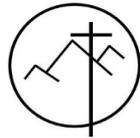


**DATE: July 20, 2025**

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**  
**10:00 am 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:**..... Angela Liew  
**Song Leader:**.....Dennis Book  
**Sound room:**.....Lynn Roth

**WE GATHER**

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

**Call to Worship:**

**One: In the presence of the faithful, we proclaim the  
name of God, for it is good.**

Many: We thank you forever because of what you have  
done.

**One: Holy One, we trust in you. We take refuge in your  
safety. We call your presence our home.**

Many: We are like olive trees rooted in your soil—growing  
and fruitful. You nourish us and shine your light upon us.

**One: Faithful God, in you, we find love and truth,  
abundance and compassion, community and care.**

Many: We praise and exalt you, Eternal One. We trust in  
your steadfast love forever and ever.

**WE GROW IN WORSHIP**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymns:** #62: God is Here Among Us  
#76: Holy, Holy, Holy

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

**Congregational Hymn:** #145: Touch the Earth Lightly

**Offering and Prayer:**

**Prayer of Transformation and New Life:**

Gracious God, evil surrounds us and entices us to join in its  
ways, of matching energy and returning evil for evil, of  
seeking the comfortable and convenient way over the  
common good, of turning from pain and despair rather  
than leaning into solidarity and support. Help us, O God, to  
choose the path you have paved and give us strength to  
journey into rough spaces. Surround us with hosts of  
righteousness and infuse us with peace that surpasses  
understanding as we serve as agents and ambassadors of  
your kindom. As you continually make all things new, fill us  
with the joy of new life. Amen.

**Scriptures:** Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and  
admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in  
your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

**Sermon:** Clarity & Snakes

**Communion**

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**Sending Song:** #550: God Who Touches Earth With  
Beauty

**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**

Barb Eichelberger B.....August 1

Joan Murphy B.....August 2  
Jeannie Villacorta.....August 13  
**MCMC**  
Donna Wagne Memorial.....July 22  
MSC Annual Assembly.....August 1-3

### **MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE**

#### **Only Two Weeks Away- Annual Assembly 2025**

At Assembly 2025 we will have plenty of activities for youth and kids. Nursery care will be provided for those under 5. Elementary age will enjoy a variety of on-campus activities including: games, art, outdoor fun, and exploring ideas about hospitality. Teens will also enjoy outdoor activities and youth leaders will reach out soon to families with teens with more details.

Friday night we will have a cake & ice cream social and Saturday evening we will make s'mores and sing around a campfire. Join the MSMC family for a weekend of celebration, worship, and renewal as we practice Wholehearted Hospitality in such a time as this. [Register](#) by July 30—the sooner you register, the more hospitable it is to our planning committee!

**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/1FAIpQLSfhHB8Gg8jLKI719zjpHs18PMSvrwuiRXjE1e53Er6qpH15OA/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.

**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).