

**DATE: July 13, 2025**

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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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Dry Creek

**10:00 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:** .....Vern Rempel  
**Worship Leader:**..... Melissa Roth  
**Song Leader:**.....Dennis Book  
**Sound room:**.....Lynn Roth

### WE GATHER

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

**Call to Worship:**

**One: We come to worship this day, knowing deeply what  
it means to struggle.**

Many: We remember times in our lives when we’ve felt  
hopeless, yearning for someone to care for us.

**One: In this divided climate that might tempt us to ignore  
the neighbors in our midst, we need only tap into our  
own humanity.**

Many: Because we know what it means to struggle, we are  
challenged each day to show radical love to our neighbors.

**One: Even those who aren’t like us.**

Many: Especially those who aren’t like us.

**One: May our worship today help us remember times we  
have been helped...**

Many: ...and how we can become the helpers, and the  
hope-bearers, in this world.

### WE GROW IN WORSHIP

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymns:** #478: I Come With Joy  
#412: My Soul Cries Out

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

**Congregational Hymn:** #453: As I Went Down to the River  
to Pray

**Offering and Prayer:**

### Prayer of Transformation and New Life:

God of the oppressed, we confess that it’s sometimes  
easier to ignore those in need than it is to help them. We  
confess that we sometimes ask ourselves, “what will it cost  
us?” “what will others think?”—rather than remembering  
your call to care for our neighbors, whether we think they  
“deserve it” or not. Forgive us. Help us repent of our  
embarrassment at those in need, and turn instead toward  
empathy and compassion. We pray this in the name of  
your son, who teaches us how to love all of our neighbors.  
Amen.

**Scriptures: Acts 2:1-4**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all  
together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there  
came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled  
the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues,  
as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on  
each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave  
them ability.

**Sermon:** Pentecost, Tongues, Snakes

### WE GO OUT TO SERVE

**Sending Song:** #485: Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands  
**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**

**You are invited** to a piano recital by a 16-year-old student - Xavier Gonzales on Friday, July 18 at 4:00 p.m. The recital will be about a half an hour long. Come support this young artist!

—Nan Graber

**Hello all Quiltmakers and admirers** - we are looking forward to the Rocky Mountain Relief Sale and Quilt Auction again this year at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on October 18th and welcome your handcrafted new or excellent condition second owner quilt donations. The quilt submission form is open on the Relief Sale Website, <http://www.rmmcsale.org>. You can also use this link to go directly to the submission form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhHB8Gg8jLKI719zjpHs18PMSvrwRXjE1e53Er6qpH15OA/viewform?pli=1>. We are hoping to have 100 quilts in the auction again this year. The deadline for the online submissions is September 1st.

Please deliver your quilt to one of the quilt contacts noted in the guidelines on the website by September 15th. If you have any trouble or need any support, please reach out to me at [eschrockefs@yahoo.com](mailto:eschrockefs@yahoo.com) or 303-549-5882.

### **Wholehearted Hospitality - Annual Assembly 2025**

At the Assembly 2025 location in Glenwood Springs, the "Foothills Zone" is characteristic.

Dominant vegetation includes grass meadows, ponderosa pine, pinyon, and juniper woodlands. Specific plants like Indian Paintbrush, Goldenrod, Larkspur, and Sagebrush thrive here. Common mammals include foxes, coyotes, skunks, rabbits, chipmunks, squirrels, and raccoons. Join the MSMC family on the Western Slope for a weekend of celebration, worship, and renewal as we practice **Wholehearted Hospitality** in such a time as this.

Special guests: [Iris de León-Hartshorn](#), MC USA Associate Executive Director, and [Rachel Ringenberg Miller](#), MC USA Denominational Minister.

[Register](#) by July 30—the sooner you register, the more hospitable it is to our planning committee!

**A new issue of Zing!** is available now. Click on this [LINK](#) to see the July issue. Catch up on all that's new and read all about what to expect at our Assembly.

You can print the Zing! by opening it in your web browser using the standard print function (usually by pressing Ctrl+P on Windows or Cmd+P on Mac) to save it as a PDF or print directly to your printer.

### **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](#)

**"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-half-time-pastor> and contact Amy Zimbelman at [amyz@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:amyz@mountainstatesmc.org).