

Peace School Hour 10:45-11:45 AM

Children & Youth, ages 2-18: Peace School Classes in Basement

JYF & Younger – Easter lesson 2 of 3

MYF – Meet with Jill Schmidt to reflect on the meaning of Baptism

Adult Education 10:45-11:45 AM

Releasing of the Grocery Cart -- Come hear an update from Marcus Hyde on the Tiny Home Village and participate in a blessing and sending for Gabriel and Sierra as they release their grocery cart back to the grocery store. They are moving out of the church and into shared space. For those who are able, you are invited to join the walk back to the store.

Ministry Team Meetings this Week--Open for anyone to attend:

Worship Team, meets Tuesday, April 4, 6 PM, at FMC

Music Team, meets Wednesday, April 5, 6 PM, at FMC

Music Planning Conversation--Open to everyone

April 5, 6:00-7:30 PM, downstairs at FMC

Bag It!! If you would like to sew precut fabric to make MCC school bags, please talk to me after church services for the next 3-4 weeks. I will give you the fabric and instructions. Please return to me at church in about 2-3 months. The bags will be filled with supplies in August or September. You don't need advanced skills, just willingness to help. There are about 125 bags to be completed. Thank you, Angie Nofziger

Upcoming Events:

Sundays of Lent, 8:30 AM: Early Morning Prayer in Prayer Room

April 12, 7:00 PM: FMC Board meeting, open to the congregation

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 27, Adult Ed Hour: Ministry Plan Conversation

May 7: Vote on the Ministry Plan and interim referendum for the Board to operate under until new by-laws are written.

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Peace School Summaries & Event Calendars:

fmcdenverfaithformation.weebly.com

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

Welcome to

First Mennonite Church
Denver, Colorado



April 2, 2017

Lent

Restore Us, O God! We breathe.

*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 9:15 AM

Entering Worship 9:30 AM

Procession of Christ Candle **Lord, listen to your children** Blue book 353

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: Come. Bring your weary bones and your crushed souls.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Come. Bring your dashed hopes and broken dreams.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Come. Bring your heavy sorrow and lingering sadness.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Bring all that you have and all that you are.

The Spirit is here to breathe life into all that is lifeless.

Faith Reflection

Children's Time

Jesus loves me ... they are sweet and he is strong...

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

Jesus loves me ... they are sweet and he is strong...

Spirit of the Living God Blue book 349

Chime

Bible Reading John 11: 1-45 [Read from *Shine On, A Story Bible*]

Meditation – “How do we do the unimaginable?”

Chime

Breathe on me, breath of God Blue book 356

Confession and words of assurance

Leader: God, we confess that when we look into the valleys of our lives, we are tempted to fix our gaze on the remnants of our past. We see the dry bones, and we doubt in our minds—
“Will these bones ever live?”

People: **But in the midst of our doubt,
we proclaim that you are the life-giving Spirit.
You breathe new life into all that is dead.**

Reader 1: *For you, O God, raised up the dry bones in the valley.*

Reader 2: *Your Son, Jesus, brought Lazarus out from the tomb,*

Reader 3: *and your Spirit lifted anew the hearts of the disciples.*

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, to wait for your breath.

**All: Blow your mighty wind into the hollow chambers
of our hearts, that we may never settle for death
but rise again as your beloved people.**
(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, holy Breath,

All: restore us.

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can,
with reverence, serve you, once more. Our whole selves
waited for you, O Lord, and you answered us.
In you there is unfailing love and full redemption.
You redeem us from all our sins. Amen.

Community Sharing

Offertory *Partita No. 2, Allemanda* by J.S. Bach

Pastoral Prayer

Be thou my vision, vs. 1, 2, 5 Blue book 545

Benediction

Leadership for this Service

Worship Leader – Jill Gerig

Meditation and Pastoral Prayer – Pastor Theda

Song Leader and Musician – Nikki KandeLind

Procession of Christ Candle – Grace Hosman

Children's Time – Dana Williams

Usher Coordinators – Angie & Keith Nofziger

Audiovisual – Alyssa Bennett Smith

Flowers – Lola Hershberger

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.

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