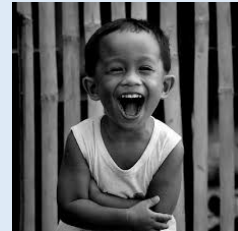




Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, July 21, 2024

Holy Humor Sunday



Mennonites visit the empty tomb

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

Humoresque

A. Dvorak

***Singing**

With happy voices singing

Text: v.1 William G. Tarrant, 1888, adapted by RLS, v.2-3 Elizabeth Cosnett; Music: unknown ELLECOMBE, harm W. Monk



1. With hap - py voic - es sing - ing, your peo - ple, God, ap - pear, our
 2. And shall we not bring laugh - ter, with jokes and joy - ous song, to

joy - ous prais - es bring - ing in an - thems full and clear. For
 dance up - on in - just - ice and make our voic - es strong? Oh

skies of gold - en splen - dor, for the Rock - ies' pur - ple hue, for
 bless our laugh - ing, sing - ing as we walk in Jes - us' Way, and

Col - um - bine in ten - der bloom, O God, we wor - ship you!
 help us be light - heart - ed and share a smile to - day!

Call to Worship

Leader: Let God's people laugh—

All: at ourselves, at the craziness of the world, at suffering and strife.

Leader: Let's God's people be a people of joy—

*All: awakening to the humorous in our faith,
in our relationships, in our lives.*

Leader: Here in this place,

*All: may we awaken to the joy and laughter of life,
of one another, and of God!*

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing

What a fellowship

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Singing and Centering in Joy

This Joy, by Resistance Revival Chorus

1. This joy that I have, the world did - n't give it to me.
This joy that I have, the world did - n't give it to me.
This joy that I have, the world did - n't give it to me.
The world did - n't give it, the world can't take it a - way!
(love.... strength... joy!)

Passing the Peas



Offering Invitation/Blessing

Please place your prayer requests in the basket with your offering.

Offertory

Queen of the Night from *The Magic Flute*

W.A. Mozart

HEARING

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Genesis 18.1-15

God appeared to Abraham at the Oaks of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent. It was the hottest part of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three travelers standing nearby. He ran from his tent to greet them and bowed before them, saying, "If it please you, stop for a while with your servant. I'll get some water so you can wash your feet. Rest under this tree. I'll get some food to refresh you on your way, since your travels have brought you across my path." They said, "Certainly. Go ahead."

Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. He said, "Hurry. Get our best flour; knead it and make bread." Then Abraham ran to the cattle pen and picked out a nice plump calf and gave it to a servant who lost no time getting it ready. Then he got curds and milk, brought them with the roasted calf, set the meal before the travelers, and waited on them under the tree while they ate.

The visitors said to Abraham, "Where is Sarah?" Abraham said, "In the tent." One of them said, "I'm coming back about this time next year. When I arrive, Sarah will have a child."

Sarah was listening at the tent opening, just behind the man. Abraham and Sarah were old by this time, very old. Sarah was far past the age for having babies. So, Sarah laughed within herself, "An old woman like me? Get pregnant? With this old man of a husband?"

The Eternal One said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh saying, 'Me? Have a baby? An old woman like me?' Is there anything too wonderful for God to do? I'll be back at this time next year and Sarah will have a child." Sarah was afraid and said, "I didn't laugh." But God said, "Oh, but you did indeed laugh!"

Gospel Reading

John 15.11-15

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.

Singing

We are people of God's peace, vv. 1, 3

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Sharing our Joy and Laughter

Is there anything too wonderful for God to do?

RESPONDING

Singing

My soul cries out

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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

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Pez Tor Endy, Khan Creek Ants
Worship Leader:	Chess Tin Math Us
Readers:	Zoos In Grape Purr, Chew Teak Loss Son
Music:	Jest Him Ath Us, Jute Eek Laws Sun, Pass Tore And He
Tech Support:	Elf Reds A Wads Key
Greeters:	Pull Gloss Sun, My Call Lean Vest
Snacks:	Mike Gull Invest, Cuss Goof Has

July 14: Attendance: 25 Offering:

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship and mingling
11:00a

THIS WEEK at BMC

7/23 Singing small group, 6:30p
7/24 Centering prayer, 11a
7/26-28 MSMC Annual Assembly (Beth-El Mennonite)



NEXT SUNDAY – July 28:

9:30am Mountain States Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly @Beth-El

Speaker: Virtual Worship from Annual Conference Assembly
Worship Leader: Steve Voran
Music: Jean McPherson, Susan Graber
Tech Support: Steve & Elleanna Voran
Greeters: Joan & Ezra Tice
Snacks: Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn

COMING UP

8/2-8/4 EPIC Board meeting
 8/4 Worship @BMC with EPIC leaders
 8/4 Heresy, Heretics, and, (dis)Harmony (H3) BMC small group, 4pm,
 @Becky's, 2541 N. Franklin Ave, Louisville; Everyone welcome!
 8/7 Centering Prayer small group, 11a
 8/8 BMC Church Council, 6pm
 8/13 Singing Small Group, 6:30pm
 8/14 PCRC meeting, 9am
 8/14 Deacons meeting, 1pm

~PRAYERS~

~from **Jen Dudenhefer**: We celebrate having a friend stay with us this week so she can attend dance workshops at CU. We hope for meaningful training for **Kaitlyn** and lots of good friend time with all the girls together.
 ~for healing for **Herm Weaver**, who has been diagnosed with a bladder tumor. Surgery has been scheduled for July 30.

July Birthdays	
3 – Elvira Glenn	11 – Finn Osborne-Gowey
6 – Ezra Tice	21 – David Edwin Ward
7 – Teresa Troester-Falk	30 – Sarah Falk

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

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

HARVEST OF HOPE: Please consider donating to the food insecure in our community. Please bring your nonperishable goods and place them in the blue bin at the back of the sanctuary. All items will be dropped off to Harvest of Hope at the end of the month.



BMC COMMUNITY HELP IN MOVING! There are a couple of opportunities coming up to help BMCers who are moving: **Xelda Spaulding** is moving from her current place (just off Table Mesa) to Marpa House Co-op (12th St.) in Boulder. She needs help moving on **Monday, July 29th**, beginning around 10am. **Pastor Randy and Gary** are moving to Camden Flatirons Apartments (near US 36 and Wadsworth). They will need help moving on **Saturday morning, August 17**. Please reach out and let them know if you are available and can help. Thank you!

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

ASSEMBLY IS ONLY 5 DAYS AWAY: "Creativity can solve almost any problem. The creative act, the defeat of habit by originality, overcomes everything." We are called as followers of Jesus to imagine a new way of living and use our creativity to be the Kingdom. During Assembly, we will have an opportunity to create a mural on an outside wall at Beth-El! We will be painting paper cranes and adding our fingerprints to dandelion seeds as symbols of our collective creativity in spreading the Kingdom in our lives and in our communities. **Mountain States Mennonite Conference Assembly 2024** begins Friday evening! Click [here](#).

PLAN NOW to spend your Labor Day holiday weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for the annual Work and Play Retreats! In exchange for your help with camp projects during the retreat, there is no charge for the weekend. For more information and to register click [here](#).

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK: Mennonite Mission Network Workers Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill begin their ministry in Paris, France as Directors of the Paris Mennonite Center August 2024 and are in need of additional prayer and financial support. This work relates to conflict resolution in the church, across cultures, and around the globe through an Anabaptist tradition of peace and justice. To donate directly to their ministry: Donate to Woodward-Breckbills serving in France (myvanco.com). To become a prayer partner or indicate a future

donation [Make a pledge here](#). For more information or any questions, contact Elizabeth Eby, Ministry Support Team Coordinator, at ElizabethE@MMNworld.net or (574) 523-3015.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

MCC immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas, Aug. 18-23: The tour will give participants the chance to meet with law enforcement officials from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), gain insights into the complexity of immigration enforcement, including deportation and apprehensions, and visiting migrant response shelters. The tour will shed light on the challenges faced by migrants on their journey and raise awareness about the asylum process, and conditions faced by displaced and uprooted individuals. [Find out more and register for the trip by August 9.](#)

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

Holding it(.) Together is a podcast, produced by MC USA's Women in Leadership, that delves into the lives and experiences of people across MC USA. [Listen here.](#)

Menno Snapshots: Martin Gunawan shares about his cultural heritage through his childhood in Indonesia and adult life in the United States. Read his interview [here.](#)

ECOLOGY TIP: The Climate Justice branch of the Mennonite Church just hosted a webinar which can inform us on responses to climate change. A recording of this webinar, entitled: [Climate Resiliency as an Act of Love](#), is now available on YouTube. Featured panelist Josh Richardson, pastor of St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship and founder of Brugmansia Ministries, helps congregations understand weather and disaster risks and points to resources for making your congregation a place of refuge and resiliency. MC USA partnered with One Home One Future to produce this webinar.



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