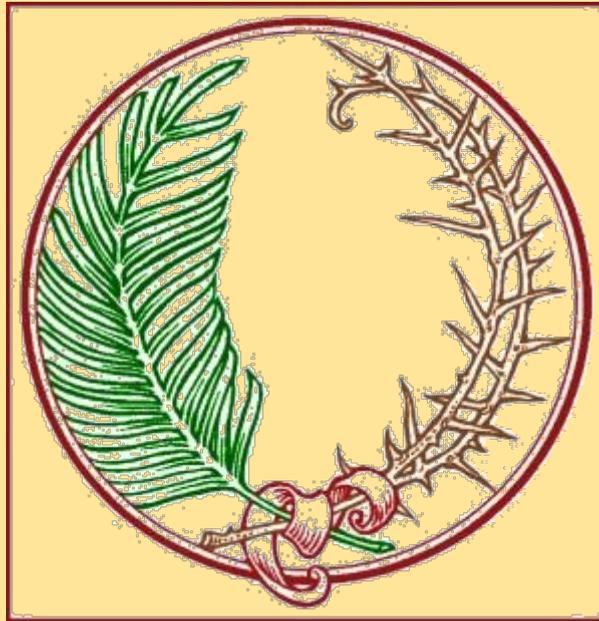




Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, April 2, 2023

Palm & Passion Sunday: Tell the Story Again
A Service of the Word and Table



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#

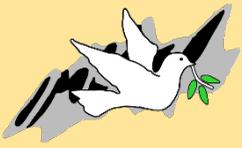
Or join us via our audio stream: Spreaker

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 and in our denomination, MC USA.

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.



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.

GATHERING

Prelude	Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 Allegro con molto fuoco	Edward Elgar
*Singing	Jesus is coming; pave the way with branches	312

Call to Worship

People: **Why do we meet today to tell the story? What does it all mean?**

Leader: We gather together to remember the story of Jesus, the Lamb.

People: **We remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem,
the palms, the people, the Last Supper,
the garden, the arrest and trial,
the angry crowds, the suffering and crucifixion, the death.
We remember it all.**

We tell the story in thanksgiving and deep gratitude.

People: **How is this week different than other weeks?**

Leader: This is the week that Jesus showed us how deep is God's way of love and forgiveness for us.

All: *This is the week that Jesus revealed most fully
God's character of love, forgiveness, and nonviolence—
the way that leads to life.*

*Today we proclaim his holy life and death.
O give thanks to our God, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!*

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

The Psalm

Psalm 31.9-16

Be gracious to me, O God, for I am in distress;
my eyes are dim from weeping, my soul is deep with grief.
For my life is worn away with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my body has weakened and my bones waste away with misery.

Passing the Peace

Introductions

Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

My life flows on

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality, and The Five Gospels, Funk/Hoover/The Jesus Seminar
Psalm 31, —adapted from Psalms for Praying, Nan C. Merrill, 2004 Continuum

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Guest Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Becky Neumann
Readers:	Berit Jany, Becky Neumann, Elleanna Voran, Gwen Grasse, Steve Voran
Music:	Judy Classen, Pastor Randy, Justin Mathis
Tech Support:	Mike, Frances, Joshua, Noah Tice
Greeters:	Elvira Glenn, Karl Ortman
Deacons:	Paul Classen, Joan Tice
Snacks:	Cindy Firnhaber

March 26, 2023

Attendance: 34

*Offering: \$1,265

TODAY at BMC

9:30am	Worship and mingling
11:00am	No Adult Education Hour Youth Gathering – Yes, Room 102

THIS WEEK at BMC

4/6	Centering Prayer small group, 11:00a
4/6	Maundy Thursday Communion meal and foot washing service, 6:00pm
4/6	Bible Study small group, 7:00p

NEXT SUNDAY – April 9 – Easter Sunday

9:30a	Easter breakfast/brunch , lower level
10:30a	Worship in the sanctuary Easter egg hunt after worship, hosted by high school youth

COMING UP

- 4/11 Singing small group, 6:30p
4/13 Church Council, 6:30p
4/18 Deacons meeting, 9:30a
4/20 Centering Prayer small group, 11:00a
4/20 Bible Study small group, 7p
7/3-8 MC USA MennoCon 23, Kansas City, MO
7/21-23 Annual Assembly, Mountain States Mennonite Conference

~PRAYERS~

- ~from **Bruce Fast: Michelene** returned home from successful surgery on Monday. Thanks for all your prayers and encouraging messages!
- ~from **Paul and Mary McKay**: Prayers for all those impacted by the tornadoes in Mississippi and Alabama. Additionally for **Liz Burr's** mother, **Caroline**, for recovery from a broken hip.
- ~from **Abe Melendez**: We ask for continued prayer and strength for **Mike Lavelle** as he deals with an illness.
- ~from **Susan and Tim Hundsdorfer**: Prayers for our neighbor **Emmanuelle**, whose family is facing several difficult struggles. Prayers of thanksgiving for Boulder Mennonite Church. Prayers for all my coworkers who are struggling with so many changes and a difficult "ambiance" and for Marie was promoted and then rejected, despite excellent for there for 18 years.
- ~ from **Mennonite World Conference (MWC)**: On 30 March 2023, military aerial bombardment of a village in Chin State in Myanmar killed a dozen villagers including several members of MWC member church **Bible Missionary Church** and the **pastor's daughters**. Many villagers were severely injured, including the local **pastor**. Please pray for solace for all those affected. Pray for an end to violence.

April Birthdays		April Anniversaries
2 – Beau Bryant 9 – Becky McKay Epp 24 – Barry Janzen	25 – Nina Mast 26 – Joan Tice 28 – Becky Neumann 30 – Bruce Fast	25 – Kristi and Beau Bryant

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

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

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

DEACONS: Carole Suderman: 303-494-8527; Paul Classen: 316-217-2355; Joan Tice: 717-512-6591

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 ADMINISTRATOR: Ivanna is in the office on Tuesday from 6:30a to 2:30p and Wednesday from 6a to 2p.

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

THE UKRAINIAN DECORATED EGGS on the worship table are for sale at \$30.00 each. A stand is included. Please designate your payment to BMC and choose whether you want the funds contributed to our church budget to help dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery or to Mennonite Central Committee to help those in need throughout the world. *Many thanks to Joan Tice for her artistry, hours and hours of work, and her generosity in donating them!*

HELP FOR EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH: There is a sign up at the entrance to help set up and clean up after the Easter brunch. Please let me know if you are willing to help. You can also call (303 666-6331 leave message) or send an email (elviraglen37@gmail.com). Come at 8:45 for set up. Most of the cleanup will happen after the service. Thanks for your help! Elvira Glenn

HARVEST OF HOPE: BMCers donated 75.6 lbs. of food and toiletries to Harvest of Hope this month. Ivanna will be dropping items off to Harvest of Hope on Wednesday, April 26th. Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the blue bin at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

EBENEZER SUNDAY is April 16, 2023. All are invited to bring a stone and a story of how God/The Universe/Love has been with you this year. In the Hebrew scriptures, Samuel led the people of Israel to erect an "Ebenezer," a "stone of help," to thank God who had helped bring them to that particular point in their journey (1 Samuel 4-7). During worship, tell us how you have seen Love, Justice, Peace, Grace, etc., present in your life in the past year. This sharing has been rich for us at BMC. Plan to participate!



DECK UPDATE: Start is being postponed a couple of weeks. Last minute questions needing addressed. Thanks to Karl, Joan, Ezra, Becky & Bruce for doing some prep work in the library and balcony! Contact Karen if you have questions. coxkarenann@gmail.com

MENNOCON23 – BMC participation, anyone? National gatherings for Mennonites have often been significant life events for adults and youth for generations. The Delegate Assembly this year will take place July 7-8 in Kansas City. Interested in relationship-building, deepening our commitments to Anabaptist principles, and doing some polity work? Then consider becoming our BMC delegate. Youth ages 16-21 are also invited to participate! See Pastor Randy for more info. Or visit [2023 Delegate Assembly Resources | Mennonite Church USA \(mennoniteusa.org\)](#).

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

SAVE THE DATE: Mountain States Mennonite Conference Summer ASSEMBLY 2023 will be July 21-23 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Our speaker for MSMC Summer Assembly J will be ISAAC VILLEGAS! Isaac is a Mennonite pastor and leader who grew up in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands as a child of Latin American immigrants. He is currently a PhD candidate and award-winning writer and contributing editor (with columns in The Christian Century and Anabaptist World and with his work in Sojourners, Anabaptist Witness journal, Conrad Grebel Review, and many other publications). See his website [here](#). You definitely won't want to miss hearing from Isaac this year at Assembly, so keep saving those dates!

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE and memorial service for **Clair Yoder Brenneman** will be held on Saturday, April 15 at 10am, at Mountain Community Mennonite Church (643 CO-105, Palmer Lake CO). Clair and Faye Brenneman, parents of Randy and Jina Brenneman, are long time workers with Mennonite Voluntary Service and are beloved at Mountain Community Mennonite Church.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

Constituency Leaders Council: Leaders from across the country met for the semiannual Constituency Leaders Council in San Antonio March 23-25. Conference ministers and moderators attended, along with MC USA executive staff and representatives from constituency groups. It was a time full of connecting, eating, singing, and enjoying San Antonio together. Moderator Ryan Koch, Conference Minister Amy Zimbleman, Mennonite Women representative Erica Lea-Simka, and our own Queer Constituency Council representative Randy Spaulding all attended from Mountain States.

#MennoCon23: Mennonite Church USA is hosting a collaborative **Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit**, July 7, 2023, at the Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center. The event will bring together experts in climate change, spiritual activism and social justice to explore the ways that young people ages 14 to 25 can put their faith to work to address the spiritual and human crisis caused by climate change. [Learn more here.](#)

Mennonite Church USA is seeking nominees for its 2023 **#BringthePeace awards**. The annual award is given to two honorees: a legacy peacemaker in recognition of their life's work and a young peacemaker (age 16-25), who can help inspire other young leaders. Submit your recommendations for nominees by completing this form by April 14. **BMC was a recipient of this award last year**, helping students at Hallett Elementary School with winter clothes and supplies.

Menno Snapshots: Mennonite Church USA is proud to acknowledge John Stoner of Akron (Ohio) Mennonite Church for his peacebuilding work with the 2022 #BringthePeace Legacy Peacemaker award, sponsored by the denomination's Church Peace Tax Fund. [Read his interview here.](#)

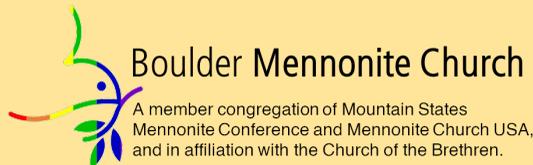
Lent at Home: Talashia Keim Yoder, pastor at College Mennonite Church, in Goshen, Indiana, is the author of this year's Lent at Home resource, sponsored by Mennonite Education Agency, which offers individuals and families flexible options for participating in Lent in their own home environments. [Read her reflections here.](#) See the Lent at Home 2023 [resources for Holy Week here.](#)

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

SWAP: Put your faith in action by volunteering with SWAP this summer! MCC's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program provides short-term service and learning opportunities for churches, school and university groups, families, other groups and individuals. Now is the time to make your summer plans and sign up! More information and registration at swap.mcc.org or (606) 634-4418.



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