

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



March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

*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

Entering Worship 9:30 AM

Welcome

Call to Worship

God's mercy floods over us.

Lord, wash me clean of the pain in my life.

God's love pours into us.

Lord, pour your love into every pore of my being.

Let the love and mercy of God reign in your heart today.

Be with me, Lord, and guide my life.

AMEN.

Calm me, Lord Purple 45

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

Chimes

Go to dark Gethsemane Blue hymnal 240

Scripture John 12: 20-33

Meditation "Even Jesus Didn't Want to Die"

Chimes

Jesus remember me Blue hymnal 247

Offertory

Community Sharing

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer

My Shepherd will supply my need Blue hymnal 589, vs. 1 and 3

Benediction

Leadership for this Service

Meditation – Glenn Balzer

Worship Leader – Lois Keener

Song Leader – Charlie Ferguson

Children's Story – Roberta Kandel

Usher coordinators – Judi & Ralph Nafziger

Audiovisual – Evan Miller

Flowers – Women Bridging Borders. These flowers will be given to Naomi Nishi in thanks for our Adult Education series she has been leading.

Lenten Banners – Anne Friesen Birky

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: Heterosexism and Intersectionality – this is week four of a 4-week series. You may have noticed folks identifying their pronouns, e.g., I'm Naomi and my pronouns are she, her, hers or I'm Z and my pronouns are they, them, their. We will discuss the different facets of LGBTQ identities, and look specifically at gender non-conformity. What do trans and gender non-conforming individuals face and how do other oppressive systems like patriarchy and capitalism work with homophobia and transphobia and pile oppression on the heads of some individuals?