

DATE:

August 9, 2026
Theme: "Sharing Our Lives"

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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**

**DATE: August 9, 2026
Dry Creek**

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:Vern Rempel
Worship Leader:..... Wilmer Villacorta
Song Leader:Vern Rempel
Sound:.....Jake Eichelberger

WE GATHER

Welcome

Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship:

One: O give thanks to the Holy One; call on God's name

Many: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

**One: Sing of the Holy One's abiding love, grace,
compassion, and justice**

Many: Rejoice in the God's redemptive power

One: Seek the Holy One's presence, strength, and wisdom

Many: Remember God's wondrous works. Praise the Holy
One!

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer:

Opening Hymn: #7: Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

#778: Will You Let Me be Your Servant

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

Congregational Hymn: #160: Leaning on the Everlasting
Arms

Offering and Prayer:

Prayer For Transformation and New Life:

Gracious and eternal God, we, like Jacob, struggle when confronted with hard things. We use avoidance to shield us from acknowledging and correcting the wrongs we have done and continue to perpetuate. We, like Joseph, fail to consider the impact we have on others and how we contribute to making life better or worse for those around us. We, like those jealous siblings, attempt to find our own way and create our own schemes rather than trusting in your love that knows no favorites and embraces us all. Help us to shift our attitude and behaviors toward accountability, reconciliation, and love. Amen.

Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 1: 2-4

Sermon: "Sharing This People"

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Sending Song: #840: God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Jeannie Villacorta B.....August 13

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Rocky Mountain Relief Sale.....October 17
Economic Justice, Decolonization and Faith.....Nov 6-8

Mountain States Conference

From First Mennonite: Attention ALL YOUTH

In June of 2027, First Mennonite Denver’s MYF will be traveling to Puerto Rico for an MCC Learning Tour. We currently have 6 youth from our church registered, and we are looking for 3 more youth to join our group! The trip will be from June 13-19 th, 2027. If in June 2027, you will be entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grade, or will have just graduated from high school, we would love to have you join us! We hope to have a total of 9 youth attending this trip. We will have 3 adult sponsors from FMC Denver coming on the trip. MCC has been working in Puerto Rico since the early 1930s and continues to work there today. Come with us to learn about the impactful work that they are doing with the community and how you can be involved. We would like to have youth committed to coming on this trip by September 6 th, 2026. We will prepare for this trip throughout the year by learning about MCC and having the sponsors and participants get to know one another. This learning can be done virtually if necessary! At FMC, we will also be doing fundraising to raise money to pay for the trip, and the trip participants from other congregations are welcome to fundraise with us. If you are interested in attending this trip, please contact Rachel Barnes, Faith Formation

Administrator, FMC Denver at rachelb@fmcdenver.org or 720-231-6657.

Next year, we'll see you for Assembly in Albuquerque, NM

July 23-25, 2027!

From Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale

Mark your calendars! The *Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale* will be held on Saturday, October 17, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Thanks to the generosity of our churches, volunteers, and supporters, we were able to send \$123,000 to MCC last year. What an incredible blessing! **From Rocky Mountain Mennonite Disaster Service** Aspen Acre Wildfire update. The largest wildfire currently burning in the United States is west of Pueblo, Colorado. It is only 40% contained and has burned 100,000 acres. 1501st responders are fighting the fire, and 11,000 people have been evacuated. Mennonite Disaster Service has been on site for 2 1/2 weeks. The Rocky Mountain unit needs your help. Survivors and evacuees started returning to their homes last Friday. 870 structures have burned; almost 400 homes are lost. Here’s what you can do: contact your congregational MDS representative. They will have more information on how you can help. Here are three things we need immediately: first, pray for the survivors and the evacuees. It has been horribly hot and difficult. Second, consider volunteering in either Bueller or Rye, Colorado, to help with the cleanup of burned-out homes. We’ll start asking for volunteers two weekends from now. Third, if you can’t physically be there, consider a monetary gift. Clothes and food cannot be used by homeless survivors. Your funds will directly go to their support. You may write a check to United Way of Colorado or to Mennonite Disaster Service. If you send it to MDS in Lititz, Pennsylvania, please write in the memo line “for

Rocky Mountain unit”. You’ll receive a tax-deductible donation. The volunteer coordinator is Mary Johnson; text her at 303-726-9890. Thank you so much for your care and prayers. **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? 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. 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-halftime-pastor> and contact Amy Zimbelman at amy@mountainstatesmc.org. **Now Hiring - First Mennonite, Denver** First Mennonite Church in Denver has a job posting for an office administrator. This would be a permanent, half-time, on-site position. If you are interested, more information is available on the FMC website under the “Hiring” tab. <https://www.fmcdenver.org/hiring> **From Mennonite Voluntary Service** Are you a young adult age 20+ (or know a young adult) who is wondering “what’s next?” after college? Do you want space, time, and support to further discern the path of your life? Do you wonder what it means to live your values in the world? Are you interested in building intentional community as you actively seek equity and justice for those you serve?