



Mountain States  
Mennonite  
Conference

A conference of Mennonite Church USA

**Our vision...**

*pursuing God's dreams,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
in the way of Jesus Christ*

**About us...**

An area conference of Mennonite Church USA  
21 congregations in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas  
1623 members

**Staff**

Herm Weaver, Conference Minister – Boulder  
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Herm Weaver, Conference Minister – Boulder  
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Marilyn Miller – Boulder

*We are interested in how you experience Annual Assembly and have asked Betsy Headrick McCrae to be a listening presence. Please see Betsy if you would like to provide feedback about any aspect of this Annual Assembly.*



IN THE WAY OF  
JESUS CHRIST

MANY PATHS, HIGHER GROUND

Created by Nathan Zehr

Worship Service

Friday, August 7, 2009  
7:00 PM

First Mennonite Church of Denver

# “We Gather Together”

Friday, August 7, 2009

Transition Music

## **We Gather Together**

Opening Songs

*I'm pressing on the upward way* – STJ 96

*He leadeth me* – HWB 599

*Come, let us all unite to sing* – HWB 12

Call to Worship

Higher Ground Earth Ritual

Passing the Peace

(Children may go to their Peace Seminar)

Songs

*In lonely mountain ways* – HWB 560

*Hamba nathi (Come, walk with us)* – STJ 2

## **The Spirit's Peace**

Song – *As I went down to the river* – STJ 79

Confession and Affirmation (from Jeremiah 6:16 NRSV)

One: We walk many paths. We stand at many crossroads.

**Left: We look left.**

*Right: We look right.*

One: We look at what paths we have followed and what paths bend ahead.

**All: We ask for the ancient paths and seek where the good way lies.**

*Chime*

One: We confess that we stand and look and ask, and yet we stay standing. We stiffen our necks after turning left and right. We dig in our heels after discovering the paths we have followed and the paths that bend ahead.

*Chime*

One: We stand at the crossroads, looking and asking, and still we say

**All: “We will not walk in it.”**

*Chime*

One: God of grace, release our heels. Soften our necks. May we ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies, and may we walk in it.

**All: And we shall find rest for our souls.**

One: And you will find rest for your souls.

## **Hear These Words**

Testimony – Albuquerque Mennonite Church

Song of Response – *Halle, halle, hallelujah!* – STJ 17

Bible Reading

Meditation – Annie Lengacher Browning and Vern Rempel

## **Signs of Christ's Way**

Toward Higher Ground Ritual of Response: “*Why do I gather with Mountain States Mennonite Conference?*”

Offering

Announcements

## **Go to Serve and Love**

Song – *Benediction (The Lord lift you up)* – STJ 73

Benediction