

## **Adult Education 10:45-11:45 AM**

### **Defining Intersectionality and Preparing for liberating conversations**

(week one of a 4-week series lead by Naomi Nishi)

Oppression works through many different and connected systems, including white supremacy, patriarchy, heterosexism, classism, etc. These systems and our participation in them have a compounding effect and consequences for those who hold multiple marginalized identities (e.g., Black Lesbians) within them. They also hyperprivilege those who hold the dominant, powered positions (e.g., straight white men). We will begin this series by defining intersectionality and exploring related concepts such as race, gender, and sexuality. We hope you'll join us and be willing to be uncomfortable as we work to resist the violence in these intersecting oppressions toward a true social justice. ~Women Bridging Borders

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### **FMC Welcoming Statement**

We are an open and affirming congregation which seeks to live the teachings of Jesus.

We believe every person is created uniquely in the image of God, and we — regardless of these unique differences — welcome all into our church family.

- We welcome persons of every gender identity, sexual orientation, race, culture, age, physical or emotional ability, immigration status, economic situation, and family composition.
- We welcome persons regardless of where they may be on their spiritual journey.
- We invite all to participate in the full life and ministry of our church (i.e., baptism, communion, marriage, leadership).

We believe that historical oppression continues, and we commit to continued discussion on how to recognize and stop our own oppressive acts.

Our desire is to embrace all in the name of Christ.

*“We believe there are hidden seeds of greater wholeness in everyone and everything.”* Rachel Naomi Remen

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Welcome to

**First Mennonite Church**  
*Denver, Colorado*



***February 4, 2018***

***After We've Walked Through the Valley***

*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**

*Jesus calls us here to meet him* Green hymnal 3

## **Entering Worship 9:30 AM**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.  
Make music upon the harp.  
How good it is to celebrate God's presence  
And sing praise throughout each day!

### **How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!**

Our God rebuilds the people of earth.  
The wandering ones are gathered together,  
The brokenhearted are healed,  
The hungry are fed,  
The prisoners are freed,  
The blind are given sight, the lonely are befriended.

### **How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!**

All of nature sings aloud God's goodness—  
Clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small.  
Our God creates and sustains our world  
With his ever-growing, never-ending love.

### **How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!**

Grace and peace be yours in abundance  
Through the knowledge of God and of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness* Purple book 1

Introductions and Passing of the Peace

## **Faith Reflection**

Children's Time for children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger

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

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

*Alleluia* Green hymnal 41

*Nothing is lost on the breath of God* Purple book 121

Chimes

Scripture Isaiah 40:21-31

Meditation "Cloudy with a Chance of Sun"

Chimes

*Alleluia* Purple hymnal 24

## **Community Sharing**

Offertory

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer

*Lift every voice and sing* Blue hymnal 579

Benediction

## **Leadership for this Service**

Meditation – Pastor Glenn Balzer

Worship Leader – Lisa Longacher

Song Leader – Nikki Kandel

Children's Story – Roberta Kandel

Usher coordinators – Brad & Marylou Shelly

Audiovisual – Randy Friesen

Flowers – Debb Reed

*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 us for refreshments 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 lower level