

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

Enjoy singing? The 12th 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. Sponsored by Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage.

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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



April 29, 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
God of the Bible Green hymnal 27, join in verses 2, 3, 4

Entering Worship 9:30 AM

Welcome

God is here among us Blue hymnal 16

Call to Worship

Come and sit with me; we shall study the Word.

Together we shall read and understand.

Come and kneel with me; we shall break the bread.

Together we shall eat and be satisfied.

Come and walk with me; we shall part the waters.

Together we shall risk, and, behold, we shall be changed.

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.

Let the children come to me Purple book 47

Chimes

Just a closer walk Green book 106

Scripture John 15: 1-8

Your will be done Green book 57 (twice in English)

Meditation "Interconnected"

Your will be done Green book 57 (twice in English)

Chimes

Community and Sharing

Offertory

Three Choirs from Denver Children's Choir

The Mountain Aires

The Fourteeners

Thin Air

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer

Benediction

Leadership for this Service

Meditation – Glenn Balzer

Worship Leader – Phil Ebersole

Song Leader – Arlen Hershberger

Children's Story – Susan Falk

Pre-Service Music – Jessey Hershberger-Kirk

Usher coordinator – Angie Nofziger

Audiovisual – Evan Miller

Flowers – Debb Reed

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

The Glenn and Darren series – Part 1, The Danger of a single story.

Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Before our discussion we will watch Novelist Chimamanda Adichie as she tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice -- and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding.