

DATE: March 8, 2026

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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.

Third Sunday of LENT

Sermon Theme: “Resolve”

Speaker:Vern Rempel
Worship Leader:.....Wilmer Villacorta
Song Leader:.....Dennis Book
Sound room:Jake Eichelberger

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

Leader: In our bones, there are lineages;
we carry the seeds of division and the seeds of
connection. Look around you and see how the fields are
ripe for harvesting.

Assembly: We are called to prayer
that reaps with honesty and awareness
what our ancestors have sown.

Leader: In our cells, there are lineages;
we carry the genes of harm and the genes of flourishing.
Look around you and see how we are part of one
another.

Assembly: We are called to devotion
that holds with tenderness and justice
what our ancestors have enfleshed.

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns: #550: God Who Touches Earth With
Beauty

#305: The Glory of These Forty Days

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

Congregational Hymn: #537: Lord, You Sometimes Speak
Offering and Prayer:

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

Leader: For the divisions we’ve created between
“citizen” and “undocumented,”
“American” and “illegal”
and all the violence those divisions create:

Assembly: God, have mercy.

Leader: For the segregation we’ve inhabited between
“ghetto” and “good schools,” for every border and wall
and fence and redline and all the injustice that
segregation creates:

Assembly: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For each time we say “us” and mean, “not them.”
For every “those people” and “you people” and all the
fear and distaste that lives under our breaths:

Assembly: God, have mercy.

Leader: Heal us from the ways we deny our kinship and
disregard the dignity and belovedness of each and all of
us.

Assembly: Turn us around, Holy One. Amen.

Scriptures: Exodus 3: 13, 14

Sermon: Differentiation 101: I Am

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #564: What Wondrous Love is This
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

Dennis Book B.....March 19
Rae Shellenberger.....March
26

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RAWtools toy gun buyback at Glennon Heights.... May 16
ASSEMBLY:..... July 24-26

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

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 Roca de Refugio

Maria and her toddler son, both seeking asylum, were detained in November during their third Immigration and Customs Enforcement appointment in San Antonio. Read about her experience [here](#). Continue to pray for Dianne Garcia, pastor of Roca de Refugio, and for all those who are a part of the church. And, if you are inclined to help, please visit [Nuevos Vecinos](#) (<https://www.nuevosvecinossatx.org/>), where you can donate or get involved in other ways or make a purchase from this [wishlist](#).

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

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 greatly appreciate if they could stay in a home, rather than having to pay for a hotel. If you are in the Boulder area and 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!

Booking your accommodations early may save you money and time during the summer rush. Hotels close to Boulder Mennonite Church include: Homewood Suites by Hilton, Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, and The Boulder Broker Inn. From MSMC Youth Committee

Calling all youth grades 6-12! Save the Date: April 25, 2026

Estimated schedule for the day: 9-4

Join us for an exciting all-day tree-planting event organized in collaboration with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to help restore the forests in Big Thompson Canyon near Drake, Colorado! This is a great opportunity for youth from Mountain States Mennonite Conference Churches to come together, have fun, get to know other youth across the region, and help restore the environment to its pre-fire density. We want everyone to participate, so please do not let travel or financial limitations stop you. We are here to help you get to the event! More information coming soon. Email the conference administrator with any questions at administrator@mountainstatesmc.org. The Youth Committee members are Annaken Toews, Jonathan Harnish, Rebecca Scull, and Stephanie Phibbs.

From Western Slope Mennonite Fellowship

Western Slope Mennonite Fellowship invites you to join us for our worship on March 15th. The service begins at noon. We will hear, via Zoom, from several graduates of the Journey program at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. The stories of how they ended up in the program are full of hope and joy. Since this will be a hybrid service via Zoom, please email Cheryl at info@westernslopemennonite.org for the link to join the Zoom meeting. We meet in person at Bethel Chapel, First United Methodist Church, 824 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs with brunch at 11AM. We would love to have you join us in person!

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.

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.

Now Hiring: Sojourn Mennonite - Fort Collins

Are you interested in helping to grow a vibrant and welcoming community that fosters spiritual growth and actively lives out Jesus' teachings? If so, Sojourn Mennonite is looking for you. We are 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 to help us learn new ways of nurturing our souls and expanding our community. The benefit package we offer aligns with the Mennonite Church USA guidelines. If you are interested in learning more, 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.

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