

# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, March 24, 2024

## *Palm Sunday* **A Service of the Word**



Triumphal Entry (1969), by Emmanuel Nsama,  
mural in the chapel at Njase Girls Secondary School, Choma, Zambia

**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 Ojethi 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** All glory, laud and honor 315

### \*Singing

**Call to Worship** based on Matthew 21.1-11

**All:** *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:  
Disciples were sent ahead to borrow a donkey.

**People:** **Cloaks were laid on the animal, and Jesus mounted it.**

**Leader:** Crowds of people gathered. Cloaks and branches from the trees were used  
to line the street. And it became a parade, a march.

**People:** **They were all shouting. "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who  
comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!"**

**Leader:** Others watched from a distance, wondering who this Jesus was...

**People:** **And the crowd shouted on, "This is the prophet Jesus! This is the  
prophet Jesus!"**

### Welcome

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**Singing** Hosanna, loud hosanna 313

**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.  
All my fears rise up to mock me, my neighbors turn away,  
my friends dread to see me and flee from my sickness of soul.  
My mind, too, has left me like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.  
Yes, I hear the voices around me whispering of my plight—fears rise up on every  
side!  
Isolation, rejection, fear surround me and conspire to overwhelm me.

Still I trust in you, O God; I repeat, "You are my Life."  
My life is in your hands; deliver me from the fears which separate me!  
Let your face shine on me; save me in your steadfast love!

**Singing** Lord, listen to your children praying 682

## **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**

## **HEARING**

**Now Testament Reading** Parker Palmer, *Let Your Life Speak*

"Winter here in the Upper Midwest is a demanding season - and not everyone appreciates the discipline. It is a season when death's victory can seem supreme: few creatures stir, plants do not visibly grow, and nature feels like our enemy. ... In the Upper Midwest, newcomers often receive a classic piece of wintertime advice: "The winters will drive you crazy until you learn to get out into them." ... Our inward winters take many forms - failure, betrayal, depression, death. But every one of them, in my experience, yields to the same advice: "The winters will drive you crazy until you learn to get out into them." Until we enter boldly into the fears we most want to avoid, those fears will dominate our lives. But when we walk directly into them - protected from frostbite by the warm garb of friendship or inner discipline or spiritual guidance - we can learn what they have to teach us. Then we discover once again that the cycle of the seasons is trustworthy and life-giving, even in the most dismaying season of all."

**Singing** When peace like a river, vv. 1, 2, 3 617

**Message** *The Holy Week Story* based on Matthew 26-27

Opening Remarks

1. The Prediction with Judas.
2. The Bread and Cup.
3. The Prediction with Peter.
4. Praying and Sleeping.
5. The Arrest.

- ## Closing Remarks

## RESPONDING

# Singing

Were you there, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

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## Prayers of the People

## SENDING

## 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

Psalm 31, adapted from *Psalms for Praying*, Nan C. Merrill

Parker Palmer, <https://www.letyourlifespeak.com/>

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

## Guest Speaker:

Karen Cox

**Worship Leader:**

# Steve Voran

## Readers:

Petra Lisa Voss, Becky Neumann, Joan Tice, Ezra Tice,

Judy Classen, Michelene Fast, Elvira Glenn, Sandi

Sanborn, Paul McKay, Mary McKay, Toni Diaz Bachus,

Barry Janzen, Jill Minter, Douglas Minter, Laura Minter

Jean McPherson, Judy Classen

## Music:

## Tice Family

## Tech Support:

**Greeters:**

Joan & Ezra Tice

## Snacks:

Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn

## March 17, 2024:

**Attendance: 40**

**Offering: \$1,420**

### **TODAY at BMC**

9:30a      Worship and mingling

11:00a      Education Hour: *The Future of Church and BMC: the next 50 years?*

### **THIS WEEK at BMC**

3/28      Maundy Thursday Meal & Foot Washing, 6pm

### **NEXT SUNDAY – March 31: Easter – Resurrection Sunday**

9:30am      **Brunch**, lower-level community room

10:30am      **Worship**, sanctuary

11:45am      **Easter Egg Hunt** for children

**Speaker:**      Pastor Randy Spaulding

**Worship Leader:**      Cheri Krause

**Readers:**      Joan & Ezra Tice

**Music:**      Judy Classen, Justin Mathis, Randy Spaulding

**Tech Support:**      Steve & Elleanna Voran

**Greeters:**      Paul Classen, Becky Neumann

**Snacks:**      Michelene Fast

### **COMING UP**

3/31      Easter Sunday, 9am Brunch; 10:30am worship; 11:45am Easter Egg Hunt

4/3      Centering Prayer small group, 11a

4/9      Singing small group, 6:30p

4/11      Church Council, 6:30p

4/13      Ingrid Latorre/BASIC fundraiser, 4p

4/17      Deacons meeting, 10a

4/17      Centering prayer small group, 11a

4/23      Singing small group, 6:30p

## **~PRAYERS~**

~for **Tylah Cline**, whose aunt is entering into her final days of life. ~**Ivanna**

~for **David Corley**, nephew to **Paul** and **Mary McKay**. David is in hospice care.

<b>April Birthdays</b>	
2 - Beau Bryant	26 – Joan Tice
9 - Becky McKay Epp	28 - Becky Neumann
24 - Barry Janzen	30 - Bruce Fast

*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:** 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 out of the office this week, and has limited accessibility via email.

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

**MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION AND FOOT WASHING,** This Thursday, March 28, 6pm: Singing, a simple meal, communion, foot washing and scripture readings. Please **sign up at the back of the sanctuary today if you plan to attend this special service of Holy Week.**



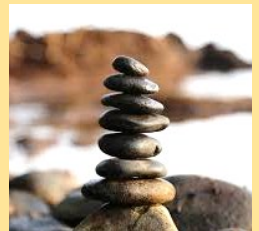
**LOCK BOX CHANGE:** The lock box code to the building has been changed. If you feel that you need the code, please [contact Ivanna](#).

**TO SUPPORT THE SAAVEDRA FAMILY** while they are our guests, we need to raise \$3000 in extra funds for food, supplies, and some medical expenses. Perhaps you have family, friends or neighbors who are sympathetic to a project like this and would like to contribute. Online donation is easy [here](#), or using the Donate button on BMC's website. Thank you. ~Bruce Fast

**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 (720 442-6887/leave message) or send an email ([elvira-glenn37@gmail.com](mailto:elvira-glenn37@gmail.com)). Come at 8:45 for set up. Most of the cleanup will happen after the service. Thanks for your help! Elvira Glenn

**ELVIRA GLENN** has a new landline phone number: 720 442-6887.

**EBENEZER SUNDAY** is April 7, 2024. 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!





**TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TRAINING @BMC:** The Saavedra family has moved onto our BMC campus, and we are excited for them to settle in. Maya John of the Colorado Hosting Asylum Network (CHAN) will be offering training to educate our congregation on how to walk with individuals and families who have experienced trauma. Join us **Sunday, April 21 at 11am** during the Education Hour. Thank you for making this an important time to gather.

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**FUNDRAISER FOR THE Boulder Area Immigration and Sanctuary Coalition.** Saturday, April 13, 5-8pm, Boulder Valley UU Fellowship (Lafayette). The coalition, to which BMC belongs, continues to support Ingrid Latorre as she seeks citizenship in the US, as well as working to provide support for other area immigrants and education to the public. Come for delicious tapas, music and connecting with others!

### **MENNONITE CHURCH USA:**

**MC USA's Climate Justice** Ministry will begin receiving applications for the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund grant, starting April 1, 2024. The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund provides funds to assist MC USA congregations interested in various forms of renewable energy. Read more [here](#). View slide [here](#).

**Anabaptist Dictionary of the Bible Phase 1 Nears Completion:** The first phase of the Anabaptist Dictionary of the Bible (ADB) is nearing completion. This free online project at the center of biblical interpretation and Anabaptist thought is adding article 49 toward a goal to cover all 66 books in the Bible. As described on the website, the purpose of this project is “to reflect (and to reflect critically on) an Anabaptist approach to the reading of the Bible.” The Anabaptist Dictionary of the Bible is intended to serve those within Anabaptist traditions as well as to be a respectful conversation partner with those in other Christian traditions. [Read more here.](#)

**On Jan. 16, 2024, Lynn Hur,** a member of Pasadena (California) Mennonite Church participated in an outdoor peace vigil with about 200 Mennonites in front of the House of Representatives' Cannon House Office Building in Washington D.C. She reflects on “finding people who grieve the same way you do.” Read more about her experience [here](#).

**The Eastern Mennonite University's 2024 Summer Peacebuilding Institute** offers 12 peacebuilding, restorative justice, trauma awareness, and social change courses in 7 and 5 day sessions. Courses are offered for professional education or academic credit. Interested in faith-based peacebuilding? [Click here.](#)

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**MCC Swag:** I am recently back from four days in North Newton Kansas for MCC Central States Board meeting and brought back many MCC branded items. They can be found at the hospitality table in the foyer, please take whatever you'd like. If you have any questions, wonders or curiosities about how our time was spent, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to talk to you about our work. Our next meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in September, please let me know if there is anything you would like me to bring forth to the Board.  
~Ivanna

**Dismukes Project Learning Tour:** The Dismukes Project Learning Tour provides a unique experience to learn more about Black history and experiences in the coalfields of Appalachia, while also learning the incredible story of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes. Dismukes was an African American physician in the early 1900's, that founded the largest privately owned Black hospital in the country for its time. Learn more about the tour [here](#).

**ECOLOGY TIP:** As we look forward to Easter, go for a Holy Week scavenger hunt. Walk your neighborhood looking for new life! Don't pick anything but write down all you see that was not there in winter! You may spot crocuses, mini irises, daffodils, or dandelions, as well as some returning birds. There may also be surprises!



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