

Leadership for this Service

Worship Leader – Jill Gerig
Meditation - Vern Rempel
Song Leader - Charlie Ferguson

*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.*

*We welcome our visitors today.
You will find visitor cards in the pew racks.*

Please join us after the service for coffee and donuts.

Coffee Time with Craig and Lori

Craig Sommers, Chair, and Lori Sommers, Vice Chair, will be at a table in the Community Center during the coffee hour if you would like to stop by and chat. Questions, concerns, and encouragement about the leadership activities and programs of the church are welcome.

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

Children and Youth, ages 2-18 - Basement

Adults

- Glen Miller presentation on health care, based on his new book “Empowering the Patient: How to reduce the cost of health-care and improve its quality,” in Sanctuary
- Coloradans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, B-21
 - *The Story of B* book discussion, led by Erin Gotwals, B-18

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



May 2, 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

Praise, I will praise you, Lord - HWB 76 (French and English)

He leadeth me - HWB 599

Come, gracious Spirit - HWB 303

Call to Worship

Invocation

Children's Time

Centering

Chimes sound three times:

for what is old, for change, for that which is new

Reading

Open my eyes, that I may see (vss 1, 2, 4) - HWB 517

Silence

Dona nobis pacem - HWB 294

Exploring

Bible Reading - Acts 11:1-18

Meditation - "Brain Changer"

New earth, heavens new - HWB 299

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.)

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

Come, thou fount (vss 1, 3) - HWB 521

Benediction

Transition Music