

## About First Mennonite Church

First Mennonite Church is affiliated with the Mennonite denomination. The Mennonites are named for Menno Simons, one of our early church leaders, and are rooted historically in the "Anabaptist" movement (Switzerland, 1525). Some primary Anabaptist values then and now are following Jesus Christ in life through service, rejection of violence, living simply and joy in participatory worship.

Pursuing God's dreams by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the way of Jesus Christ. ~ Vision of Mountain States Mennonite Conference

## Vision: Healing and Hope

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

~ Vision Statement of Mennonite Church USA



### First Mennonite Church of Denver

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# Welcome to First Mennonite Church

*Denver, Colorado*



*July 4, 2010*

Worship 10:00 AM  
Adult Education 11:00 AM

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

## **Gathering Music**

### **Opening**

*Holy Spirit, come with power* - HWB 26  
*In Christ there is no East or West* - HWB 306

Welcome and Introductions

Passing the Peace

(Option: “*Namaste*” - *The divine in me recognizes the divine in you.*)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Introit

*(The prayer cloth will be given to someone in our congregation  
as a sign of our prayers for them.)*

Children’s Time

### **Exploring**

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

Bible Reading - Ephesians 2:11-22

Meditation - “Appreciative Peacebuilding”

### **Living**

*We are people of God’s peace* - HWB 407

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Offering of Money

### **Sending**

*For we are strangers no more* - HWB 322

Benediction

### **Leadership for this Service**

Gathering Music - Ken & Anne Stotts

Worship Leader - Lisa Longacher

Song Leader - Naomi Nishi

Introit Music - Jenny Thompson

Introit Procession - Jan & Jon Marston Family

Children’s Time - Tory Doerksen

Meditation - Dan Wessner

Offertory Music - Naomi Nishi

Music Coordinator - Stephanie Phibbs

Flowers - Linda Wyse

*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.*

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*If you would like to request pastoral care  
for yourself or someone else,  
you will find request cards in the pew racks.*

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

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### **Adult Education - 11:00 am**

“Tethering Balloons” led by Dan Wessner in the Sanctuary  
This session begins with a parable (based on hot air ballooning) that will challenge the group to consider whether/how such diverse parts of the world (religious, political, linguistic, disciplinary) can actually work together in appreciative and strategic peacebuilding. The objective is not to identify the problems in peacebuilding/keeping/making efforts (by states, societies, and others), but to build upon the successes of incredibly rich, diverse, and yes ... complex ... long-term processes of peacebuilding. This session also introduces some of the objectives of the new Master’s in Development Practice program at the University of Denver – the program that Dan directs and the driver underlying their family’s move back to Denver.