

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

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Welcome to

First Mennonite Church
Denver, Colorado



February 25, 2018

Communion Sunday

*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

Welcome

Call to Worship

Christ's love is poured out for us
like water poured into a basin.

Christ's love washes us clean.

Christ's love shows us who we are to be,
and what we are to do.

How blessed we are to know such love!

Fairest Lord Jesus Blue hymnal 117

Introductions and Passing of the Peace

Faith Reflection

Children's Time for children 3rd 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 book 41

Will you come and follow me Purple hymnal 39

Chimes

Scripture John 13:1-17

Meditation "The Table"

Communion

Please bring offerings forward at this time.

Chimes

I bind my heart this tide Blue hymnal 411

Community Sharing

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah Blue hymnal 582

Hymn chosen in celebration of Myrna Schmidt's 80th birthday

Benediction

Leadership for this Service

Meditation – Glenn Balzer

Worship Leader – Arden Slotter

Musicians – Emily & Sam Martin

Children's Story – Rachel Barnes

Communion Servers – Evan & Liz Miller, Tim & Kim Kauffman

Usher coordinators – Brad & Marylou Shelly

Audiovisual – Alyssa Bennett Smith

Flowers – Angie Nofziger

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

Adult Education 10:45-11:45 AM

Naomi Nishi will lead a conversation on Recognizing Oppression: White Supremacy and Intersectionality – this is week two of a 4-week series. We will look at white supremacy and whiteness. In particular, we'll look at how race intersects with gender, class, sexuality and other systems of oppression to render people of color, especially those with other marginalized identities invisible even as they are subjected to great violence. We'll also examine the "White Hegemonic Alliance," (Allen, 2008) and how groups like poor whites and white women participate in it while still being oppressed by capitalism and patriarchy, respectively. We will discuss our roles in these intersecting systems related to race and brainstorm how we resist oppressive systems in ourselves and with others