

CELEBRATING THE DIVERSITY OF OUR FAITH JOURNEYS

Starting September 9, we will be “Celebrating the Diversity of Our Faith Journeys,” the theme chosen by the worship committee which also ties into the lessons in Peace School.

Out of many, one. Out of one, many.

Many individual and diverse faith journeys make up our one local church. Our church in return influences the many individual faith journeys. Our individual faith journeys combined help drive the church’s journey.

Journeys, however, can be unpredictable. Often our baggage can become heavy and distract from the experience and interfere with travel. Our faith journeys can be similar. Starting September 9, each Sunday you will have the opportunity to lighten your load. In the foyer there will be pieces of paper and “God’s dresser.” Write down what is weighing on your heart or swirling in your head - only a word or short phrase and no names (God knows). Write down that which may interfere and distract from fully participating in the service. After you have written down that which troubles and distracts, put the piece of paper in a drawer and turn it over to God. Often when we reflect on difficult situations, God starts to be revealed.

On September 9 you will find “travel journals” in the pews. During the service, when something stood out or was new or meaningful, jot a quick note. Writing in the journal is to provide an opportunity to reflect and contemplate. The journal will be a “running” journal, as you will place what you wrote back into the journal. The journal will provide an opportunity for others to see what was meaningful or new to the person who sat in the pew the weeks before.

As during most travels, there may be frustration, surprises and changes. This journey may be no different. However, the journey will continue until we reach the destination – finding the source of Hope and community.

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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



September 2, 2018

Welcome to All

*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

Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.

We have felt the refreshment of time-away.

Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.

Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives.

AMEN

Invocation

Holy Spirit, come with power Blue hymnal 26

Introductions and Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

Call for Children: *Jesus loves me...they are sweet and he is strong...*

Children's Time

Let the children come to me Purple book 47

Nursery is not staffed this Sunday

Toys and books are available in the Community Center

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture Luke 13: 18-19

Hymn of Preparation *O healing river, vs. 1, 2* Blue hymnal 372

Meditation "Growing a tree of life"

Hymn of Reflection *O healing river, vs. 3* Blue hymnal 372

Chimes

Communion

Please bring offering forward.

Community and Sharing

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer

You are salt for the earth Blue hymnal 226

Benediction

Leadership for this Service

Meditation – Duncan Smith

Worship Leader – Bob Carlsten

Song Leader – Emily Martin

Gathering and Communion Music – Emily & Sam Martin

Children's Time – Roberta Kandel

Communion Servers – Brad & Marylou Shelly, Mary & Ron Olson

Usher Coordinators – Norm & Lois Dewhurst

Audiovisual – Alyssa Bennett Smith

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.
- ◆ **Pick up your directory update form in your FMC mailbox.**

No Education Hour today