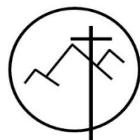


**DATE: May 17, 2026**

**7th Sunday of Easter  
Theme: The Power of Play**

**Peace Moment: "Six Strings" .....Dennis Book**

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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](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:.....Paul Johnson**  
**Worship Leader:.....Rae Shellenberger**  
**Song Leader:.....Dennis Book**  
**Sound room: .....Lynn Roth**

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome**  
**Announcements**  
**Time of Quieting:**

**Call to Worship:**  
**One: Let God rise up! Sing to God; lift up a song to the  
One who rides upon the clouds—the Holy One— be  
exultant before God.**

Many: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before  
God; let them be jubilant with joy!

**One: Let God rise up! Ascribe power to God, full of  
majesty and power.**

Many: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before  
God; let them be jubilant with joy!

**One: Let God rise up! Awesome is God in the sanctuary,  
who gives power and strength to the people.**

Many: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before  
God; let them be jubilant with joy! Blessed be God!

**WE GROW IN WORSHIP**

**Opening Prayer:**  
**Opening Hymns:** #435: Blessed Assurance  
#517: Children of the Heavenly Father

**Prayers of the people and sharing the grace.....**  
**Congregational Hymn:** #664: Be Still My Soul  
**Offering and Prayer: Offertory:** Jay Liew

**Prayer For Transformation and New Life:**  
Righteous God, you offer the newness of life and we cling  
to dry and desolate places. We withhold our trust and cling  
to the ways of the world while retreating from witnessing  
to your goodness in the world. We allow hopelessness to  
reign in our lives and direct our attitudes and actions. Help  
us, O God, to believe that resurrection is not a one time  
event but a way of being we commit to living. Let the  
resurrected live in us transform our being, thinking, and  
doing in the world. Amen.

**Scriptures:** Psalms 4: 1-8, 1 John 3: 1-7, Luke 24: 36-45  
**Sermon:** Open Minds, Playful Hearts  
**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**Sending Song:** #705: For the Healing of the Nations  
**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**

Barb & Jake Eichelberger A.....May 19  
Lynn & Karen Weins-Roth A.....May 22

### **MCMC**

MCMC Work Days.....June 2 and 5  
RMMC Work Weekend.....May 22-25  
Mennonite Hymn Sing.....July 12  
ASSEMBLY:..... July 24-26

### **Mountain States Conference**

#### **WORK DAYS for MCMC**

On June 2 we need all hands on deck to clear the worship area for carpet cleaners. There will be plenty of opportunities of help for us all.

On June 5 we need help to reset the worship area for our partner congregations.

#### **FROM MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE...**



**Early Registration for the Mountain States Mennonite Conference Assembly is open!**

**Dates for our Assembly are July 24-26 at Boulder Mennonite Church.**

**Register now for the best rates. Early-Bird registration ends May 15th.**

**[LINK](#)**

**The May Issue of Zing! is available at this [LINK](#).**

**<https://mailchi.mp/mountainstatesmc/msmc-aug-sept-2022-zing-18267726>**

See photos from the Youth/MDS tree planting event; read about Frontier Village Foundation Grants, Pastoral changes in MSMC; A trip to visit Roca de Refugio; and more!

This Zing! is a long one. If your message is “clipped,” make sure to click on “view entire message” to be sure to see all of the articles and photos! 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.

#### **Time for another Inter-Mennonite Hymn Sing!**

First Mennonite Church in Denver is inviting you and your congregation to join us for an Inter-Mennonite Hymn Sing on Sunday, July 12, at 1:30 p.m. It's been a minute since our last hymn sing, and we miss hearing our voices lifted in song!

#### **From Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp**

Visit [rmmc.org](http://rmmc.org) to learn more.

~Memorial Day Work and Play May 22-25: The weekend focuses on getting ready for the coming summer camp season by helping with food service, cleaning, and moving camp out of winter mode, while also offering a free day on Sunday to enjoy the holiday weekend.

~Summer Camps at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Kids and Youth, come to Resident Camps, or if you're feeling more adventurous, join us for our Wilderness Program. This year's theme is Job 12:7 “But ask the animals, and they will teach you; ask the birds, and they will tell you.” There are lots of memories to be made, whether trying new activities, meeting new friends, singing camp songs as part of worship, or exploring the mountains! ~Adults can also join in the fun as part of Family Camps or Colorado Roots Music Camp.

#### **From Prayerstream**

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

Zoom link:

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

Meeting ID: 890 7823 6512 Passcode: 260

#### **Mountain States Mennonite Conference Hiring: Part-Time Treasurer**

MSMC is seeking a Treasurer to manage daily cash flow, reconcile bank accounts, and handle financial reporting.

- Key Responsibilities: Managing accounts payable/receivable, preparing monthly reports, and working with the moderator to prepare the annual budgets.
- Qualifications: 1+ years of bookkeeping or treasury experience. Familiarity with accounting software.
- Send your resume and the names and contact info for 2 references to Amy Zimbelman, [amyz@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:amyz@mountainstatesmc.org).

Click [HERE](#) to see the full job description.

#### **Now Hiring - Sojourn Fort Collins**

Are you interested in helping to grow a vibrant and welcoming community that fosters spiritual growth and actively lives out Jesus' teachings? 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. We will accept applications from interested candidates through June 1st. 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](mailto:amyz@mountainstatesmc.org).

#### **From Mennonite Church USA**

The annual convention, MennoCon, will be held next year. Dates are July 6-10, 2027. Location is Cincinnati, Ohio.