

Leadership for this Service

Meditation – Tory Doerksen
Worship Leader – Theda Good
Song Leader – Nikki KandeLind
Musicians – Nikki and Sonia Graber
Children's Story – Tory Doerksen
Ushers – Brad & Marylou Shelly and Dave & Carol Harguth
Audiovisual – Evan Miller
Flowers – Lola Hershberger, celebrating Theda & Tory
Banner – Cynthia Holdeman

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.

Luncheon in the Community Center 10:45-11:45

Please join us for food, fellowship and farewells.

In the Community Center

- ♦ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan.
Remember to pick up your reloadable King Soopers card.
- ♦ Sign up for peaches at the Open Table.

Prayer Request

~ **Jan Parks** will be undergoing a rather intense throat and tongue surgery on August 15, which will greatly improve her breathing. It is expected to be very painful and include a two month recovery. Prayers and thoughts will be greatly appreciated. **Jim Parks**

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

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Welcome to

First Mennonite Church
Denver, Colorado



July 30, 2017

***Tory and Theda's Farewell
Way of Transformation***

*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

The love of God Green hymnal 44

Make me a channel of your peace Green hymnal 56

Welcome and Call to Worship

Faith Reflection

Children's Time –

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

Toys are available for all children in the foyer.

Parents, please help pick up the toys after the service.

Alleluia Green hymnal 41

Open my eyes, that I may see Blue hymnal 517

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:11-15; Matthew 18:1-15

Meditation *“Honesty and Hope”*

Letter of parting

Longing for light Green hymnal 54, vs 1, 2, 5

Community Sharing

Offertory

Prayer requests written on pew cards may be placed in offering plate

Appreciation of Pastors Tory and Theda

Litany for Pastoral Farewell

Leader: Bounteous God, we give thanks for your constant presence, accompanying us through seasons of both consistency and change, you are with us – and we are grateful you call others to accompany us in these seasons.

Congregation: We are grateful, to you Theda and Tory, for the season you have accompanied us both as individuals young and old, and as a congregation. We give thanks for the gifts, skills, leadership, and energy you have invested to build us up as a community at First Mennonite.

Leader: When this journey of transition began neither pastors nor congregation knew where the path might lead us.

Board: We are grateful for your willingness to be flexible in your roles, tasks, and energy over the last couple of years as we experienced significant transition, including holding the pieces of the congregation together as we struggled to find our way forward.

Congregation: You do not leave us as we were when you found us. You have loved us, and encouraged us in our ministry. We will remember and cherish the times we have shared together, both in celebration and sadness, as we partnered together in ministry. May the Spirit of God surround you with the fullness of love in your new ventures.

Pastors: We, too, will remember the moments of celebration and sadness that we shared together. We will remember the ministry that we partnered in together. We are grateful for the love you have shown us. May the Spirit of God surround you with the fullness of love in the next season of ministry at First Mennonite.

All: There is a time for coming together and a time for parting. As we part our ways may we experience the grace that heals the pain of separation, the peace that eases the uncertainty of new beginnings and the rootedness in the Spirit of Christ that allows the new to emerge.

Nothing is lost on the breath of God Purple hymnal #121

Benediction