

Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, September 26, 2021

A Service of the Word



“Grief’s Healing” by Ebony H. Flag

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#

Or join us via our audio stream: [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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HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17-19

Coming down the mountain with the apostles, Jesus stopped in a level area where there was a great number of disciples. A large crowd of people was with them from Jerusalem and all over Judea, to as far north as the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon—people who had come to hear Jesus and be healed of their diseases, and even to be freed from unclean spirits. Indeed, the whole crowd was trying to touch Jesus, because power was coming out of him and healing them all.

Singing

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

VT 608

New Testament Reading

Romans 7:14-25

We know that the Law is spiritual. But I am carnal. I have been sold to sin as a slave. I don't understand what I do—for I don't do the things I want to do, but rather the things I hate. And if I do the very thing I don't want to do, I am agreeing that the Law is good. Consequently, what is happening in me is not really me, but sin living in me.

I know that no good dwells in me, that is, in my human nature; the desire to do right is there, but not the power. What happens is that I don't do the good I intend to do, but the evil I do not intend. But if I do what is against my will, it is not I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. This means that even though I want to do what is right, a law that leads to wrongdoing is always at hand. My inner self joyfully agrees with the law of God, but I see in my body's members another law, in opposition to the law of my mind; this makes me prisoner of the law of sin in my members.

How wretched I am! Who can free me from this body under the power of death?

Thanks be to God—it is Jesus Christ our Savior! This, then, is the problem: I serve the law of God with my mind, but I serve the law of sin with my flesh.

Message *The Soft Animal of Your Body*

RESPONDING

Singing

Christ is Alive, and Goes Before Us

VT 565

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

Lord I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing

VT 555

Nichola Torbett is a spiritual seeker, gospel preacher, podcaster, writer, resistance fomenter, dog-walker, nonviolent direct action trainer, and abolitionist. Driven by her passion for both spiritual formation and social change, she co-founded Seminary of the Street (a training academy for love warriors) in 2009 and Second Acts (a liturgical direct action affinity group) in 2014. She is co-editor of Resipiscence: a Lenten Devotional for Dismantling White Supremacy and a contributor to The Word Is Resistance, a podcast from SURJ-Faith and SURJ-Action, as well as to Jesus Radicals, The Yoke, and other radical discipleship publications. She lives in Oakland, California.

Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Call to Worship and Benediction adapted from MennoMedia's *What Now?* series

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

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| Guest Speaker: | Nichola Torbett |
| Worship Leader: | Douglas Minter |
| Readers: | Elvira Glenn |
| Music: | Lily Mast, Eve Kia |
| A Moment for All Ages: | Judy Classen |
| Tech Support: | Mike, Joshua, & Noah Tice |
| Greeters: | Joan and Ezra Tice |

September 19, 2021

Attendance: 25 Offering: \$1,227

TODAY at BMC

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| 9:30a | Worship and mingling |
| 11:00a | Sunday School launch |
| 12:15p | Book Discussion small group |

THIS WEEK at BMC

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| 9/29 | Harvest of Hope drop off |
| 9/30 | Together at Gods Table, Bible study to introduce Mission Sunday materials |

NEXT SUNDAY – October 3

9:30a **Worship and Mingling**

COMING UP

- 10/15-10/16** **Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale**, Rocky Ford
- 10/24** **Congregational Meeting:** Collecting and discussing grant requests
- 10/31** **Congregational Meeting:** Making decisions on OM funds distribution
- 11/21** **BMC Annual Auction**
- 12/3-12/5** **Ten Thousand Villages** Pop-up Shop at BMC

~PRAYERS~

- ~from **Albuquerque Mennonite Church:** Pray that we will be faithful to Jesus’ call to discipleship by tending to our inner work and outer witness in good measure.
- ~from **Bruce Fast:** For **Cindy and Kurt Firnhaber** as they care for **Cindy’s father** in a difficult time late in his life.
- ~from **Emmanuel MC:** Please pray for us as we meet the pastoral needs of our congregation and for direction and wisdom as we journey ahead.

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

Please call in or email (churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Wednesday, 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 7:30am-3:30pm.*

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

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

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

WHO IS YOUR SOUL AND WHAT DO THEY WANT?: Mark in your calendars to attend Sundays October 10 and 17, when Phyllis Mathis will be preaching about the soul and how to speak the language of our souls. “Yes, our souls may belong to God, but they also belong – uniquely – to us. If we come first to understand, then to cooperate with our soul’s subversive ways, we begin to live lives in harmony with ourselves as well as the devine.”

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

TRUE SANCTUARY IN FT. COLLINS: When COVID-19 hit, we did something radical. In February 2019, We opened our church to 8 of the most vulnerable homeless individuals we knew – older women with health issues – and allowed them to live in our building. Some of these individuals stayed on, some left, and others took their place. The people living in our church are now our caretakers – they maintain the building and the grounds. They built patios and raised bed planters for us. They water and care for the flowers and vegetables they planted. They prepare meals for other homeless individuals and advocate for their welfare. They have a safe place to stay and we hold our church services outdoors so all can attend. But having people living in our church 24/7 has greatly increased our costs for water, light, heating and cooling, and food – well beyond our budget. That is why we had to set up a [GoFundMe](#) site. Hopefully you will visit the site and decide to donate. But if money is tight, at least consider spreading the word, and sharing our message our GoFundMe site with others. ~Ft. Collins Mennonite

CROP WALK: Join us for the 2021 National CROP Hunger Walk on World Food Day, October 16th and end hunger in the U.S. and around the world! Walk on your treadmill, in your neighborhood, in a park with friends – you choose the location and the experience. Walk one day - 3.7 miles (the average distance a woman walks for water) or take the Weekend Challenge and walk 11.1 miles (3.7 miles for 3 days). Every step you take, every dollar you raise makes the walk shorter for neighbors in need by providing clean water, emergency food as well as livelihoods and access to education. Sign-up and start raising funds TODAY [here](#). Contact info@cwsglobal.org for more info.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE, COLORADO celebrates and innovates, and YOU are invited to join! Does your congregation have an MDS representative or an interest in learning more about MDS? Have you, or others you know, participated in an MDS project? Do you want to hear more about the innovative opportunities underway for the year ahead? Are you planning to attend the **MCC relief sale October 16** in Rocky Ford, Colorado? **YOU ARE INVITED to our annual Colorado MDS breakfast: 8am Saturday, October 16 (before the relief sale begins) at Christine's restaurant, 400 West Chestnut**, the corner of 4th and Chestnut one block north of Highway 50 in Rocky Ford. Mennonite Disaster Service is treating us to a time of celebration and conversation. Please join us and

invite friends or others who may be interested in Colorado MDS! RSVP to Mary Johnson at mjmanyik@gmail.com.

The Prayerstream Mobile Sanctuary will make its first ever trip to the relief sale to host the Colorado MDS information booth. Look for the vintage Airstream Friday evening or Saturday. Stop by and say "Hi!"

GREENFAITH BOULDER

In preparation for **Faiths 4 Climate Justice, Oct 17-18**, people of faith and friends will be gathering for a **Moving Vigil on Monday 9/27 at 4pm**. Please join this sacred walk through downtown Boulder, beginning at the International Peace Park by Boulder Creek near the Boulder Public Main Library, and concluding in front of the Boulder County courthouse.

HARVEST OF HOPE: Please continue to support this important work by bringing your donations and dropping them into the blue bin near the lost and found. Ivanna will be **dropping items off on next Wednesday the 29th**.

MENNONITE MEN: On Oct. 26, Nov. 6, and Nov. 16, AMBS and Mennonite Men are co-sponsoring **Knowing Your Narrative: Unpacking Our Stories of Masculinity and Equity**. This three-part series of events, facilitated by Ben Tapper with the Kindred Collective, seeks to unpack narratives around masculinity, faith and equity. After completing the series, participants will be able to identify the ways they've been shaped by masculine messaging, and reframe their own masculine identity so it is more inclusive and holistic. For more info and to register visit ams.edu/narrative.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

LEARN, PRAY, JOIN: COST OF POVERTY: Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) has launched "**Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of Poverty**," an initiative to raise awareness about the impact of the pandemic on poverty in the United States and how Jesus calls his followers to respond. During September and October, MC USA will seek to engage people in the initiative by offering resources, prayers and ways to care for one another and to address systemic issues that lead to poverty.

MC USA STUDY: Journey Forward is a churchwide renewal process of engaging in scripture, storytelling and sharing how God is at work in the lives of people and congregations across MC USA. To inform the direction of MC USA, we have partnered with Springtide Research Institute to conduct a comprehensive [membership survey](#), interviews, and focus groups to ensure that your voices are heard in this process. The survey, interviews, and focus groups are steps in gathering stories from around the

denomination. The survey will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. We truly value all of your voices and need to hear what you have to say to [Journey Forward](#) together.

BLESSINGS FLOW: Artist and calligrapher Gwen Stamm of Pennsylvania's Scottsdale Mennonite Church and Pamela Graf Short have published a book, Blessings Flow. Many blessings in this book flow from Pamela's childhood memories. Others are gleaned from her diverse vocational history as a nurse, a teacher of world religions, a pastor, and a mother. "I think I am correct in saying that the first formal blessing given to me as a babe was Numbers 6:24-26: 'May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look kindly upon you and give you peace.'" Please find more information and order a copy [here](#).

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

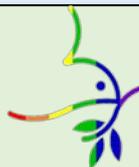
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: Mennonite Central Committee has a variety of service opportunities. Please contact Heidi Huber with questions at heidihuber@mcc.org or 316.283.2720

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RELIEF SALE: What have you missed? The Quilt Auction? The Kids' Auction? The Fair Trade items? The variety of foods? Come and get it! The 2021 Rocky Mountain Relief Sale is on for October 15-16! Join us at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds in Rocky Ford, CO. More [info here](#).

Spend some time helping with the sale, meeting new people, helping others. We could use you! We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities, so help as little or as much as you'd like. Please take a few minutes to check out what you could do to [assist at the sale](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: "Bring up a child in the way he/she should go." These words from Proverbs remind us that even at a very early age, if children are taught well, they can form lifelong habits. In honoring God's creation, we can teach our young ones to use only a little water, dry their hands in the air or on cloth towels, reuse, recycle, compost, and walk for nearby errands. And our examples speak even louder than words!

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.



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