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Welcome to

First Mennonite Church

Denver, CO



So Jesus Went on a Sabbatical

August 21, 2022

*That you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

We invite you to join the congregation in singing the songs marked with 🎵.

Entering Worship

Prelude Music

Sinfonia from *Cantata BWV 29* (JS Bach; arr. M Aston)

Welcome & Announcements

🎵 *Over My Head* Voices Together 594

🎵 *My Soul Cries Out* VT 412

🎵 *Praise, I Will Praise You Lord* VT 131

Call to Worship (*By John van de Laar, 2009*) VT 1040

Leader: In defiance of corruption and falsehood,

**People: we commit to truth and integrity,
and we pray for honesty and uprightness to increase in our world.**

Leader: In defiance of apathy and hatred,

**People: we choose to be proactive in love,
and we pray for understanding and peace to increase in our world.**

Leader: In defiance of skepticism and cynicism,

**People: we embrace the mystery of faith,
and we pray for compassion and faith to increase in our world.**

Leader: In defiance of all that would oppose God’s purpose among us,

**People: we choose again to follow Christ,
and we continue to pray, not just now, but at all times. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

🎵 Call for Children: *Jesus Loves Me* VT 516

Children’s Time

🎵 *Gloria* VT 94

Invocation

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture Matthew 4:1-3

🎵 *Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace* VT 719

Meditation “So Jesus Went on a Sabbatical”

Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offertory

Le Jardin de Dolly Op. 56 No. 3 (arr. G Fauré)

Benediction

🎵 *You Are Salt for the Earth* (vs. 1-3) VT 297

Congregational Sharing & Introductions

Pastoral Prayer

🎵 *You Are Salt for the Earth* (vs. 4) VT 297

Leadership for this Service

Worship Leader: Robert George

Meditation: Glenn Balzer

Song Leader: Arlen Hershberger

Musicians: Romaine Anderson, Vicky Mierau, Stephanie Miller, and Sonia Graber

Children’s Time: Glenda Kauffman

Sound & Video Techs: Nikki & Steve Kandel

Lead Usher: Keith Mullett

Sanctuary Arts: Jennifer Miller

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Thanks to all who generously shared their attention and talents to make this service a time of encouragement and challenge in our walk of faith.

After the Service

10:45am Fellowship Hour (Community Center)

11:00am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)