

Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, July 25, 2021

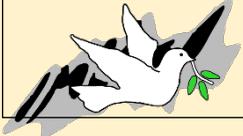
A Service of the Word



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

[Zoom link:](#) or call in: Dial 253 215 8782, then enter Meeting ID: 283 224 109#

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

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.

GATHERING

Prelude

*Singing

New earth, heavens new

VT 377

Call to Worship

Leader: We come here from lives of work, of stress, of worry.

People: We gather here to rest.

Leader: We come here from a world where neighbors don't talk to each other.

People: We gather here to love.

Leader: We come here from a culture that values individuality, money, and success.

People: We gather here to be together.

Leader: We are here, now, in the presence of God.

All: We gather here to worship. God's spirit is here.

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing

Here in this place

VT10

Centering Prayer

Passing the Peace

Offering Invitation/Blessing

Please place your prayer requests in the basket with your offering.

At home: please type your prayer requests into the "Chat" column on Zoom or send them via email at least 2hrs prior to the worship service. Or [click here to donate online](#).

Offertory

A Moment for All Ages

Hebrew Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him, they ravaged the Ammonites; and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow, I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

2 Kings 4:42-44

Leader: A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said,

People: "Give it to the people and let them eat."

Leader: But his servant said,

People: "How can I set this before a hundred people?"

Leader: So Elisha repeated,

People: "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'"

Leader: He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Now Testament Reading

from Debt: The First 5,000 years by David Graeber

"Just as markets, when allowed to drift entirely free from their violent origins, invariably

begin to grow into something different, into networks of honor, trust, and mutual connectedness, so does the maintenance of systems of coercion constantly do the opposite: turn the products of human cooperation, creativity, love and trust back into numbers once again...A debt is just the perversion of a promise. It is a promise corrupted by both math and violence.

It seems to me that we are long overdue for some kind of Biblical-style Jubilee: one that would affect both international debt and consumer debt. It would be salutary not just because it would relieve so much genuine human suffering, but also because it would be our way of reminding ourselves that money is not ineffable, that paying one's debts is not the essence of morality, that all these things are human arrangements and that if democracy is to mean anything, it is the ability to all agree to arrange things in a different way."

Singing

Gospel Reading *see 291 VT, by Michelle Burkholder*

John 6:1-14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews was near.

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little," One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled up twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world

Message

Forgive us our debts

RESPONDING

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed by thy name,

thy Kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Singing

Beauty for brokenness

VT 712

SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

I am the bread of life

VT 480

Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Guest Speaker:

Jeremy Garber

Worship Leader:

Steve Voran

Readers:

Wayne & Ellen Morrison

Music:

Susan Graber & Mike McKee

A Moment for All Ages:

Judy Classen

Tech Support:

Mike, Joshua & Noah Tice, and Steve Voran

Greeters:

Paul Classen, Becky Neumann

July 18, 2021

Attendance: 44 **Offering:** \$ 1,310



Jeremy Garber is the Academic Advising and Writing Center Coordinator and an Adjunct Instructor in Theology at the Iliff School of Theology. He is a graduate of the Ph.D. Religious Studies program in Theology, Philosophy, and Cultural Theory at the University of Denver and the Iliff School of Theology. Jeremy received his M.Div. from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Indiana, concentrating in theology and ethics. Dr. Garber's dissertation was titled "Another Way": The Pneumatology of Deleuzian Minoritarian Communal Interpretation in Scripture, the 16th Century Radical Reformation, and Alternative 21st century Anabaptist Community." His primary research is on the idea of the Holy Spirit and the interpretation of popular culture in religious communities, using media theory and Deleuzian philosophy. Dr. Garber has published articles on the perception of Anabaptism in contemporary literature, the authority of Scripture in young adults, and theology in popular culture. He has also taught courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels in constructive theology, philosophy of religion, religion and popular culture, ethics, and comparative religion.

TODAY at BMC

9:30am **Worship and mingling**
11a **Book Discussion** small group

NEXT SUNDAY – August 1

9:30a **Worship at BMC** (see "in our community" notes about Assembly)

COMING UP

7/30-8/1 **Yearly Assembly for MSMC**, virtual and in Cañon City, CO
8/6 **Bible Study** small group, 7p
8/9 **Council Meeting**, 6:30p
8/10 **Changing World** small group, 6p
8/8 **Book Discussion** small group, 11a
8/19 **Centering Prayer** small group, 11a

~PRAYERS~

- ~from **Lisa Voss**: Prayers for my Godfather and former BMCer, **Maurice Miller**, who had heart surgery on Tuesday, July 20.
- ~from **Toni Bachus Diaz**: Please pray for Cuba. The situation is dire and they are planning a mass protest, July 26. Internet was cut last Sunday and communication has been more challenging than ever. My husband is feeding 70+ people a day. **Please pray that Felipe won't be punished for helping.**
- ~prayers for the people of Germany as they deal with extreme flooding and resulting deaths.
- ~ from **Carole Suderman**: Please pray for the residents of the Poudre Canyon, as they are experiencing flooding as a result of last fall's devastating Cameron Peak fire. Many of us from BMC got to know some of those dear people as we worked in June to clean up and try to mitigate such events.

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

Please call in or email (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 is on Sabbatical: He returns to the office October 19.

CHURCH ADMINSTRATOR: Ivanna is in the office on Tuesday from 6:30am-2:30pm and Wednesday from 7:00am-3:00pm. She is working from home on Monday. Please have your bulletin announcements in by noon on Wednesday.

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS	
3 – Ezra Tice	11 – Finn Osborne-Gowey
4 – Isabelle Clement	27 – Ellen Ceres
6 – Elvira Glenn	30 – Sarah Falk
7 – Teresa Troester Falk	31 – Zoe Mast

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

MORE NEWS ABOUT OUR YOUTH – We have three Seniors in High School this year.

Katharina and Joel Sawatzky and Olive Loewer are all deciding what to do next year. It's a very exciting and challenging time so please keep them in your prayers. ~ Cornelia Krahn

SNACKS : We still need one or two people for the 2nd Sunday of the month and some people willing to be substitutes. ~ Elvira

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST – We will gather for a short time of worship at 9:30a. At 10a, we will virtually join worship from the Mountain States Mennonite Assembly. If you are not attending the assembly in Cañon City, please join us here!

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A GREETER! Interested in being a welcoming face in the church on Sunday morning? Contact Becky Neumann if you are interested in greeting once a month or are willing to be a substitute greeter. She will be setting up a schedule and appreciates any willing folks that can sign up! Becky can be contacted at bneumann428@gmail.com or at 303.661.9857. Thanks for the consideration!

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

DENVER YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP SEMINAR: Youth age 16-25 in the greater Denver area, this unique leadership course is just for you! Sign up today to connect with community leaders to explore peacebuilding opportunities in the city that you can support through fundraising. In eight sessions over two months, you will learn how local organizations are working in areas such as housing, restorative justice, food-insecurity, mass-incarceration, inequality, and advocacy. You will also learn about fundraising and choose at least one local organization to support through fundraising activities in your community.

ECOLOGY TIP: Did you know that there is a Mennonite creation care curriculum to help congregations learn more about caring for God’s earth? It’s called “Every Creature Singing” and includes reflective essays on scripture passages as well questions to help us focus on our own neighborhoods. Is there interest in pursuing this?

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

