

**DATE: February 1, 2026**

**5th Sunday of Epiphany  
Sermon Theme: Bearing Witness**

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.”

**Elders:** Barb Eichelberger, Dwight Landes

**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 10:30 at Dry Creek on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
month.

**Speaker:** .....Vern Rempel  
**Worship Leader:**.....Wilmer Villacorta  
**Song Leader:**.....Dennis Book  
**Sound room:** .....Lynn Roth

**WE GATHER**

Welcome  
Announcements  
Time of Quieting

**Call to Worship:**

**One: With what shall we come before God and bow  
ourselves before God on high?**

Many: Shall we come before the Holy One with burnt  
offerings, with calves a year old?

**One: Will God be pleased with thousands of rams, with  
ten thousands of rams of oil?**

Many: Shall we give our firstborn for our transgression, the  
fruit of our bodies for the sin of our souls?

**One: God has told us, fellow mortals, what is good and  
what is required of us.**

**All: But to do justice and to love kindness and to walk  
humbly with our God.**

**WE GROW IN WORSHIP**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** #371: Come, Gracious Spirit  
#374: There Are Many Gifts

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

**Offering and Prayer:**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life:**

When we do good, challenges are ever present.  
Sometimes, the challenges can be overwhelming and so  
we’re tempted to retreat or stay silent. Help us to  
remember all that you do for our good so that we can go  
forth and do the same.

**Congregational Hymn:** #377: New Earth, Heavens New

**Scriptures:** Mark 3: 19c-21, Luke 3: 21-22

**Sermon:** A Tight Spot

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**Sending Song:** #375: Joys are Flowing Like a River

**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**

Lynn Roth B.....February 14  
Mary Johnson B.....February 17

**MCMC**

Faith and Life Forum.....March 7  
RAWtools toy gun buyback at Glennon Heights.... May 16  
ASSEMBLY:..... July 24-26

**MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE**

**Save the date** for next year's assembly: July 24-26, 2026, in beautiful Boulder, CO.

Here's a video of Amy with Ross and Moriah, the speakers at our Faith and Life Forum. Please use it in your announcements during church services and/or include it in announcements you send out to congregants.

[https://youtu.be/gvG\\_qvs1i24](https://youtu.be/gvG_qvs1i24)

***Belonging and Boundaries: The beauty and challenge of intergenerational connections***

Forming strong bonds across generations is more important than ever in our faith communities. Research suggests that meaningful relationships and mentorships are what draw us in and keep us engaged in church through the ups and downs.

But how do we foster conversation and connection without leaving undue room for harms like manipulation or child abuse to occur? What's the balance between precaution and pragmatism?

Join Ross Erb, MSW, Associate Director of the Collins Child Advocacy Center, and Moriah Hurst, Pastor of Child, Youth, and Adult Faith Formation at Assembly Mennonite Church, for a discussion and training on best practices for ministries that connect people of all ages.

A keynote and discussion on the opportunities and challenges of intergenerational relationships in our churches will be held in the morning, with a training on child/youth protection in the afternoon.

*MSMC Congregations: Please send at least one person from your congregation to represent you at the afternoon training, preferably a pastor, church chair, or children/youth ministry leader.*

*Registration is now open.*

**Click here to REGISTER**

**Care Packages to Roca**

The list of those detained continues to grow.

Roca de Refugio is inviting the rest of the conference to provide care packages for families who have a loved one in detention or in the deportation process.

Possible items include:

For adults: Cozy socks, cookies, hot chocolate, tea, mugs, candles, face masks, lotions, a journal and a pen, notes of support, etc.

For tweens and teens: self-care items, fashion accessories, games, crafts, etc.

For kids: Stuffed animals, cozy socks, a soft blanket, candy, cookies, a coloring book or notebook and pen, an activity book (with no or little English), etc.

Email Cheryl: [administrator@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:administrator@mountainstatesmc.org) to request the name and info of the next family on the list, and you (or your church, or a couple of your friends with you) can send them some love. Thank you for your support!

**MCC Global Voices Speaking Tour** on peace and climate resiliency at Beth-El (see attached poster) on Sat, Feb 14 at 10:30 am. Join us for a unique opportunity to hear firsthand stories on the intersection of climate and peace!.

**Save the date: Sat, May 16th RAWtools toy gun buyback at Glennon Heights** - kids turn in toy guns for nonviolent games and toys. More info to come.

**A march for Peace and Justice in support of our immigrant community will take place on February 28th in San Antonio, TX.** We march For humane and just immigration policies; For families to stay together For an end to fear, hate, and violence; For a future rooted in love and community. Immigrants are our neighbors, co-workers, classmates, and family members Join us as we raise our voices for peace, justice, and compassion for all. Starts Saturday, February 28th at 9 AM See poster for details.

Organized by [Nuevos Vecinos](#)

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP**

Register NOW for Snow Camp.

Be inspired by singing and worshiping with other youth, slide down the tube run, play a competitive game of broom hockey, explore beautiful scenery around camp, and more!

Snow Camps are intended for youth to attend with their church youth group, with one leader for every five youth, to provide adequate supervision.

[Senior High Registration](#) for February 13-15

**Now Hiring**

Boulder Mennonite Church seeks a full-time Transitional Minister for a 9-15 month timeframe. The Transitional Minister will support ongoing congregational ministry and will provide leadership for congregational self-study, identity, vision, and structure work. To learn more, please visit the church website [here](#) and the Transitional Minister job description [here](#). For inquiries, contact Amy Zimbelman at [amyz@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:amyz@mountainstatesmc.org).