

DATE: February 15, 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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9:00 am: Worship Begins
10:00 am: 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:.....Rae Shellenberger
Song Leader:.....Dennis Book
Sound room:Jake Eichelberger

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

**One: Come to me and wait. I will give you instructions
and commandments in written form.**

Many: We come to you and we wait, to see and hear what
you will say.

**One: In days past, I wrote on stone tablets, but now I
write my words upon you heart that you may teach them.**

Many: We offer our hearts to receive your words and what
we learn, we’ll teach others.

**One: Heaven is open above you and the kin-dom is within
you.**

All: Wherever we go, the kin-dom comes.

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #22: What is This Place
#670: In the Bulb There is a Flower

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

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

Waiting is not always easy for us, especially while living in a
realm where instant gratification is perceived as proof of
being blessed. You wait for us and on us often. Help us to
remember that we are to be of good courage as we wait
on you and for you.

Congregational Hymn: #522: O Blessed Spring
Special Music: ‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime: Vern
Rempel, Wilmer Villacorta, Dennis Book

Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Sermon: Winter Count: Sharing the Stories From Our Year
Communion:

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #710: This is My Song
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

Mary Johnson B.....February 17

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MCMC Business Meeting and Potluck.....February 15

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 the Assembly Planning Committee

The dates for our Assembly this year are July 24-26, 2026, at Boulder Mennonite Church.

Some of the attendees would be greatly helped if they could stay in a home, rather than having to pay for a hotel. If you would be willing to host people in your home, please contact our conference Administrator, Cheryl Beachy, administrator@mountainstatesmc.org, and let her know how many people you could accommodate for one or two nights. Thank you!

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.

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.

Other resources to note

--**Pulpit supply:** We've added some names to the list of folks willing to guest preach in Mountain States congregations. Worship leaders/administrators/those who help set up the preaching schedule: let Amy know if you'd like more info: amyz@mountainstatesmc.org