

### ***New Member Statement***

Our reasonable plans to visit many different churches after moving to Denver 1 ½ years ago went out the window after our first visit to FMC! Eric and I were warmly welcomed and felt an immediate connection to the people and worship. We are grateful for this opportunity to be planted here, in a place that feels authentic, holy and transformative.

- Jennifer Miller & Eric Boschmann

### ***Leadership for this Service***

Worship Leader – Annie Lengacher Browning

Meditation & Song Leader - Vern Rempel

Children's Time - Anita Miller

*Thank you to all who have given generously of their attention and talents to make this service a time of encouragement and a challenge in our walk of faith.*

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*We welcome our visitors today.*

*You will find visitor cards in the pew racks.*

*Please join us after the service for coffee and donuts.*

### ***Today - Education Hour - 9:45-10:45 AM***

**Children and Youth, ages 2-18** - Basement

**Adults** - All-congregational presentation from the Facilities Working Group.

Architect Doug Eichelberg will present

“Facilities Analysis and Master Plan.”

### ***Today at 2:30 PM***

#### **Young Voices for Peace Concert**

*Come enjoy a rousing concert  
with several chances for the audience to sing.  
Cookie reception following.*

### ***Next Sunday Morning***

Worship Services - 8:30 and 11:00

Education Hour - 9:45-10:45

Coffee and donuts by MYF - 9:30-11:00

(also grocery card sales)

## Welcome to First Mennonite Church

*Denver, Colorado*



***April 25, 2010***  
***Season of Easter***

Worship 8:30 AM

Education Hour for All Ages 9:45 AM

*May this be a place of hope and transformation for all who enter here.*

## **Transition Music**

--You may light prayer candles at any time during our worship service--

### **Opening**

*O healing river* - - HWB 372

*God, who touches earth* (vss. 1, 2, 5) - HWB 511

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me* (vss. 1, 4, 5) - HWB 507

Call to Worship  
Invocation

Children's Time

### **Centering**

Chimes sound three times:  
for what is old, for change, for that which is new

Reading

*As I went down to the river* (vss. 1, 2, 5) - STJ 79

Silence

*Dona nobis pacem* - HWB 294

### **Exploring**

Bible Reading - Matthew 14:22-33

*Wade in the water* - HWB 446

Meditation - "Jesus walks on this water"

### **Living**

The symbolic feast of communion

Prayer - STJ 174

*Eat this bread* - HWB 471 (sing while sharing communion)

(You may bring your monetary offerings to the communion table.)

Receiving new members

Prayers of the people

(adapted from *Take our moments and our days: An Anabaptist prayer book*)

Listening God, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love  
for you and our neighbors.

**God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

You hold out your hand of mercy.

We pray for ourselves and those who are dear to us.

(open prayers)

In your mercy, God,

**hear our prayer.**

We turn our face toward our wounded world.

We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(open prayers)

In your mercy, God,

**hear our prayer.**

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(open prayers)

In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*O Lord, hear my prayer* - HWB 348

Trusting in your enduring love, we pray with joy.

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver**

**Source of all that is and that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all,**

**Loving God, in who is heaven;**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom**

**sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For your reign in the glory of the power that is love,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

(from *New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*)

### **Sending**

*Healer of our every ill* - HWB 377

Benediction

**Transition Music**