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 pow
Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace
God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.
~ *Vision Statement of Mennonite Church USA*

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For more information about today's schedule, the weeks to come, or about our congregation, please visit our Welcome Table in the foyer. If you are not receiving the FMC Weekly, a weekly e-newsletter from the church, go to the church's website at www.fmcdenver.org to subscribe. Look for the box in the upper right corner and enter your information.

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Welcome to

First Mennonite Church

Denver, Colorado

August 7, 2011

Worship 9:30 AM

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

Gathering Music

Opening

I want Jesus to walk with me – HWB 439
Hamba nathi – STJ 2

Call to Worship

Welcome and Introductions

Passing the Peace
(Option: *"Namaste" – The divine in me recognizes the divine in you.)*

Invocation - "Til Ungdommen" (For the Youth) by Nordahl Grieg
English Translation on back of bulletin

Introit - *My Lord, What a Mornin'*
(The prayer cloth will be given to someone in our congregation as a sign of our prayers for them.)

Children's Time
The Hermit and the Well by Thich Nhat Hanh

Centering

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

Hymn of Peace, Tim Shue
Can we find true peace in following this Lord?
Could we see injustice and not reach for the sword?
We all long for the answers, yet know where they are found,
Peace lies waiting patiently beneath a thorny crown.

Exploring

Bible Reading – Matthew 10:7-18; 26-39

Meditation – "Learning to Teach Peace and Justice"

God of the Bible – STJ 27 (verses 1, 2, and 4)

Living

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Offering
Goin' up a Yonder

Sending

You are salt for the earth – HWB 226

Benediction

** When congregation is asked to stand, please stand if you are able.*

Leadership for this Service

Worship Leader & Children's Time – Liz Holdeman
Meditation – Dan Wessner
Song Leader – Emily Martin
Music – Moses Martin, Emily Martin, Women's Ensemble,
Sue Williamson, Piano
Invocation – Guro Eun Sandmo Stuestol
Introit Procession – Sara & Jeremiah Michael Family
Scripture Reader – Annie Wessner
Flowers – Lola Hershberger
Flowers are in honor of August 4 wedding anniversaries of
Mary Helen & Randy Friesen and Lola & Arlen Hershberger.

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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Join us after the service for coffee, donuts and fellowship
in the Community Center.

COMING UP: **August 21** – Christian Education classes resume

August 28 – Congregational Discussion 2 – 2012 Ministry Plan

September 17, 6:30 pm – 24th Annual Denver MCC Auction,
Garden Park Mennonite Church Gymnasium

September 23-25 – Church Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

Til Ungdommen
by Nordahl Grieg

English literal translation
For the Youth
By Morten Årstad (2011)

Surrounded by enemies,
go into your time!
Within a bloody storm -
devote yourself to fight!

Maybe you ask in fear,
uncovered, open:
with what shall I fight
what is my weapon?

Here is your defense against
violence
here is your sword:
the belief in our life,
the worth of mankind.

For all our future's sake,
seek it and cultivate it,
die if you must - but:
increase it and strengthen it!

Silently rolls the grenades'
conveyor belts
Stop their drift towards death
Stop them with spirit!

War is contempt for life.
Peace is to create.
Throw your strength into it:
Death shall lose!

Love and enrich with dreams
all that was great!
Go towards the unknown
wring answers out of it.

Unbuilt powerplants,
unknown stars.
Create them, with spared lives'
bold minds!

Noble is mankind,
the earth is rich!
If there is need and hunger
it is by deceit.

Crush it! In the name of life
injustice shall fall.
Sunshine and bread and mind
belongs to all.

Then the weapons sink
powerless to the ground!
By creating human worth
we create peace.

Those who with their right arm
carry a burden,
precious and inalienable,
cannot murder.

This is our promise
from brother to brother:
We will be good to
humanity's earth.

We will take care of
the beauty, the warmth
as if we carried a child
carefully in our arms!