

DATE: April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

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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
10:30 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:.....**Jeff Smith**
Worship Leader:.....**Rae Shellenbersger**
Song Leader:.....**Kathy Smith**
Sound room:**Jake Eichelberger**

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Time of Quieting:

Call to Worship:
**One: Let us say to the Holy One: You are our God, we
have no good apart from you!**
Many: Holy One, you are our God, we have no good apart
from you!
**One: The Holy One is our chosen portion and our cup;
God holds our lot.**
Many: Holy One, you are our God, we have no good apart
from you!
**One: The Holy One provides us protection and refuge,
keeps us in pleasant places, and gives a good heritage.**
Many: Holy One, you are our God, we have no good apart
from you!

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer
Opening Hymn: #10: Here in This Place
#401: Open the Eyes of My Heart

Prayers of the people and sharing the grace.....
Congregational Hymn: # 412: My Soul Cries out

Offering and Prayer: , Offertory: Kathy Smith
Prayer For Transformation and New Life:

Gracious and Eternal God, you never abandon us the way
that we sometimes abandon you. We doubt your power
and your compassion. We call upon your name, but too
often without expectation that you will answer. We blame
you for the things we have collectively caused or that life
demands. Yet, we give ourselves credit for the good that
comes our way. We offer empty apology devoid of real
repentance. We want to be absolved without engaging in
repair. Help us to cherish grace as a gift and mercy as a
miracle. Have mercy on us, Holy One. Amen.

Solo: Kathy Smith

Scriptures: Ephesians 4, 1-7
Sermon: Good Grief

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #778: Will You Let Me be Your Servant
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

Faye Brenneman.....April 13

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RAWtools toy gun buyback at Glennon H0065ights.... May 16

ASSEMBLY:..... July 24-26

Mountain States Conference

This is a video that the **Assembly 2026** planning committee has produced. Registration will open very soon!

[LINK https://youtu.be/X-uA2tVcNNA](https://youtu.be/X-uA2tVcNNA)

From Prayerstream

Dear ones,
Given the turbulence in our world, the persistent warring and madness, I have been feeling the impulse to open the Tuesday 7am Prayer room. I will start the Tuesday after Easter, April 7 and conclude this series the Tuesday following the summer solstice, June 23. I feel some trepidation as always about how to be faithful to what God is asking and NOT create a big expectation or spectacle. So we'll see what God and my flaws have in store. I am grateful for the ongoing presence, witness and guidance I receive from you and the Prayerstream connection to Kingdom building. Lord, have mercy!

You are invited to join the WEEKLY 7am MDT TUESDAY PRAYER ZOOM CIRCLE

The purpose of this circle is to gather our hearts, calm our minds, refresh our spirits and embolden our living in the Presence of a Loving and Lavish God. Contact Brenda Fox 720-252-7939 for more information. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89078236512?pwd=PsNCsf5uRxnTgbHnZnzUAsBd9clW0X.1>

Meeting ID: 890 7823 6512

Passcode: 260228

The April Issue of Zing! is available at this [LINK. https://mailchi.mp/mountainstatesmc/msmc-aug-sept-2022-zing-18267112](https://mailchi.mp/mountainstatesmc/msmc-aug-sept-2022-zing-18267112)

Amy writes about *Taking Humor Seriously* for April 12th's Holy Humor Sunday; see photos from the No Kings Protests; and read about two Justice Fund recipient congregations from MSMC!

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.

From MSMC Youth Committee

Last Call for youth grades 6-12!

We have nine youth registered and would love to reach 15!

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.

To register for this event, please go to this [LINK](#)

The Youth Committee members are Annaken Toews, Jonathan Harnish, Rebecca Scull, and Stephanie Phibbs

Adult friends of MDS, we need you too!

On April 25, we will be planting tree seedlings in the Big Thompson Canyon near Drake, Colorado. This is due to the Alexander fire, which burned almost 10,000 acres two years ago.

There is a sign-up form at [this link](#). We are hoping to plant at least 150 to 200 small seedlings from about 9:00 to 3:00 or 4:00 that day, so we really encourage adults to sign up.

If you would prefer to call or email, please use the information below so we can include you in our count. MDS will provide lunch for everyone, and details about where to meet will be coming soon. Encourage your church members, friends, and neighbors to put this on their calendars and come join us! Please fill out [this form](#) so we know how many plan to attend! OR, email Mary Johnson at mjmanyik@gmail.com or call her at 303-726-9890

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.

MDS Call to Action!

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Disaster Service Unit has a desperate need for volunteers to help finish a project in San Angelo, Texas. The work will include installing flooring and kitchen cabinets, as well as drywall finishing and painting. Do not worry if you aren't "skilled," the Project Director and crew leaders are both well-skilled and eager to teach. If anyone has some skills with electric wiring or plumbing, it would be a plus. If you have a few days you can give, please consider this opportunity to serve as the Hands and Feet of Jesus. Families are welcome, and we'll find ways to use younger people or provide child care if needed. As always, MDS will provide lodging and meals. The Unit can also help with travel costs. **Contact Michael Smith (505) 603-5739, or the Project Director Enos Kurtz (814) 592-7268.**