



Welcome to  
**Boulder Mennonite Church**  
Sunday, October 25, 2020

## **A Service of the Word**



**Join the service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning:**

for Zoom video live, click here: [Zoom](#), or call in:

Dial 253 215 8782, then enter Meeting ID: 283 224 109#

**Or**

To join us via audio stream (if possible), click here: [Spreaker](#)

***Welcome to the worship service today.***

We hope it is meaningful for you and welcome you to join us again.

As a Christian community, called by Jesus to be inclusive, caring, and peace-minded, we affirm that people of any race, ethnic identity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, or life situation are welcome to be in full participation in our congregation.

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**Boulder Mennonite Church** is a vibrant, Christ-centered community welcoming all people to know God and to be ambassadors of God's love, healing, and peace.

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Singing**

**Come, let us all unite**

Text: anonymous; attr to Howard Kingsbury 1876; Music: Edmund Lorenz, 1886

1. Come, let us all u - nite to sing, God is love! Let heav'n and earth their prais-es bring,  
 2. O tell to earth's re - mot - est bound, God is love! In Christ we have our heal - ing found,  
 3. How hap - py is our por - tion here, God is love! God's prom is - es our spir - its cheer,

God is love! Let ev - 'ry soul from sin a - wake, let ev - 'ry heart sweet mu - sic make,  
 God is love! God's love has washed our fears a - way, God's spi - rit turned our night to day,  
 God is love! God is our sun and shield by day, our help, our hope, our strength and stay;

and sing with us for Je - sus' sake, for God is love.  
 and now we can re - joice to say that God is love. God is love!  
 God will be with us all the way, our God is love. God is love!

God is love! Come, let us all u - nite to sing that God is love!  
 God is love!

## Call to Worship

Leader: Who is wise and understanding among us?

All: *Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God's law.*

Leader: Come, learn more about the wisdom from above, a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

All: *O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels! We draw near to you.*

## Welcome

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

### Singing

### Holy, holy, holy, O God almighty

Test: Reginald Heber, alt., 1826; Music: John Dykes, 1861

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Oh, God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee, Cast - ing down their  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the shad-ows hide thee, Though the eye made

morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!  
gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim  
blind by fear Thy glo - ry may not see, on - ly thou art ho - ly;

mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in all per - sons, bless - ed shalt thou be.  
fall - ing down be - fore thee, which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
there is none be - side thee, per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.

## Centering Prayer

Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17

## Passing the Peace

## Offering Invitation/Blessing

*Please type your prayer requests into the “Chat” column on Zoom or send them via email at least 2hrs prior to the worship service.*

## Offertory

## HEARING

### A Moment for All Ages

### New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

And you yourselves know, sisters and brothers, that our coming among you was not without effect. We had, as you know, been given rough treatment at Philippi, and it was our God who gave us the courage to proclaim the Good News to you in the face of stiff opposition. We don't preach because of impure motives or deceit or any sort of trickery; rather, it was God who decided that we are fit to be entrusted with the Good News, and when we are speaking, we're trying to please not mortals, but God, who can read our inmost thoughts.

You know very well—and we can swear it before God—that never at any time has our speech been simple flattery or a cover for trying to get money; nor have we ever looked for any special honor from you or from anyone else—even though we could have imposed ourselves on you as apostles of Christ. On the contrary, while we were with you we were as gentle as any nursing mother caring for her little ones. So well disposed were we toward you, in fact, that we were willing to share with you not only the Good News, but our very lives as well—you had become that dear to us.

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 22.34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: “Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?”

Jesus answered: “You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. That is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: You must love your neighbor as yourself. On these two

commandments the whole Law is based—and the Prophets as well.”

While the Pharisees were gathered around him, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose descendant is the Messiah?” They said, “David’s.” Then Jesus asked, “Then how is it that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls the Messiah ‘Sovereign’? For he says, ‘The Most High said to my Sovereign,

“Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your foot.” “If David calls the Messiah ‘Sovereign,’ how can the Messiah be a descendant of David?”

No one could reply, and from that day on no one dared ask him any more questions.

## Singing

### Alleluia

Music: Jacques Berthier

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Now Testament Reading

After the Ascension, by George MacLeod

There is a very old legend—and all legends that persist speak truth— concerning the return of Jesus to heaven after his Ascension. It is said that the angel Gabriel met him at the gates of the city. “Sovereign, this is a great salvation that you have wrought!,” said the angel. But Jesus only said, “Yes.” “What plans do you have for carrying on the work? How are all to know what you have done?” asked Gabriel. “I left Mary and Martha and Lydia, Peter and James and John to tell their friends, their friends to tell their friends, till all the world should know.” “But my Sovereign,” said Gabriel, “suppose Lydia is too busy with her purple fabric business, or Martha with her home duties, or Peter too busy with the nets, or the friends too occupied, and they forget to tell their friends—then what?”

Jesus did not answer at once; then he said in that quite wonderful voice: “I have not made other plans. I am counting on them.”

## Message

*Of love through uprightness*

## RESPONDING

## Singing

### Breathe on me, breath of God

Music: Edwin Hatch, 1878, alt.; Music: Robert Jackson, 1888

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, til I am whol - ly thine,  
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will to do and to en - dure.  
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

**Sharing Joys and Concerns  
 Prayers of the People**

**SENDING**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song**

God be with you till we meet again

Text: Jeremiah Rankin, 1880; Music: Ralph V Williams, 1906

God be with you till we meet a - gain: Lov - ing coun - sels guide, up - hold you,


With a Shep - herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

## **Resources used in worship:**

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

God be with you, Music: © Oxford University Press, London, OneLicense 728744-A

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**BMC welcomes Rev. Charlene Epp today.** Charlene Epp recently served as a Regional Conference Minister in [Mountain States Mennonite Conference](#), offering support to pastors and nine congregations, of which Boulder is one. Charlene's primary ministry has been as a chaplain in acute care, Level 1 trauma centers, and hospice settings for twenty-four years. She also is a Spiritual Director, co-facilitating groups and companioning individuals in their spiritual walk. Charlene and Duncan Smith, her marital partner, share the joy of having called many places "home" in their life together, with friends gathered and scattered along that journey. They are currently in active exploration of how and where God is guiding them to share their joint gifts and passions in a world in need of healing and hope. Their temporary home is a trailer parked on Duncan's brother and sister-in-law's property on [Whidbey Island WA](#). Among the many delights of living, Charlene enjoys gardening, hiking, hosting guests, long walks on the beach, quilting, reading and writing. *Thank you for being among us today, Charlene. May God bless our time together!*

## **Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!**

<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	Rev. Charlene Epp
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Douglas Minter
<b>Readers:</b>	Judy Classen, Becky Neuman
<b>Music:</b>	Eve Kia, Jean McPherson, Susan Graber
<b>A Moment for All Ages</b>	Paul McKay
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Eldon Mast
<b>Attendees:</b>	Everyone

**October 18, 2020**

Attendance: 60    Offering: \$ 2,895 (Thank you!)

## **TODAY at BMC**

**9:30am**                      **Worship and mingling** via Zoom, Spreaker and BMC campus.  
**11:00am**                      **Book Discussion** Small Group

## **THIS WEEK at BMC**

**10/25 Sun.**                      **Walk the Walk** voter registration  
**10/27 Tue.**                      **Deacons Meeting**

**10/28 Wed.**      **Midweek** Check-in on Zoom this week, 5p. Click to join Midweek  
Check in: <https://zoom.us/j/283224109>, or call 301-715-8592 Meeting  
ID: 283 224 109#

**NEXT SUNDAY – November 1**

**9:30**              **Worship and Mingling** via Zoom Spreaker and BMC campus  
**11:00**              **Adult Education Hour** conversation, 11am

**COMING UP**

**11/1 Sun.**        **All Soul's/ All Saint's Day**  
**11/1 Sun.**        **Junior Youth Fellowship Scavenger Hunt**  
**11/1 Sun.**        **Walk the Walk** voter registration  
**11/2 Mon.**        **Bible Study** Small Group  
**11/3 Tue.**        **Election Day**  
**11/4 Wed.**        **Midweek** Check-in on Zoom this week, 5p. Click to join Midweek  
<https://zoom.us/j/283224109>, or call 301-715-8592. Meeting ID: 283 224  
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**11/7 Sat.**        **Packing School Kits for MCC, BMC Parking lot**, 3:00 p.m., Ice Cream  
Social to follow.  
**11/12 Thur.**      **Voices Together** digital launch  
**11/17 Tue.**      **Games Small Group** 7p

**~PRAYERS~**

- ~ prayers of gratitude for **Isabelle Clement**, who made it safely to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. She is currently in quarantine, as one passenger on her flight tested positive for Covid-19. Continued prayers as she begins language classes and gets to know her MCC team.
- ~ **Tuesday, November 3rd** is election day. Join Mennonite Mission Network in prayer for the vote to take place without violence and that leaders will be elected who will lead the country in ways of justice and peace.
- ~ prayer of discernment and clarity for **Amy Zimbleman**, our new Conference minister as she transitions to serve in this ministry role.
- ~ **Merv Dick** has recently been received into hospice care, as a result of this Jane is finally able to visit him with consistency. Please remember **Jane and Merv** in prayer, love, cards and/or phone calls, which can be received at: 2620 W 82<sup>nd</sup> Way, Unit C Westminster, CO 80031. Your calls or texts are welcome at 303.912.6508.



## ~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

*Please call in or email ([info@bouldermennonite.org](mailto:info@bouldermennonite.org)) announcements by Thursday, 7:00am.*

**DEACONS:** Steve Voran: 303-499-6843; Carole Suderman: 303-494-8527;  
Paul Classen: 316-217-2355.

**PASTOR RANDY’S OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8am to 2pm.  
Friday: 9am to noon (subject to visitation/meetings). Appointments/call-aheads are encouraged. Pastor Randy normally takes Monday as a Sabbath.

**CHURCH ADMINSTRATOR:** Ivanna is in the office on Tuesday from 9:00a-5:00p and Thursday from 11:00a-3:00p.

*Please let us know if we failed to acknowledge your special day. We want to celebrate you!*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS		OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES
1-Toni McClain	21 - Karen Cox	6 - Jill & Douglas Minter
3 -Judy Classen	23 - Steve Falk	10 - Becky & Alfred Sawatzky
10 -Terry Mast,	24 - Anne Cox	16 - Gwen Grasse & Steve Voran
Carole Suderman	28 - Barry Cox	17 - Elvira & Ed Glenn
16 - Alexandra Clement	29 - Steve Ruby	
17 - Emma Falk	30 - Cat Osborne-	
19 - Chris Friedman	Gowey	

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

**BMC OPEN FOR PRAYER DURING THE ELECTION.** The church sanctuary is open and available to persons seeking a quiet, beautiful space to meditate and pray. COVID precautions will be in place: masks required and appropriate physical distancing observed. If Pastor Randy or Ivanna, our admin, are not at the church, please call Pastor Randy at 941-228-6825 and he will give you instructions for entering the building. Known times the church will be open are: **Tuesday, Nov. 3**, 7:30am – 3pm and **Thursday, Nov. 4**, 7:30am – 3pm.



**ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE – NEXT SUNDAY**, November 3. Who are the important people



in your life who have died in the last year? Who made a lasting impression on your faith journey –family, friend, or famous—who has died? Join us in worship as we remember and honor persons in the last year who have died and are dear to us. We will **write their names in our Book of Life** (or in the Chat box) and light candles in their memory, in the sanctuary or on Zoom. Pastor Randy will read the names aloud during worship. If you will be in the sanctuary, bring a photo or picture to celebrate their life and light! If you will join us via Zoom, have a photo nearby. If you will not be attending but would like your loved one's name written in the book, please email Ivanna at [churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org](mailto:churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org).

**Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF) SOCIALLY DISTANCED SCAVENGER HUNT**, Cindy

Firnhaber will be hosting an outdoor/distanced scavenger hunt, at her house, which Terry Mast will lead on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 1:30p. In case of inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for the 11th of November. Terry will be sending more invites with more information.

**PRAYERSTREAM MEDITATION**

Tuesday morning reflections and meditations will continue through November 10<sup>th</sup>, the week following the national elections. Tuesday evenings are being added through November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the night of the election. You are invited to have a candle nearby as we name our distresses and hopes. Together we will light the candles of insight and connection. We are facing devastation on so many levels leading up to our national elections. This is a time to pause and remember the resources found in community and faith.

**Tuesday, 7:00a and/or 7:00p** Zoom meetings October 20 through November 10 (**Oct. 20; Oct. 27; Nov.3; Nov. 10**)

**Join 7:00a Tuesday mornings via Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84927862550?pwd=K0NHSHVSbXVDS3lsdIFyNFA1RDVvQT09>  
**Meeting ID:** 849 2786 2550 **Passcode:** 6dwyKy

**Join 7:00p Tuesday evenings via Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83262370282?pwd=eHF1eGMrU1YyNG91NVJqT1UrM2Y1Zz09>  
**Meeting ID:** 832 6237 0282 **Passcode:** 654682

**BOULDER FAITH LEADERS WORKING FOR JUSTICE!** Check out this video made by local clergy engaged with [Together Colorado](https://www.togethercolorado.org/), encouraging people to vote! Can you spot a familiar face? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cK15EPz178Y&t=1s>

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**IJEOMA OLU**, Author of “So You Want to Talk About Race”, will be leading a conversation on November 5<sup>th</sup> reflecting on her book, and offering support to community members in learning, reflecting and engaging in conversations about equity in Boulder and beyond. The remaining conversation from 7:15p.-8:30p., will be held on **October 28**. Use the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrd--upzsrGdVoLvmzCrkfQL2JKyDrIsc4>

**For the conversation with author Ijeoma Oluo, on November 5<sup>th</sup>** please register at this link.  
<https://calendar.boulderlibrary.org/event/6880486>

**WALK THE WALK** for universal health care and One Human Family and/or register voters all in one event. Oct. 25th & Nov. 1. Beginning at 9a. at the Table Mesa Park and Ride, walkers will trek 6 miles roundtrip along US 36 bike path. To volunteer to help register voters contact Darryl Purpose 805.302.4778.

**MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE** announces with great joy that Amy Zimbelman was unanimously approved at last weekend's delegate assembly to be Mountain States Mennonite Conference's next conference minister. Amy's start date will be Thursday, November 12th. We are so excited to see how Amy helps our conference pursue God's dreams.

### **MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER CAMPAIGN**

Living Room Conversations is announcing Moving Forward Together, their campaign to navigate election uncertainty and build understanding and peace through conversation. The two-week campaign kicks off Monday, October 26 with a special, one-hour Living Room Conversation with Marianne Williamson, Grover Norquist, Pedro Silva, and other guests who will discuss political peace building while holding one another's humanity alongside their differences. Register at: [http://bit.ly/LRC\\_MFTKickoff](http://bit.ly/LRC_MFTKickoff)

**WILDFIRES** Please pray for those impacted as several wildfire have engulfed our state. Among those are the Cameron Peak fire which has consumed more than 200k acres; the Calwood fire which started on Saturday and at the time of this writing had burned more than 10k acres, damaged at least 26 homes, is 24% contained and is the largest fire ever recorded in Boulder county; the Lefthand Canyon fire, which is 43% contained; the Williams Fork Fire in Grand County, which has burned 14k acres and is 30% contained; East Troublesome fire, also in Grand County, that went from burning 24k acres to 125k acres overnight and forced evacuations for the entire town of Grand Lake and portions of Estes Park. Please keep **Pastor Paul and Mary Johnson** and **Nan and Don Graber** of Mountain Community Mennonite in

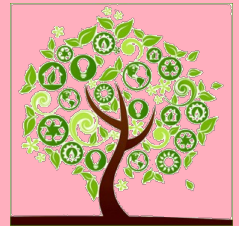
Palmer Lake in your prayers as it is believed that both of those families have lost their homes to this fire. (above stated information was accurate as of 10/25/20)

### MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

~**MASK ASK**, MCC is responding to a request from people on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in southeastern Montana for cloth face masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. If you would like to sew masks, please use the following guidelines: adult sized; at least 2 layers of good quality cotton fabric; (solid colors preferred) elastic ear loops; nose wire/filter pockets optional. Please ship purchased or completed masks to the MCC Central States Material Resources Center (Attn: Kate Mast) at 121 E. 30th St., North Newton, KS 67117, or drop off in the 24 hour donation room at MCC by November 15th They will all be collected and transported to Montana in time for the winter season. Questions: Please contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org).

~ **MCC's SEED** program has positions available now in Colombia, Guatemala and El Salvador! The Seed program is perfect for young adults (18-30) who value service, community, and cultural exchange addressing systemic issues like food insecurity and climate change through grassroots, community-based initiatives. For more information, visit [mcc.org/seed](http://mcc.org/seed) or email [abbyendashaw@mcc.org](mailto:abbyendashaw@mcc.org).

**ECOLOGY TIP:** Even as we live simply and are conscious of daily acts of care for God's creation, there is much our government does which makes huge impacts, either to help save or destroy land and forests, animals and water. Give prayerful thought to which issues and candidates might help preserve our environment, and give them your votes.



*Boulder Mennonite Church acknowledges that we are gathering on the traditional territory of Indigenous peoples. It was inhabited by the Ute, Cheyenne, Arapaho and Ochethi Sakowin Peoples. We affirm that settlers have specific responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.*

