



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, October 13, 2024

A Service of the Word



Perseverance

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 *A Storm is Brewing* Kristen Denny-Chambers
***Singing** God of our strength 47

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us seek rest at the altar of God—

**People: Where even the infant can find comfort and protection;
where even the weak can find justice and peace.**

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in God's presence—

**People: Where even the lily may grow in glory,
where even the grass may be clothed with life.**

All: Blessed are those who trust in you, O God, our Home and our Provider!

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing Great is thy faithfulness 419

Centering Prayer adapted from Psalm 9

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 *Prairie Song* Kristen Denny-Chambers

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

New Testament Reading James 1.1-17

From James, a servant of God and our Savior Jesus the Anointed, To the twelve tribes of the diaspora: Greetings. **Think of it as pure joy, my sisters and brothers, whenever you**

face trials of any sort. You understand that your faith is put to the test only to make you patient, but patience too has its practical results—it’s to make you fully mature and lacking in nothing. If you lack wisdom, ask for it from God, who gives generously and ungrudgingly to all, and it will be given to you. But you must ask in faith, never doubting, for the doubter is like the surf tossed and driven by the wind. People like this must not expect to receive anything from God, for they are devious and erratic in all they do.

Let sisters and brothers who are in humble circumstances take pride in their high position, and let rich people take pride in their lowliness, for they will disappear “like the flowers of the field.” When the sun comes up with its scorching heat and parches the meadow, the flowers wither and the meadow’s loveliness disappears. Just so will the rich people wither away amid their many concerns.

Blessed are those who persevere under trial! Once their worth has been proven, they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to the faithful. No one who is tempted is free to say, “I am being tempted by God.” God, who is not touched by evil, tempts no one. Those who are tempted are attracted and seduced by their own wrong desires. Then the desires conceive and give birth to sin, and when that sin is fully grown, it too has a child—death.

Make no mistake about this, my dear sisters and brothers: every **worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above, descending from the Creator of the heavenly luminaries, who cannot change and is never in shadow.**

Singing When peace like a river, v. 1 617

Reflection *Perseverance*

RESPONDING

Singing My life flows on, vv. 1, 2, 4 605

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Song** Heart with loving heart united, vv. 1, 3 813

Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality



About our Guest Speaker: Melissa S. Roth descended from centuries of Mennonite pastors and bishops, but didn't grow up Mennonite, as her family was without Mennonite practice for 4 generations. She encountered Mennonites in college, and 15 years later was baptized into Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster. She earned her M. Div. from Eastern Mennonite Seminary. She lives in Colorado Springs and is an ordained Mennonite community pastor. Roth has served Mennonite churches in Pennsylvania, Virginia, St. Louis, Dallas, Colorado, and Sarasota. She is married to Lauren David Roth, who serves as the MSMC treasurer. She nurtures her creative side with painting, reading, cooking, and dreaming / proclaiming a better world, the Kingdom of God. *Welcome, Rev. Roth – blessings as you share with us today!*

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Guest Speaker:	Rev. Melissa Roth
Worship Leader:	Joan Tice
Readers:	Michelene Fast
Music:	Judy Classen, Justin Mathis
Tech Support:	Bruce Wheeler, Steve Voran
Greeters:	Paul Classen, Toni Diaz Bachus
Snacks:	Judy Classen
Moment for All Ages:	Karen Cox

October 6:

Attendance: 33

Offering: \$1,250

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship and mingling
11a Adult/Youth joint Education Hour
4p Heresy, Heretics, and (dis)Harmony @Freedom Street Social
15177 Candelas Parkway, Arvada CO 80007

THIS WEEK at BMC

10/15 MSMC pastors meet
10/19 Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, Castle Rock, CO

NEXT SUNDAY – October 20:

9:30am Worship and mingling
11:00am Adult/Youth join Education Hour: *Be Not Afraid: Readyng for Election Day*

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Douglas Minter
Readers:	Jean McPherson, Sandi Sanborn
Music:	Justin Mathis, Pastor Randy Spaulding
Tech Support:	Tice Family

Greeters: Paul Classen, Michelene Fast
Snacks: Toni Diaz Bachus

COMING UP

10/22 Singing small group, 6:30p
10/23 Centering Prayer small group, 11a
10/24 BMC Church Council, 5pm
11/1 All Saints' day
11/3 All Souls' day observance at BMC – reading the names of those who have died in the last year.
11/2 MSMC Faith & Life Forum First Mennonite (Denver)
11/5 Election Day in the US
11/10 Heresy, Heretics, and (dis)Harmony, 4p @ Sanitas Brewing Co.
12/1 Advent Season begins
12/13 Pastor Randy & Gary's Holiday Open House
12/14 Casa de Paz fundraiser @Posner Center
12/15 Heresy, Heretics, and (dis)Harmony, 4p

~PRAYERS~

- ~re: Hurricane Helene. For the folks of southern Appalachia, in the horrible flooding disasters.
- ~**Carole Suderman**. From **Douglas Minter**: continued prayers of support for **those recovering**, including Jill's sister and niece whose homes in Asheville, North Carolina were spared from the significant flooding Some of their friends' homes were not. The damage there has been catastrophic.
- ~for **Caroline**, the daughter of my friend, **Patty: Caroline** delivered twins on Thursday, but has had a hard time recovering. She had a blood transfusion on Thursday but is still bleeding internally. She is set to have a hysterectomy today. Patty is very scared for Caroline's health.
- ~**Becky Neumann**
- ~for **Yoger and Vilimar**: both receiving their work authorization paperwork and social security numbers. Vilimar starts a new job next week. ~**Becky Neumann**
- ~from **Cheri Krause**: We just had Rosh Hashanah, New Year, for our Jewish kin. The rest of the Jewish high holy days are in October. I pray for safety in the face of antisemitism and wonderful and reflective holidays.
- ~of comfort and peace for the family of **Eldon Mast**, whose father, **Ernie**, of Lancaster, PA, died suddenly at the age of 82. Please remember Ernie's wife, **Esther**.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS		OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Toni Diaz Bachus	21 – Karen Cox	4 – Cheri Krause & Justin Mathis
3 – Judy Classen	23 – Steve Falk	6 – Jill & Douglas Minter
Joyce Penner	24 – Anne Cox	10 – Becky & Alfred Sawatzky
10 – Terry Mast	28 – Joanna Harrison	16 – Gwen Grasse & Steve Voran
Carole Suderman	29 – Steve Ruby	17 – Elvira & Ed Glenn
16 – Alexandra Clement	30 – Cat Osborne-Gowey	
17 – Emma Falk	30 – Eden Harrison	
19 – Chris Friedman		

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

Please call in or email (info@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Thursday, 7:00am.

DEACONS:; Paul Classen: 316-217-2355; Cheri Krause: 510-227-9712; Toni Diaz Bachus: 303-579-4290

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 out of the office this week. You may still email her with all things church-related.

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

PASTOR CONGREGATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Thanks to all who participated in the 2024 survey by the Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee. We asked what draws you to this congregation and most responses mentioned relationships with others in the congregation. We asked about Randy’s ministry among us and you strongly affirmed him in his role as our pastor. You also offered suggested changes and several of these have been implemented. A summary of the responses is now available on request. Let Ezra Tice (Ezra.M.Tice@gmail.com) know if you’d like to have a copy.

CROP WALK: As Jesus called us to feed the hungry, one way to do that is to support the CROP walk, this year being held at the Cairn Christian Church, 1700 Stonehenge Dr., Lafayette on Sunday, October 20 starting at 1:30. Please consider signing up as a walker to join the fun with an ecumenical group from many churches. You can also donate to any BMC walkers. Our goal is \$1500. Let's match Laura Minter who has raised over \$700 already!! The funds are given to Church World Service (international, 8.75%), Community Food Share (local, 24%), and Bread for the World (advocate for legislation benefiting the poor, 1%). Let’s build a great team from BMC! Talk to Paul or Judy Classen or Carole Suderman for more information. Click here to sign up to walk and donate at our Boulder Mennonite website:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/boulder-mennonite-church>

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE (MDS): Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers are in western North Carolina responding to the impacts of Hurricane Helene with equipment to move debris, mud, and downed trees. MDS is accepting donations for the recovery effort. Please pray for the people impacted by the hurricane and the volunteers as they respond.

Visit MDS.org to see the latest volunteer needs or to make a donation. Check donations can be mailed to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Write “Hurricane Helene” on the memo line.

COMMUNITY FOOD SHARES NEED VOLUNTEERS: From Laura Minter: CFS is low on volunteers, especially volunteers who can speak both English and Spanish. CFS would be happy to get more help. Community food share does allow kids 12-15 to volunteer as long as they have an adult to volunteer with them. You do have to be at least 16 to volunteer by yourself. If anyone is interested in volunteering, they can [go to the website](#) and create an account to sign up to volunteer.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

MENNONITE DISASTER ENCOUNTER TRAILER: The trailer will be at Glennon Heights on Sunday, October 20. If you miss the chance to see it at the MCC sale or would like to experience it again, please come out to the trailer during your Fellowship hour. There will be a light lunch served. The trailer simulates being in a tornado. There is no cost for the experience. Mennonite Disaster Service helps individuals who have experienced natural disasters throughout the nation. Come join the experience. If you have questions, contact Mary Johnson at 303-726-9890.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE: We are excited to welcome everyone to the **Rocky Mountain MCC Sale on Saturday, October 19th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds!** It promises to be a fantastic day with something for everyone. As part of our preparations, we kindly ask that as many donations as possible be delivered to the fairgrounds on Friday, October 18th, while setup takes place throughout the day. Please check with people from your church to see if donations can be sent along with someone arriving on Friday. For Craft Booth donations, please contact Jeni Hielt Umble at jeni.umble@gmail.com. For donations to any of the auctions (general, silent, kids), please contact Darcey VanWagner at mdvw@comcast.net or Ann Birkey at annbirkey@gmail.com. Food item donations for pantry or pie booth (only fruit or shoo fly pies) can be brought on Friday or Saturday morning, whichever is more convenient.

FAITH AND LIFE FORUM: Mark your calendars! Saturday, November 2, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm First Mennonite Church, Denver *Learning to Hope in the Dark: Practices of Faith for Uncertain Times* With pastor, educator, and author Shannon Dycus. Registration information coming soon! Interested in carpooling? Speak with Pastor Randy.

MENNONITE MEN: Worship Resources for Trees of Life: Hope for God's Earth

Both the US and Canada designate days each spring to plant trees and celebrate ecological awareness. These present a good opportunity to celebrate and plant trees for creation care and climate action. Trees are the best, most cost-efficient natural climate solution. Trees not only sequester carbon, cool the planet, and slow climate change, but support biodiversity and provide an array of amazing other benefits. This packet provides worship resources for congregations who wish to focus on trees of life in the ecology of God's creation. [Download it HERE.](#)

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff responded with disappointment and significant questions about Mosaic Mennonite Conference's announcement recommending withdrawal from the denomination. Read more [here](#).

Season Two of MC USA's "Lead/Follow" podcast for pastors and leaders has begun! Watch new episodes on YouTube or listen on Apple or Spotify! Watch or listen [here](#). View the PDF [here](#). View the PowerPoint slide [here](#).

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Responding to the crisis in Lebanon and Gaza: Up to a million people in Lebanon have been displaced in the last few days due to increasing military attacks. And the grave humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues. You can donate and provide relief today. MCC continues to respond to the needs of displaced people in Lebanon and Gaza. MCC is providing relief to recently displaced people in Lebanon with food, hygiene, bedding and psychosocial support. Please pray for an end to the violence and for a just peace in Israel and Palestine. Donate online [here](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: This next weekend offers us the opportunity to attend the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale, this year being held at Castle Rock. To save emissions and gas, (as well as to build community), ask around to find companions with whom to carpool. Or, load up your vehicle with school kits, since a trailer will be there to transport them to Kansas. MCC is involved in many creation care initiatives, including sustainable agriculture.



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