

## 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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**Enjoy singing?** The 12<sup>th</sup> Weekend Choral Festival is coming up June 22-24 at FMC. This is a weekend choir retreat where singers come together to learn new songs, perform at an FMC worship service, eat, have fun, and, of course, sing! All singers are welcome, whether they are veteran choir members or are less experienced. For more information, go to [www.mennomusic.org](http://www.mennomusic.org). Sponsored by Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage.

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Welcome to

First Mennonite Church  
*Denver, Colorado*



*April 22, 2018*

*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

Come, walk with the Lord this day.

**We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.**

The Shepherd will lead you to places where your soul may be restored.

**We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.**

In the midst of all the turmoil, the Shepherd will provide for your needs abundantly.

**Surely these wonders will heal and restore our spirits.**

AMEN

*Great is the Lord* Blue hymnal 87

Introductions and Passing of the Peace

### **Faith Reflection**

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

*Let the children come to me* Purple book 47

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

*Alleluia* Green book 41

Chimes

*Blessed are they* Purple book 41

Scripture I John 3:16-24

Meditation

Chimes

*For God so loved us* Blue hymnal 167

## **Community Sharing**

Offertory *Unity* Green hymnal 52

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer

*Christ, we do all adore thee* Blue hymnal 105

Benediction

### **Leadership for this Service**

Meditation – Aimee Voth Siebert

Worship Leader – Michael Regier

Song Leader – Sonia Graber

Children's Story – Susan Falk

Pre-Service Music – Andi Gingerich and Elsa Burkholder

Usher coordinator – Angie Nofziger

Audiovisual – Jorge Fiz

Flowers – Lola Hershberger

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**

Mary Blegen, representing Colorado Ceasefire, will speak about their Gun Violence activities, with an emphasis on potential legislation called Gun Violence Restraining Order law. Colorado Ceasefire was formed after the Columbine tragedy by concerned citizens, including Tom Mauser, father of one of the slain students. In the Sanctuary