

# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, May 5 2024

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Eastertide*

## *A Service of Word and Song*



*Helping Hands. Stained Glass by Terry Mast. Boulder Mennonite Church*

**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

**\*Singing** Come, let us all unite to sing 7

### Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 98

Leader: Sing a new song to the Eternal One, O Boulder Mennonite People!

**All:** *The Eternal One has made healing and justice known to all and has remembered us in truth and love.*

Leader: Shout to the Most High, all the earth, break into joyous songs of praise!

**All:** *Let the seas thunder. Let the rivers clap their hands and the Flatirons ring out with their joy before the Spirit of Life.*

Leader: For Love reigns over the world with truth and justice, bringing order and balance to all of creation.

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

### Welcome

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**Psalm and Song** Psalm 98, adapted  
Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing 764

### Centering Prayer

### 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

**A Moment for All Ages** *Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You*

## Gospel Reading

John 15.9-17

As my Abba has loved me, so have I loved you. Live on in my love. And you will live on in my love if you keep my commandments, just as I live on in Abba God's love and have kept God's commandments. I tell you all this that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be complete.

**This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. And you are my friends, if you do what I command you.**

I no longer speak of you as subordinates, because a subordinate doesn't know a superior's business. Instead I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from Abba God. It was not you who chose me; it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. **Your fruit must endure, so that whatever you ask of Abba God in my name God will give you. This command I give you: that you love one another.**

## Singing

Spirit, open my heart, vv. 1, 2

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## Now Testament Reading

*The Most Human of the Arts*, Alice Parker

Music, especially song, is the most human of the arts. It needs no materials or tools other than the ear and throat—along with mind and heart. When we sing alone, we are led out of ourselves into the world of the song. When we sing together, we create a community, a communion in sound. The group becomes more than the sum of its parts: It is creating beauty.

Singers give up ego, selfhood and control to enter that world of vibration, and by this example and the magnetic quality of pure sound, they induce everyone to join the mystical journey. The amazing thing is that this can happen every time we sing. All that we have to do is ask for it. It never comes unbidden, but it is always there when we seek it. We are literally "one body" when we sing together in this way. One with each other, one with the physical universe, and one with the Creator who gave us the Song.

## Musical Reflections by the SOAR Choir

Bonse Aba

Zambian folk song, arr. Victor Johnson

*(Those who sing have the right to be called the children of God)*

Colors of the Wind

Music: Alan Menken; Words: Stephen Schwartz

On the Common Ground

Words & Music by Alice Parker

Where the Light Begins

Music: Susan LaBarr; Words: Jan Richardson

## RESPONDING

### Singing

Could it be that God is singing

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# Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

## SENDING

### Announcements

### \*Benediction

### \*Sending Song

You shall go out with joy

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### Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Alice Parker, *Melodious Accord: Good Singing in Church*, 1991 Liturgy Training Pub.

*Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You*, by Sonia Sotomayor with illustrations by Rafael Lopez. © 2019 Philomel Books

Today we welcome the **SOAR Youth and Adult Choir (SOAR!)** to our worship service. SOAR! is an intergenerational community choir that serves diverse youth, including youth in adoptive and foster homes, in kinship placement, from single parent families as well as those who are challenged by mental or physical health issues. An inclusive choir, they build positive relationship and support emotional growth through singing. Led by artistic director **Emily Martin** (First Mennonite Church, Denver), they are accompanied this morning by **Randy Spaulding**. Emily says, "The benefits of group mentoring and experiencing music as a creative outlet and emotional grounding for youngsters have been scientifically proven. Our experiences with SOAR! include widening the members' circle of collaboration among other music groups, exposing youngsters to fine quality live performance, and building resilience for present and future life."

*Welcome, SOAR! A basket will be in the back for donations.*

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

<b>Guest Presenters:</b>	Emily Martin and the SOAR Choir members
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Becky Neumann
<b>Readers:</b>	Joanna Harrison, Toni Diaz Bachus
<b>Music:</b>	Bruce Fast, Elleanna Voran, Pastor Randy Spaulding
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Gary Stephens
<b>Greeters:</b>	Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
<b>Snacks:</b>	Cindy Firnhaber
<b>Moment for All Ages:</b>	Cheri Krause

April 28: Attendance: 45 Offering: \$

## TODAY at BMC

- 9:30a      Worship and mingling  
11:00a      Education Hour: *Genesis 1-11*; facilitator Ezra Tice; Youth Gathering, Rm 102

## THIS WEEK at BMC

- 5/8          Meditation small group, 11am  
5/9          Church Council mtg, 6:30pm, BMC library

## NEXT SUNDAY – May 12: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Eastertide;

Guest Speaker: Jean McPherson

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11:00am      Adult/Youth Education Hour: *Genesis 1-11*; facilitator Ezra Tice

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<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Susan Graber
<b>Readers:</b>	Jen Dudenhefer, Elvira Glenn
<b>Music:</b>	Jean McPherson, Susan Graber
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Bruce Wheeler, Steve Voran
<b>Greeters:</b>	Carole Suderman, Toni Diaz Bachus
<b>Snacks:</b>	Mai Wheeler, Sheng Wheeler
<b>A Moment for All Ages:</b>	Karen Cox

## COMING UP

- 5/15          Centering Prayer small group, 11am  
5/19          Pentecost Sunday. Guest Speaker Rev. Zach Martinez  
5/21          Deacons meet, 1pm  
5/22          PCRC meets @BMC, 9am  
5/22          Boulder Area Sanctuary and Immigration Coalition, 2p @BMC  
6/9          Mennonite Hymn Sing, Glennon Heights Mennonite Church, 1pm  
7/14          Annual BMC Congregational Meeting  
7/26-28      MSMC Assembly at Beth-El Mennonite, Colorado Springs

## ~PRAYERS~

~from **Karen Cox**: Prayers for the family and friends of **Denny Johnson**. Denny was the father and father-in-law of former BMCers **Dean Johnson** and **Melissa Bennett**.

~from **Paul McKay**: Prayers for the **university students** across the country who are rising up in moral indignation for the brutality against the Palestinian people.

~for safety and blessings for BMCer **Melinda Yost** as she makes her move to Chicago to be near her son. *May God bless you and keep you, Melinda!*

May Birthdays		May Anniversaries
1 – Kurt Firnhaber	12 – Hannah Dudenhefer	1 – Susan Graber & Tom Jirak
4 – Jonathan Falk	12 – Kelcie Dudenhefer	13 – Duane & Joanna Harrison
4 – Erin Dudenhefer	12 – Sheng Wheeler	19 – Linda Hardesty & Chris Friedman
7 – Sandi Sanborn	20 – Linda Hardesty	26 – Jen & David Dudenhefer
10 – Gwen Grasse	22 – Cheri Krause	
10 – Cindy Reeves Janzen	24 – Eldon Mast	
10 – Olive Loewer	28 – Duane Harrison	
10 – Douglas Minter		

*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.

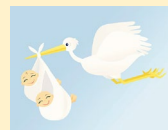
**CHURCH ADMINSTRATOR:** Ivanna is in the office on Tuesday from 6:30a to 2:30p and Wednesday from 6a to 2p.

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

**BMC WORK DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 11:** 7am – 10am. Everyone is invited to help keep our campus healthy and fresh! Possible work includes: clearing rocks in the back yard for better mowing; cleanup along the southeast corner of the lot where debris collects from the wind; some weeding, window washing, and painting. Let's make it our Ebenezer Saturday – helping to clear stones and even choosing one for our next Ebenezer Sunday in 2025!



**EXCITING NEWS:** Aaron and Anne (Cox) Miller (daughter and son-in-law of Karen Cox) are excited to share that they are expecting not one, but two baby boys in August 2024! They are thrilled to be growing their family (along with Luna and Iris, their furry ones). If you would like to be included in updates or receive a link to their registry, please text your email to Anne at (720) 438-8877. *May your journey be blessed with joy and good health, Anne & Aaron!*



**HYMN SING:** All Denver area Mennonite Churches are invited to gather for a hymn sing hosted by Glennon Heights Mennonite Church in Lakewood on Sunday, June 9th, at 1p.m. A time of

fellowship and refreshments will follow our time of singing. Special musical numbers from churches are welcome and encouraged.

**COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE DONATIONS:** Project Organizer Laura Minter announced that BMC has donated 264 pounds of food to the food drive we hosted. CFS is happy and grateful for the generosity of BMCers. Thank you!

**BMC/MDS/PRAYERSTREAM PARTICIPANTS:** Kevin Whitefeather, the leader we worked with during our service-learning adventure last summer, has invited us to continue our cleanup and clearing of the water ways that deliver water to the Taos Pueblo bison herd. If you are interested in participating in a 2- or 3-day work project on the land possibly sometime between late May and mid-July, Please contact Brenda Fox, [brendainboulder@yahoo.com](mailto:brendainboulder@yahoo.com) or 720-252-7939.

**THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY BIBLE IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PREORDERS.** Celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism with the Anabaptist Community Bible. This study Bible features commentary from 60 Anabaptist scholars, biblical insights from 16th-century Anabaptists, and marginal notes from nearly 600 study groups from Anabaptists around the globe. Preorders are discounted, up to \$20 off, and the bibles are available in hardcover, soft touch and genuine leather. If you would like BMC to place a preorder for you, please see Pastor Randy. [More info by clicking here.](#) BMC contributed notes to this 500-year endeavor!

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

### **MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE:**

**You are invited to a Virtual Meet and Greet with Pastor Dianne Garcia.** Wednesday, May 8th, 6:30 MST or Tuesday, May 21st, 11:30am MST. In January we held two Zoom conversations about expanding our conference, and now there's a knock on the proverbial door! Join us for one or both Zoom calls to get to know Pastor Dianne representing Roca de Refugio in San Antonio, a congregation interested in becoming part of Mountain States. These are discernment conversations about life together, so bring your questions, share your insights on our conference, and hear Dianne's heart. With one call midday and one in the evening, feel free to bring your lunch or dinner too! **RSVP to Amy at [amyz@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:amyz@mountainstatesmc.org) to get the Zoom link(s).**

**The April Zing! is available at this link: [Zing!](#)** Read about Mennonite Action in Mountain States.

**COMMUNITY PEACEMAKER TEAMS:** Pray that Apache Stronghold wins the case against Resolution Copper so they can live in harmony with the land and commune with their ancestors' spirits. Read more from Merwyn DeMello and his prayer for peacemakers [at the CPT website.](#)

### **MENNONITE CHURCH USA:**

**Pioneering Women in Ministry: A Panel Discussion.** A webinar hosted by Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz and moderated by Amy Zimbelman, with panelists Dianne Garcia and Marilyn Miller on the topic of pioneering women in ministry, including **BMC’s former Pastor Marilyn Miller!** [Watch in English here.](#)

**Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC)** has launched a website ([explorePOTC.org](http://explorePOTC.org)) where young adults across the U.S. can find information about non-military career, service and training opportunities. POTC is an independent initiative formed by [Mennonite Church USA](#) and [Mennonite Central Committee](#) to address the widespread issue of military recruitment on high school campuses. If you are interested in volunteering with POTC, please [complete this form](#) indicating your area of interest. POTC is funded, in part, by Mennonite Church USA’s Church Peace Tax Fund.

**MC USA Constituency Leaders Council finds hope in facing fears, sharing stories.** The MC USA Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) reflected on the question, “What does it mean to do church together?” at its biannual meeting at College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, on March 21-23, 2024. Moderator-elect Marty Lehman presided over the meeting, which introduced leaders to MC USA’s new strategic plan, invited them to participate in reinvention exercises, and offered inspiration through storytelling. Fifty-eight leaders, representing area conferences, racial/ethnic groups, constituency groups and MC USA Administration, attended the meeting. Pastor Randy led worship at the event and represented the Queer Constituency Council along with Pastor Shana Green (New Creation Fellowship, Newton, KS). [Read more here.](#)

**ECOLOGY TIP:** Even as we make responsible choices to reduce our individual carbon footprints, the impact of the world’s biggest polluters dwarf our efforts. In a recent poll, 76% of Americans think large companies that pollute should pay for the emissions that overheat our planet and tarnish our air. Write or call the President and our congress people and urge them to support bipartisan supported bills that propose to charge fees on foreign imports that are produced in ways which cause higher emissions.



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