

After the worship service in the Community Center

- ◆ **Join others** for coffee/donuts/fruit/fellowship and help support our youth
- ◆ **Purchase grocery cards** to help support the FMC Ministry Plan

Peace School Hour 10:45-11:45 AM

Children & Youth, ages 2-18: Peace School Classes in Basement
JYF & Younger – Jesus enters Jerusalem (Easter lesson, 1 of 3)
MYF – Conversation with Tory about baptism

Adult Education 10:45-11:45 AM

New to this church? Welcome!

Ushers are available to help you find your way and Pastor Theda Good would be pleased to meet you after the worship service. Check out the Information Center in the Foyer.

Upcoming Events:

Sundays of Lent, 8:30 AM: Early Morning Prayer in Prayer Room
April 14, 6:30 PM: Good Friday Service
April 16, 8:30: Easter Sunday MYF Pancake Fundraiser
April 16, 10:00: Easter Sunday Worship
April 29: MSMC Faith & Life Forum at Beth-El, Colorado Springs
April 30: FMC Guest Preacher Drew Hart, author of *Trouble I've Seen*

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Peace School Summaries & Event Calendars:
fmcdenverfaithformation.weebly.com

For announcements, see ***FMC Weekly*** on our website or at welcome center.

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Welcome to

First Mennonite Church *Denver, Colorado*



March 26, 2017

Lent

Restore Us, O God. We see!

*That you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Contemplative Worship Preparation 9:20 AM

Entering Worship 9:30 AM

Introit & Procession of Christ Candle

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: Here in this place we gather to worship.

All: Open our eyes and our hearts.

Leader: Here in this place we gather to see you.

All: Open our eyes and our hearts.

Leader: Here in this place we gather to perceive you in all your glory and beauty.

All: Open our eyes and our hearts.

Leader: Remove our blindness so that we might see ourselves honestly, and humbly worship you.

What is this place Blue hymnal 1

Faith Reflection

Children's Time – John 9:1-41

I saw a tree by the riverside Purple hymnal 116, vs 1

Afterward, nursery care is available in B2 downstairs for children 1-4 yrs.

I saw a tree by the riverside Purple hymnal 116, vs 2

Whatsoever you do Purple hymnal 52

Chime

Meditation – “What are you looking for?”

Chime

O let all who thirst Blue hymnal 495

Confession and words of assurance

Leader: O God, you open our eyes to see what is true. We confess that sometimes it is easier for us to stay blind than to embrace the fullness of your truth.

People: We admit that it is scary and unsettling to fully accept what you want us to see.

Leader: Your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our expectations, and establishes a new order where we are no longer leading the way. Forgive us, O Lord, when we would rather stay in the darkness of our current reality instead of receiving your miracle of light and new life.

People: Remove the cataracts from our eyes, that we may see and celebrate your goodness around us. Quicken our minds, and soften our hearts, that we may recognize that you are at work.

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, who brings all things into the light,

All: restore us.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want. Though we cannot see through the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us. We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Community Sharing

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

The love of God Green hymnal 44

Benediction

Leadership for this Service

Worship Leader and Pastoral Prayer – Pastor Theda

Meditation – Pastor Tory

Song Leader – Sonia Graber

Musicians – Vicky Mierau, Ethan and Elizabeth Mullett, Stephanie Miller

Usher Coordinators – Ralph & Judi Nafziger

Audiovisual – Evan Miller

Thanks to all who have given generously of their attention & talents to make this service a time of encouragement & challenge in our walk of faith.