



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday in the Season of Eastertide

A Service of the Word



*...Samuel took a stone and set it up as a monument...
naming it Ebenezer, "Stone of Help."*

1 Samuel 7.12

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	<i>Gavotte</i>	Samuel Wesley
*Singing	God, be the love	43

Call to Worship

Leader: Come and worship this bright morning in Eastertide!

People: The stone is rolled away and fear no longer holds us!

Leader: We call upon God for help,

People: You hear us, O Gracious One, and you deliver us!

Leader: Come, walk and worship in the Light of Love.

People: Blessed be our Rock, who leads us into harmony with all the Earth and one another!

All: *Let us celebrate life. Let us worship God!*

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing	Christ is alive! Let Christians sing	359
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Centering Prayer adapted from Psalm 133

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Passing the Peace

A Moment in Mission: [EPIC](#) (Ecumenical Project for International Cooperation)

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	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	George Shearing
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HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

New Testament Reading

1 Samuel 7.7-12 (adapted)

When the Philistines learned that the people of Israel had assembled at Mizpah, their rulers prepared to attack them. When the people of Israel learned of this, they said to the prophet Samuel, “Plead with God—the Eternal One—to rescue us from the power of the Philistines!”

Samuel took a lamb and sacrificed it as a burnt offering to God. Then Samuel cried out to the Eternal One on behalf of Israel, and the Eternal One heard Samuel’s prayers. As Samuel was offering the lamb, the Philistines advanced to attack. That day, however, God thundered mightily against the Philistines and created among them such confusion that they fled in panic before the people of Israel.

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up as a monument, naming it Ebenezer, “Stone of Help,” explaining, “The Eternal One has helped us to this point.”

Singing

Come thou fount

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Gospel Reading

Luke 24.36-48

While Jesus’ friends were still talking about how some of the disciples had met the risen Jesus on the Emmaus road, Jesus actually stood in their midst and said to them, **“Peace be with you.”**

In their panic and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. Jesus said to them, **“Why are you disturbed? Why do such ideas cross your mind? Look at my hands and my feet; it is I, really. Touch me and see—a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones as I do.”** After saying this, Jesus showed them the wounds.

They were still incredulous for sheer joy and wonder, so Jesus said to them, **“Do you have anything here to eat?”** After being given a piece of cooked fish, the savior ate in their presence.

Then Jesus said to them, “Remember the words I spoke when I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets, and the psalms had to be fulfilled.”

Then Jesus opened their minds to the understanding of the scriptures, saying, **“That is why the scriptures say that the Anointed One must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. In the Anointed One’s name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of all this.**

Message in Story: *Telling our stories: raising our Ebenezers!*

RESPONDING

Singing

Come thou fount (reprise)

1. Come, thou Fount of every vision
lift our eyes to what may come.
See the lion and the young lamb
dwell together in thy home.
Hear the cries of war fall silent;
feel our love glow like the sun.
When we all serve one another,
then our heaven is begun!

2. Here we've raised our Ebenezers
giving thanks for all the year
with its hope and joys and sorrows,
knowing Love has led us here.
Guide us forward, Helping Spirit,
in the days and years to come,
as we journey all together,
full of healing light and love!

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

We've come this far by faith

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

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Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Toni Diaz Bachus
Readers:	Michelene Fast, Bruce Wheeler
Music:	Jean McPherson, Susan Graber
Tech Support:	Bruce Wheeler
Greeters:	Carole Suderman, Elvira Glenn
Snacks:	Toni Diaz Bachus
Moment for All Ages:	Karen Cox
Moment in Mission:	Paul & Mary McKay

April 7: (Worship cancelled due to power outage in Boulder)

TODAY at BMC

9:30am **Worship and Connecting – Ebenezer Sunday**

11:00am **Adult Education Hour:** *How We Are: Conversations on Genesis 1-11*, Ezra Tice, facilitator. Sanctuary
Youth Gathering: Room 102

THIS WEEK at BMC

4/17 Deacons meeting, 10a
4/17 Centering prayer small group, 11a

NEXT SUNDAY – **April 21:** Fourth Sunday in the Season of Eastertide

9:30am Worship and mingling
11:00am Education Hour: Trauma-Informed Care training, 11am
Speaker: Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader: Douglas Minter
Readers: Jean McPherson, Sandi Sanborn
Music: Judy Classen, Randy Spaulding, Justin Mathis
Tech Support: Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters: Paul Classen, Michelene Fast
Snacks: Judy Classen

COMING UP

4/21 Trauma-Informed Training @BMC, 11am Education Hour
4/22 Earth Day
4/23 Singing small group, 6:30p
5/1 Centering prayer small group, 11a
5/22 PCRC meets @BMC, 9am
7/14 Annual BMC Congregational Meeting
7/26-28 MSMC Assembly at Beth-El Mennonite, Colorado Springs

~PRAYERS~

~for **Toni Diaz** who moved her 94-year-old **mom** to memory care (April 6). Pray that her mother has peace in this transition.

~for **Anita Jantz** who travelled to Greenville, Illinois last weekend to attend the funeral of her brother, **Galen Peters**. The service was April 6.

~for **Cindi Fausel** as she recovers from ankle surgery.

April Birthdays		April Anniversaries
2 – Beau Bryant 9 – Becky McKay Epp 24 – Barry Janzen	26 – Joan Ticer 28 – Becky Neumann 30 – Bruce Fast	25 – Kristi & 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; 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 will be out of the office April 10-17, but will be available via email.

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

THANKS to all the helpers who so willingly did the setup and then cleaned up after the Easter brunch. This is very much appreciated! Also, thanks to all who provided the abundance of food for the morning. It was very nice to have a number of guests to join us for the morning. ~Elvira

SIGN-UP FOR 2024-26 SMALL GROUPS at BMC. The small group list is now available.

Consider joining a group. Small groups are how BMCers may connect in deeper ways to our community. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

BMC DONATION DRIVE: COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE (CFS) LOST A TON OF

FOOD (literally!) when Xcel turned off the power last week. CFS is a food bank fighting hunger in Boulder and Broomfield Counties. They are asking the public to make donations to cover the losses. Can you help? Bring nonperishable items to place in the CFS bins. Canned and Dry Goods: Unopened and in original packaging with labels; packaging is in good condition (no dents, bulging, or rust); donated no more than 6 months past use-by date. Items such as: nut butters, canned tuna and chicken, canned fruits, cereal and oatmeal, soup and stew, baby food and formula, pasta and canned sauce beans canned or dry and canned vegetables. Other food donation guidelines: [Individuals – Community Food Share](#). Or go to [Ways to Give – Community Food Share](#) and, if you are able, please make a donation. BMC

has connections to CFS: Laura Minter volunteers weekly, Karen Cox every other week, and Aaron Miller (son-in-law of Karen Cox) is a staff person. Thank you!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE: Please see the posting on bulletin board in the sanctuary about the change of venue to Castle Rock.

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.

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

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

CELLISTS FOR CHANGE PRESENTS PROTECT PLANET EARTH, a FREE bilingual English/Spanish concert featuring community youth cellists performing poetry and music that honors and celebrates nature! The concert will culminate in the World-Premiere of Uwach Ulew ("Nature" in Quiche, an indigenous Maya language) by Guatemalan composer Sergio Marroquín, in conjunction with original poetry and photography by Denver-based artist Meca'Ayo. Visit www.cellistsforchange.org for more information! Psyche Dunkhase, the cellist who has taught lessons at BMC for many years, is part of this group!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS – SUMMER IS COMING!: Come explore our summer theme "What's the Forecast?" No matter the weather, God is always with us; in the calm, in the storm, and everything in between. This summer we will be looking to Joshua 1:9 and Matthew 28:20 to learn how we can see God in all situations. [For more information on camps and to register visit us here](#). Scholarships are available to ensure money isn't a barrier to a summer camp experience at RMMC.

THE CITY OF BOULDER AND ARAPAHO AND CHEYENNE TRIBAL Representatives welcome community feedback on a draft concept stewardship plan for open space land with direct community connection to the [Sand Creek Massacre](#) – based on a collaborative vision to “[Heal the Land, Heal the People](#)” – through an [online questionnaire](#) that will be open through Sunday, April 7. BMCers: Please [share your input on the concept plan](#). This may be one more way we can work to dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

Mennonite Church USA is pleased to announce that the 2025 MC USA biennial national gathering and leading faith formation event, *Follow Jesus '25*, will take place July 8-12, 2025, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. [Learn more here.](#)

The MC USA Executive Board, meeting via Zoom on March 15-16, 2024, affirmed a clean audit and a [new strategic plan](#) that seeks to [reimagine church](#) in new ways.

Join Amy Zimelman, Conference Minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference, on April 23, 2024, at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT for a panel discussion of pioneering women in ministry. We will hear from Dianne Garcia, who recently planted a church ministering to asylum-seekers in San Antonio, Texas, and Marilyn Miller, who is the first woman ordained to pastoral ministry in the General Conference Mennonite Church. [Register here.](#)

Menno Snapshots: Nancy Kauffmann, interim denominational minister of Church Safety for Mennonite Church USA's Church Vitality office, tells of how two churches handled situations of abuse within their own congregations and how our response can affect the light of life of the person experiencing abuse. [Read more here.](#) [Subscribe to Equipping here.](#)

“Do We Know What It Means To Remove Chains?” asked Joanne Gallardo, co-conference minister for Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference at Mennonite Church USA's 11th Hope for the Future conference on Feb. 9-11. Gathering in Dallas, Texas, 70 Black, Indigenous and people of color considered the theme, “Breaking Chains, Mending Walls,” which centered on Isaiah 58. Read more [here.](#)

ECOLOGY TIP: Since deforestation contributes 20% of global greenhouse gas emissions, acting to stop it has a bigger impact than curbing our transportation. Go to Change.org and [sign the Global Petition to protect the Amazon.](#) This will go to the United Nations so world leaders will take action.



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