



# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, January 28, 2024

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Epiphany*

## *A Service of the Word and Table* 2024 Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

*Mosaico:  
Convirtiéndonos en  
parte del gran  
panorama de Dios*

*Mosaïque: Faire partie  
de la grande image de  
Dieu*



*Mosaic: Becoming a  
part of God's bigger  
picture*

*Mosaik: Teil werden  
von Gottes grossem  
Panorama*

*Jesus, in the style of a laborer, embracing a child and carrying ears of corn (a symbol of work)*  
Mosaic by Rodrigo Pedroza, Conferencia de Iglesias Evangelicas Anabautistas Menonitas de Mexico

**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 Ojibwe 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

**\*Singing** Come, walk with us (Hamba nathi) 23

### Call to Worship: Lighting Candles to Celebrate our Anabaptist Connections

*(Honoring God by honoring our kindred on the continents of Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, South America, and North America)*

**Leader:** The light of God shines through the lives, witness and action of our kindred around the world.

**People:** *Thanks be to God, who is over all, and who works through all and is within all!*

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**Singing** O God and Father (O Gott Vater) 45

**Centering Prayer** from Psalm 8

**Singing** Praise, I will praise you (Je louerai l'Eternel), v. 1 131

**Passing the Peace** 850

### 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

## HEARING

**Hebrew Scripture Reading** Job 42.1-6

Then Job answered God: I know that you can do all things: you have only to think something, and it is done.

"Who is this obscuring my plans with such ignorant words?" you asked. That was me. I've been spouting off about things I can't understand, about wonders beyond my experience and my knowledge. "Listen now, and I will speak; I will ask the questions

and *you* will answer *me!*” you said.

Formerly I knew you only by word of mouth, but now I see you with my own eyes.  
And so I now take back all that I said, and repent in dust and ashes.

### **Gospel Reading**

John 10.14-16

I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me, in the same way  
Abba God knows me and I know God— and for these sheep I will lay down my life.

I have other sheep that don’t belong to this fold— I must lead them too, and they will  
hear my voice. And then there will be one flock, one shepherd.

### **Singing**

Heart with loving heart united, vv. 1, 2

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### **Now Testament Reading**    *The call to the church*, Maria Del Rosario Peña De Melo

In my context, currently violence in all its forms has taken over all layers of Colombian society. I did not understand how far the mercy of God would go in my work to train people for a specific ministry with the suffering population, with elderly people and migrants of all ages. The call to the church is to take measures to reduce pain in all its forms in its context, forming a new people that sows peace, harmony, tranquility and truth. It is there the text from Job comes to life, with eyes to see the care, the love and the mercy of the living God taking human form as it walks with the weak, the needy, the exiled, the ones who have suffered violence. In my context, the elderly who are abandoned and the Venezuelan refugees are images that form a new cultural mosaic. These are people who enrich our culture by bringing in diverse visions, giving birth to new cultures. God is in control of the bigger picture. The journey of faith, even amid suffering, is the way of life.

### **Message**

*Seeing the bigger picture*

## **RESPONDING: The Service of Communion**

### **Singing**

We are people on a journey (Somos pueblo que camina)

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### **Invitation to the Table**

### **Communion Prayer**

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### **Thanksgiving**

Leader: We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All:        *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*(Prayers of the People)*

*The Prayer Jesus Taught, VT 989, any version*

## The Story

**All:**        *May our lives give birth to Love's transfiguring power in us and among us, that turns water into wine, bare tables into feasts, outsiders into beloved friends.*

Leader:    Together may we make all things new.

**All:**        *Together may we make God's presence real, in and around us.*

## Communion

*(Everyone is welcome to come to the table. All the bread is gluten-free and juice is served. If you do not wish to receive food and drink, please know you are welcome to come to the table for a blessing – just approach the pastor or a deacon and ask for a blessing.)*

## SENDING

### Announcements

### \*Benediction

### \*Sending Song

Draw the circle wide

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### Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality; *Psalms for Praying*, Nan C. Merrill. Continuum Press

Communion liturgy adapted from <https://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgies.html> and the Iona Community (VT 946)

World Fellowship Sunday resources, [Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday 2024](#) | [Mennonite World Conference \(mwc-cmm.org\)](#)

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

<b>Speaker:</b>	Pastor Randy Spaulding
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Ezra Tice
<b>Readers:</b>	Cheri Krause, Judy Classen
<b>Music:</b>	Jean McPherson, Randy Spaulding
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Steve Voran, Gwen Grasse, Elleanna Voran
<b>Greeters:</b>	Joan & Ezra Tice
<b>Snacks:</b>	Elvira Glenn, Toni Diaz Bachus
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	Paul Classen, Cheri Krause, Toni Diaz Bachus

January 21, 2023

Attendance: 40

\*Offering: \$2,030.00

### TODAY at BMC

9:30a    Worship and mingling

11:00a    Education Hour: *Mennonites and Black History in Appalachia*. Ivanna Johnson, presenter. A joint adult/youth gathering. All are welcome.

12:15a    Book Discussion Small Group

## THIS WEEK at BMC

- 1/30 Introverts Informal small group, 1p
- 2/1 Indigenous Allies @BMC, 2p
- 2/1 Bible study small group, 7p
- 2/1 [Black History Month](#) begins

## NEXT SUNDAY – February 4: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

- 9:30a Worship and mingling
- 11a Education Hour: *Mennonites and Black History in Appalachia*. Ivanna Johnson, presenter. A joint adult/youth gathering. All are welcome.

## COMING UP

- 2/6 Introverts Informal small group, 1p
- 2/6 BASIC (Sanctuary coalition), 1:30p
- 2/7 Centering prayer, 11a
- 2/8 Church council, 6:30p
- 2/9 Changing world small group, 6p
- 2/13 Introverts Informal small group, 1p
- 2/13 Singing small group
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday – Season of Lent begins
- 2/15 Bible study small group, 7p
- 2/16-18 High School Snow Camp, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp
- 2/18 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent begins

## ~PRAYERS~

~from Steve Ruby: For **Israel and Palestine**, and for **Eldon and Terry Mast**.

~from **Paul and Mary McKay**: Prayers of gratitude for BMC's support for the work of [EPIC](#) with the [Baja Verapaz Program in Guatemala](#). We will be visiting that work next week and returning to Colorado on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

~from **Cindy Firnhaber**: For my colleague **Natalie**, who is starting chemo for her lymphoma and her baby who is in the NICU, who had to be intubated at 32 weeks old.

~from **Elvira Glenn**: For **Sandi Sanborn** whose furnace went out that cold last Monday night and then she contracted COVID on Tuesday. She is on medication and is feeling somewhat better and is to get a new furnace this week.

~from **Susan Graber**: Prayers of thanksgiving that my brother Charles' thyroid cancer has not spread and is not the bad kind! Also, prayers of thanksgiving for the [Mennonite Action](#) Network witness in Washington DC this week, calling for ceasefire for Gaza and Israel.

~from **Ivanna Johnson:** For the King family, [Dexter Scott King](#), Chairman of the Board of the King Center, youngest son of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. And Mrs. Coretta Scott King died of prostate cancer at age 62, on January 22, eight days shy of his 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Please keep the remaining two King children, and Dr. King's granddaughter, Yolanda Renee King, in your prayers.

February Birthdays	
2- Michelene Fast 12 – Joel Sawatzky	12 – Katharina Sawatzky 18 – Naomi Krause

*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](mailto:info@bouldermennonite.org)) announcements by Thursday, 7:00am.*

**DEACONS:** Carole Suderman: 303-494-8527; Paul Classen: 316-217-2355; Cheri Krause: 510-227-9712

**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 6:30a to 2:30p and Wednesday from 6a to 2p.

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

**IT'S ANABAPTIST WORLD FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY.** Our worship today is adapted from resources prepared by Mennonite World Conference Regional reps in Latin America. Did you know?

- Latin American Anabaptist churches worship in multiple languages: Spanish, German, Portuguese and several Indigenous languages. Each language group has their own worship style.
- Many Latin American congregations have an informal and flexible worship style, with lots of singing, time for testimonies and prayers, and time to chat after worship.
- Spanish-speaking churches often sing with guitar, percussion and electric keyboard accompaniment; with “gusto”; more likely in unison than in parts; and projecting the words instead of using a hymnbook.

## **BMC SMALL GROUPS to BEGIN NEW CYCLE 2024-2026!**

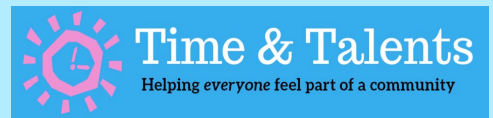
Small Groups are the heart of our community. They are where we grow even deeper in relationship with each other and discover ways to be Beloved Community. A new cycle begins in 2024. Your BMC Deacons invite you to consider leading or co-leading a group. See the document sent out by Pastor Randy, pick one up at the back of the sanctuary, or [click here](#). Interested? Speak to a Deacon or see Pastor Randy.



**IMMIGRANT HOSTING TRAINING:** Please come to the training with Denise Chang from the [Colorado Hosting Asylum Network](#) (CHAN) on **Sunday, February 25th from 11am-1pm.** Anyone who would like to participate in helping to host a family/couple at the church may attend this training. Denise will talk about how CHAN works with Asylum seekers, group dynamics and overall goals. Then she will talk about actually organizing a team to work with the family/couple. There are several different roles she will discuss and work through with us. We need a strong team to make this work so please prayerfully consider how you can help. Please ask [Bruce Fast](#) or [Becky Neumann](#) if you have any questions.

**INDIGENOUS ALLIES at BMC:** *Find the way forward! Doctrine of Discovery, Oak Flat, “We’re Still Here” and Indigenous Allies.* Thursday, Feb. 1, 2-3:30pm at BMC. Guest speaker: [Cordelia Zars](#), director of the [Empathy Theater Project](#) that recently performed a new musical inspired by true events at Oak Flat, AZ. Information and updates on what the Boulder-based Indigenous Allies group has done over the last year [dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery](#), and actions available to continue to support the rights of Indigenous people. For more information, see Bruce Wheeler. [Register for the event here.](#)

**PARTICIPATE IN THE LIFE OF BMC!** Please consider how you want to be involved in the activity of Boulder Mennonite Church during this new year. Via an online survey (<http://tinyurl.com/BMCtime-talents>) or hard copy (copies available at the back of the sanctuary or via Pastor Randy’s Jan 12 email) fill out a Time & Talents sheet so that starting as soon as February, you can participate in the ways that you would like. Deadline is Sunday, Jan. 28. Thank you!



## **~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~**

**18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TRANSforming GENDER CONFERENCE:** Registration is now open for the 18th annual [TRANSforming Gender Conference](#) to be held on March 16th and 17th at CU Boulder. The conference is free and open to all. If you are interested in learning more about transgender issues or identities, then this is the conference for you. Please find [more information here](#). Visit the [conference page](#) to learn about specific topics.



**THE MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE ANNUAL CELEBRATION** is a time to gather and celebrate the work of our volunteers and donors. It's a time to learn more about MDS responses to disaster and to recognize the contributions of volunteers to help bring people home. It's also a time for us to gather together for fellowship, singing and worship. This year's meeting is in Fresno, California, February 23-24, 2024. Please take a moment to register and to reserve your hotel rooms. Room availability is limited and going quickly! [Click here to register](#) and find more information.

## **MENNONITE CHURCH USA:**

**Eric Massanari**, executive conference minister for the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference, reflects on his time at the 2023 conference ministers retreat in Banff, Alberta, Canada, learning about what nurtures healthy ministry leaders. Read more [here](#).

**Meghan Larissa Good**, faculty of record for teaching leadership at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, shares about how many churches began to view God in a transformational way during the COVID-19 pandemic. Read her Menno Snapshots blog [here](#).

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**Peace Camps** are one-week, hands-on learning experiences for young adults to learn and explore dynamics of social change, experience personal transformation and apply Anabaptist, Biblical foundations of peace and justice to real world issues. Spaces that offer healing, hope, and practical tools for actively building a different world are sorely needed amid the violence and disconnection present today. There are four upcoming peace camps: **Peacebuilders Training**, Colorado, March 10-15; **Restorative Justice Peace Camp**, Chicago, May 26-31; **Spanish Peace Camp**, South Florida, July 21-26; and **Biblical Justice Peace Camp**, Portland, Sept 29-Oct 5. You can find more information and [register here](#).

**ECOLOGY TIP:** Since A1 Organics no longer accepts any compost except for food waste and yard trimmings, thousands of pounds of compostable items such as paper towels and Kleenex are going in the landfill. Let's find out how we can educate folks and start adding things back into what A1 will let trash haulers accept for compost. Call A1 at 800-776-1644 or [go to their website](#) and [submit a question](#). We can get to near Zero Waste and preserve God's creation if we each do our part!



*Donate to BMC*



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