

DATE: February 8, 2026

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

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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**

**10:30 am: Worship Begins
Discussion**

Lead Pastor: Vern Rempel

Pastor Vern’s email: vkrempel@gmail.com

Pastor Vern’s Blog: soulreport.WordPress.com

Pastor Vern’s political blog is
at 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 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of month.

Worship begins at 10:30 at Dry Creek on 2nd Sunday of
month.

Speaker:Vern Rempel
Worship Leader:.....Dwight Landes
Song Leader:.....Vern Rempel
Sound room:Jake Eichelberger

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

Leader: Shout it out—no holding back!

People: There is truth that needs to be spoken.

Leader: Let the people rise and hear it.

People: We are listening. We stand ready.

**Leader: Shout to the weary, the overlooked, the worn-
thin.**

People: With courage, we gather. With voices, we speak
words of life.

Leader: Shout to the hearts carrying hidden weight,

People: The Holy One meets us here in our honesty.

Leader: Shout to the systems that press people down,

People: Their power is not the final word.

Leader: A new song is rising—

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #714: Let There be Light

#45: O God and Father

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

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

We admit that we have not always chosen the path that
frees.

We have stayed silent when truth asked for our voice;
we have protected our comfort when compassion asked
for our hands; we have waited for others to do the work
you entrusted to us. Loosen our resistance, lift the habits
that keep us from seeing one another clearly, and break
the patterns that bind us to what harms. Teach us the
courage to act with mercy. Teach us the discipline of
repair. Teach us the way of releasing what we cling to
so that others may breathe more easily. Amen

Congregational Hymn: #758: Who Will Speak a Word of
Warning

Scriptures: Isaiah 6: 1-8

Sermon: “Let it Begin With Me”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #600: O Thou in Whose Presence

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 (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

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

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

Special Faith & Life Issue of Zing! is available at this [LINK](#). Check out the detailed information!

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

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

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](#)

From Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship

Steve Ramer, Pastor at FCMF, asks for prayers for wisdom and clarity as they discern the future for the church.

From Living Light of Peace

Bob Fish has passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family, including his wife Linda, who is our church treasurer. A memorial service is planned for Saturday February 21st at 10:30 am at Living Light of Peace.

From Beth-El

MCC Global Voices Speaking Tour on peace and climate resiliency at Beth-El

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!

From the Youth Committee & Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

Attention Youth grades 9-12: Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is almost here, and there is still time to register! Snow camp begins at 7 pm on Friday,

February 13, and ends at 11 am on Sunday, February 15. There are a few youth from the MSMC region already signed up, and it would be fabulous to have youth from across the Conference attend together. The newly formed MSMC Youth Committee will give a \$75 stipend toward registration to any youth participant who attends. Please reach out to Cheryl Beachey, MSMC Administrator at administrator@mountainstatesmc.org once registered to add your name to the participants from our Conference, get connected with your sponsor, and discuss transportation needs. Register at rmmc.org. The deadline to sign up as an MSMC youth with this group is Monday, February 9.

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](#)

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.