

DATE: September 20, 2026

Speaker:**Jeff Smith**
Worship Leader:.....**Dennis Book**
Song Leaders:**Kathy Smith**
Sound:.....**Lynn Roth**

WE GATHER

Announcements:
Time of Quietening:
Welcome:

Call to Worship:
One: O give thanks to the Holy One! Tell of God's wonderful works.
Many: Declare God's marvelous deeds among the peoples.
One: O give thanks to the Holy One! Give glory and rejoice!
Many: Sing praises to our God! Let our hearts be glad!
One: O give thanks to the Holy One: Remember the miracles and the judgments.
Many: The Holy One has remembered us. Praise God!

WE GROW IN WORSHIP

Opening Prayer:
Opening Hymn: # 435: Blessed Assurance
387: We Are One in the Spirit
Prayers of the people and sharing the grace.....
Congregational Hymn: Your Name, by Paul Baloche and Glenn Packlam
Offering and Prayer:

Prayer of Transformation and New Life:

Just God, we acknowledge that accountability is both a gift and a necessary step toward healing and repair. We also know that we do not sin against you alone. Forgive us for only seeking absolution from you for our benefit. Help us

to reconcile with siblings, neighbors, friends, and enemies through recognition of harmful outcomes and committed actions toward repair. Amen.

Scriptures: Matthew 18: 1-5
Sermon: "Holy Paradox, Batman"

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

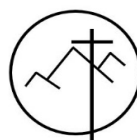
Sending Song: # 617: When Peace Like a River
Sending Prayer

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

Mountain Community Mennonite Church
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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.

Paul & Mary Johnson A.....September 20
Heidi Juell B.....September 27

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Ken Smith Memorial.....October 11, 11:30 am
Empty Bowl.....October 14
Rocky Mountain Relief Sale.....October 17
Economic Justice, Decolonization and Faith.....Nov 6-8

Mountain States Conference

From MCC (Mennonite Central Committee)

Sign up to participate in the **Conscientious Objection: Understanding the Legacy and What it Means Today** webinar, **Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. CDT/6 p.m. MDT**. This webinar will provide space to reflect on what it means to be a Conscientious Objector (CO), remember its history, learn about how to declare CO status, and how to connect with MCC Central States and other churches around the topic of CO. Register at mcc.org/co-today and contact beckyteiwes@mcc.org for more information.

Thank you for taking part in this year’s MCC School Kit Challenge!

Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 30,000 school kits for the 2026 challenge. Working together, you, your community, and other devoted supporters packed **46,481 school kits**! Each of the 46,481 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright future — and for the loved ones, teachers, and community members dreaming alongside them. Thank you for being part of this year’s School Kit Challenge. We hope you’ll join us again next year!

From MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) Making

AI Useful in Your Business, Safely You are invited to an evening of exploring AI. Learn how it can genuinely save you time and what pitfalls to watch for along the way. Hosted by Jeremy Showalter, Chief Business Officer at Swan Bitcoin and MEDA board member, and Teresa “T” Troester-Falk, founder of BlueSky Privacy and a two-decade veteran of privacy law, the session brings together business and governance perspectives on practical AI use. Whether you’re already using AI daily or still figuring out what it means for your business, this conversation is for you.

Thursday, October 8th, 6 PM at the Vib Hotel.

Register at <https://www.meda.org/event/making-ai-useful-in-your-business-safely/> Or click on this [LINK](#)

From Glennon Heights Mennonite Church

Our planet is in trouble. Is it wise to trust that continued growth and innovation will somehow save us? Might it be time to look for wisdom from people who were the original caretakers of our world? You are invited to join Glennon Heights Mennonite Church in Denver for a weekend **(November 6-8)** workshop with Sarah Augustine, a Pueblo (Tewa) descendant, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the [Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition](#). Sarah is a social scientist and professional conflict manager who has represented the interests of Indigenous community partners to their own governments, the United Nations, the World Council of Churches, the World Health Organization, and a host of other international actors. Together, we will explore the [Doctrine of Discovery](#) and how it affected history and is still active today, how the colonization mindset has affected the health of our planet, and how we can join in working toward economic justice, decolonization, and healing in our state, country, and world.

[Register for a Weekend with Sarah Augustine](#)

The cost of the weekend has been covered by a generous grant from the [Frontier Village Foundation](#). There will be an opportunity for donations to support the Coalition.

Please join us for the opening session on Friday evening and the seminar on Saturday. Friday dinner, Saturday light breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided. Sarah will be preaching Sunday morning at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church.

We hope you can join us!

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 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.

Now Hiring - Boulder Mennonite

Boulder Mennonite is looking for a part-time church administrator. Flexible days and hours! Go to this [link](#) for more information. <https://tinyurl.com/Admin4BMC>

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 Zimelman at amyz@mountainstatesmc.org.

From Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale

The countdown is on! We are excited to come together for a wonderful day of community, connection, fun, and support for the life-changing work of MCC! Join us for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale on Saturday, October 17th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds!

Calling all quilters: there is still time to submit your donation. Please visit <https://rmmcsale.org> to complete and submit your form. Your beautiful work makes our quilt auction possible — thank you for your continued generosity and craftsmanship.

We also still need volunteers! There are lots of different options and shifts available. There is a role for everyone. Please visit our website, <https://rmmcsale.org>, and sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Darcey VanWagner at mdvw@comcast.net. We look forward to seeing you there!

Last year, together we were able to send \$123,000 to Mennonite Central Committee to support relief, development, and peacebuilding

efforts around the world. With your help, we hope to do even more this year!

Thank you for your generosity and support. We look forward to seeing you on **October 17th** at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Go to our website for additional information: <https://rmmcsale.org>
aliceprice1950@gmail.com or visit <https://www.mennonitemission.net/serve/mennonite-voluntary-service/>