

Ministry Teams

If you have interest in volunteering, please contact these folks:

Peace School Cooperative - Ann Leonard and Ivannah Johnson

Outreach Efforts - Debbie Reed, Deb Schaffer, Kyle Pegon
or Stephanie Phibbs

Facilities Projects - Darcey Van Wagner (Architectural Review Committee),
Matt Baron (Building), or Dave Harguth (Grounds)

Worship Leading and Planning - Ardell Swartzendruber,
Mary Alderfer, Margaret Williams, or Elizabeth Holdeman

Musicians and Song Leading - Aimee Voth Seibert, Ardell
Swartzendruber, Arlen Hershberger, Charlie Ferguson, Emily Martin,
Nikki KandeLind, or Sonia Graber

Ushers – Ralph Nafziger or Brad Shelly

Adult Ed - Darren Knowles

Visitation - Marylou Shelly or Ivannah Johnson

Fellowship - Ivannah Johnson

Library – Mary Olson

Nursery Volunteers - Andi Gingerich

Direct Assistance - Craig Sommers or Debbie Reed

**Provisional Mission Statement:
Connecting With Compassion**



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Welcome to

First Mennonite Church
Denver, Colorado



August 20, 2017

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 9:20 AM

Awake, arise, O sing a new song Blue hymnal 56

Entering Worship 9:30 AM

Welcome and Call to Worship

Immortal, invisible, God only wise Blue hymnal 70

Invocation

God of the earth, the sky, the sea Blue hymnal 53

Faith Reflection

Children's Time –

Jesus loves me ...they are SWEET ...

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

This little light of mine

Scripture Reading Genesis 45:1-15

Meditation “Transformation: The Way of Awkwardness”

They that wait upon the Lord Blue hymnal 584

Community Sharing

Offertory

Prayer for Peace – see insert

Pastoral Prayer and Introductions

Guide my feet Blue hymnal 546

Benediction

Leadership for this Service

Meditation – Darren Knowles

Worship Leader – Robert George

Song Leader – Arlen Hershberger

Violinist – Isaac Olson

Children's Story – Meredith Egli

Pastoral Prayer – Duncan Smith

Ushers – Dave & Carol Harguth

Audiovisual – Alyssa B. Smith

Flowers – Cindy Kauffman

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.

Welcome to our visitors!

After the worship service in the Community Center

- ◆ Join us for the farewell cake reception for long time member Clara Schofield who will be moving to Missouri in September.
- ◆ Coffee/donuts/fruit will be available as usual.
- ◆ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan.
- ◆ OpEn TabLe – Register for the Great Getaway Weekend.

Education Hour – 10:45

For Education Hour, Darren Knowles will be leading an inter-generational activity in the Community Room after the service. This will be a fun time for fellowship and should last 30-45 minutes. We hope that all ages will come and participate!

A few willing volunteers are needed for next Sunday, August 27, for the “FMC Growing Season POTLluck: Nourishing FMC Roots & New Growth.” Contact: Lola Hershberger if you can volunteer either before church for set up and receiving potluck dishes or during the potluck or in clean up tasks.

Prayer for Peace

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

- We lament the horror of hate that exploded in Charlottesville, Virginia, last weekend.
- We decry the flagrant parading of white supremacists, paramilitary assault weapons, Nazi insignia, Confederate flags and anti-Semitic chants.
- We grieve for all those targeted by vile speech, vicious attacks and rabid racism.
- We weep for the people of Charlottesville, a community in grief.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

- We confess that those of us who are white have overlooked, ignored or been ignorant of the ways we have benefited from the systemic oppression and marginalization of people of color, immigrants, Muslims, Jews and others whom we fear.
- We confess that we are complicit in acts of violence when we devalue, despise and discriminate against persons whom we perceive as threatening our identity, way of life and cherished beliefs.
- We confess that we are too often slow to act in the face of white supremacy that is ingrained in our businesses, institutions, neighborhoods and families.
- We confess that we let fear, pride and ignorance prevent us from doing all we can to live into the beauty, goodness and shalom that God intends for all people.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

- We give thanks for all those who courageously showed up to nonviolently resist racist bigotry, and especially for clergy and faith leaders who linked arms in prayer and solidarity to boldly offer encouragement and compassion in the name of Christ.

- We give thanks for Charlottesville Mennonite Church (CMC) and for Roy and Maren Hange, co-pastors, for their witness on multiple fronts to what is acclaimed in the Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective: “We believe that peace is the will of God. God created the world in peace, and God's peace is most fully revealed in Jesus Christ, who is our peace and the peace of the whole world. Led by the Holy Spirit, we follow Christ in the way of peace, doing justice, bringing reconciliation and practicing nonresistance, even in the face of violence and warfare.”
- We give thanks that there were not even more horrific acts of violence, which seemed likely from news analyses ahead of the protests, given that many came heavily armed.
- We give thanks for a local Mennonite pastor's public advocacy on NewsRadio WINA for a “revolution of reconciliation” in Charlottesville after the violence of the weekend [<http://wina.com/podcasts/roy-hange-post-rally-peace-building-in-charlottesville/>]

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us courage.

- Grant us courage to ask: Where does it hurt? How can we be present to each other's grief, fear and despair while holding one another within the healing mercies of the Spirit?
- Grant us courage to “sing the Lord's song” in this strange land and passionately recount our anchoring faith stories in these profoundly disorienting times.
- Grant us courage to root out and face down the unleashed forces of hatred in Charlottesville and in our own communities with strong and unshakeable love, even for enemies, because “God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them” (1 John 4:15).

Lord God, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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