



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, October 27, 2024

30th Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time

A Service of the Word



Healing of the Blind Man, Ethiopian icon

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** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 88

Call to Worship

Leader: God of all time, who rules all creation,

People: our years belong to you.

Leader: Our endings are often your beginnings.

People: Our dreamings are often your realities.

Leader: You affirm our past

People: and give life to our future.

Leader: We pray:

*All: May we open our eyes this day to see the signs of
Love's Creativity that surround us and bless us.*

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing Let us build a house 36

Centering Prayer adapted from Psalm 126

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

Hebrew Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31.7-9

For thus says the Eternal One: Sing aloud with joy for Jacob! Hail the Head of Nations! Make your praises heard, and say, ‘Eternal One, save your people, Israel’s remnant!’

For I will bring them from the lands of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth—the blind and the lame will be among them, along with expectant mothers and women in labor. They will return in vast numbers.

They will return weeping and praying. I will guide them in my mercy. I will lead them beside streams of water, along level ground where they will not stumble. For I am forever a mother and father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.”

Gospel Reading

Mark 10.46-52

Jesus and his friends came to Jericho. As they were leaving with a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting alongside the road. When he learned that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to shout: **“You son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!”** And many kept yelling at Bartimaeus to shut up, but he shouted all the louder, **“You son of David, have mercy on me!”**

Jesus paused and said, **“Tell him to come over here!”** They called to the blind man, **“Be brave, get up, he’s calling you!”** So Bartimaeus threw off his cloak, and jumped to his feet, and went over to Jesus. In response Jesus said, **“What do you want me to do for you?”**

The blind man said to him, **“Rabbi, I want to see again!”** And Jesus said to him, **“Be on your way, your trust has cured you.”** And right away Bartimaeus regained his sight and started following Jesus on the road.

Singing

Open our eyes, Lord

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Now Testament Reading

Helen Keller from *Light in My Darkness*

[T]hose who have been mentally blinded "in the gradual furnace of the world" can, and must, be pressed to look for new capabilities within themselves and work out new ways to happiness. They may even resent faith that expects nobler things from them. They may say in effect, "I will be content if you take me for what I am—dull, or mean, or hard, or selfish." But it is an affront to them and to the eternal dignity of humanity to acquiesce to this request.... How little we know ourselves! We need limitations and temptations to open our inner selves, dispel our ignorance, tear off disguises, throw down old idols, and destroy false standards. Only by such rude awakenings can we be led to dwell in a place where we are less cramped, less hindered by the ever-insistent external world. Only then do we discover a new capacity and appreciation of goodness and beauty and truth.

Reflection

Lie down? Get up, he’s calling you!

RESPONDING

**Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People**

SENDING

Announcements***Benediction*****Sending Song**

The hand of God shall hold you

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Call to Worship: adapted from

http://www.rexahuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_b_liturgy_collection/year_b_pentecostafter/pentecost21b25102009.htmlHelen Keller, *Light in My Darkness*, 1927, 2000 Chrysalis Pub.Cover art: [Global Christian Worship - Lord Have Mercy on Me \(Kyrie\): Bartimaeus in Global Art](#)**Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!**

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Cheri Krause
Readers:	Laura Minter, Douglas Minter
Music:	Judy Classen, Susan Graber
Tech Support:	Steve Voran, Elleanna Voran
Greeters:	Ezra & Joan Tice
Snacks:	Cindy Firnhaber
Moment for All Ages:	Judy Classen

October 20:**Attendance: 45****Offering: \$2,270.00**

Please Note: Offerings are falling significantly behind the annual budget in the past two months. Your regular donations and special gifts are gratefully received and important for the work of the congregation. *Thank you!*

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship and mingling
11:00a	Adult/Youth joint Education Hour: <i>Be Not Afraid: Readying for Election Day.</i> Pastor Randy, facilitator

THIS WEEK at BMC

10/30	Deacons mtg., 9am
10/31	All Hallow's Eve
11/2	Faith & Life Forum, 1 st Mennonite, Denver
11/1-2	All Saints' and All Souls' Day

NEXT SUNDAY – **November 3:** All Souls’ day observance at BMC – reading the names oand honoring those who have died in the last year.

9:30am Worship and mingling

11:00am Connecting Sunday – No education classes. Extended snacks and conversation time.

Speaker: Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader: Sandi Sanborn
Readers: Joanna Harrison, Toni Diaz Bachus
Music: Bruce Fast, Elleanna Voran
Tech Support: Tice Family
Greeters: Elvira Glenn, Karl Ortman
Snacks: Jen Dudenhefer
Moment for All Ages: Mary & Paul McKay

COMING UP

11/1-2 All Saints’ and All Souls’ 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)
11/3 Advent/Christmas/Epiphany worship planning, 12pm
11/5 BMC Prayer meeting on Zoom, 6pm
11/5 Election Day in the US
11/10 Heresy, Heretics, and (dis)Harmony, 4p @ Sanitas Brewing Co.
11/17 BMC Auction and Birthday
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~

~from **Susan Graber**: Prayers of thanks for [Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship](#) that celebrated 50 years last weekend. I was so happy to be there and reconnect with some dear people.
~from **Steve Ruby**: Thank you for the life of my friend, **Tom**, who died last week. And thank you for the life of **Boulder Mennonite Church!** Prayers for my brother, **Mike**, who struggles with rage.
~for continued healing for **Lisa Voss**, who still has pain from her recent knee replacement surgery.
~for **peace** and **civility** as we head toward Election Day in the US, and for the same after the election.

November Birthdays

1 – Suzanne Classen
14 – Carter McKay Epp
18 – Xelda Spaulding
20 – Debrah Falk
22 – Benjamin Falk

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

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

HARVEST OF HOPE: Each month our BMC community generously donates to Harvest of Hope, a food bank that serves the Boulder community. If you are interested in donating non perishable food to the food insecure in our community, please bring your items to the church and place them in the blue bin at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

ERIE HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: If you may be in the market for a new mattress, please consider shopping at the Erie High marching band pop-up sale. Sunday, Nov 3 (10am-4pm) at Erie High School. Shoppers who mention Erin Dudenhefer receive free gift with mattress purchase! NOTE: the gym is transformed into a showroom. Many mattresses are discounted as much as 50% off! Orders are placed for future delivery; you don't need to bring your pickup truck to the pop-up sale. This fundraiser helps the EHS marching band pay for their new uniforms. Thank you for your support!

CONGRATS to LAURA MINTER, who is one of the top 15 volunteers at Community Food Share this year, based on hours served. She has served over 165 hours volunteering there since January of 2024. *Thank you for your caring service, Laura!*

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

ELECTION DAY BMC PRAYER MEETING: Join BMCers at 6pm on Election Day in the USA (Tuesday, November 5). We'll meet on Zoom for a brief, 30-minute time of connecting, reflecting and praying together for our nation and the world. This is one of the most significant elections in our US history. Join us to find support, comfort and peace! [Click here for the Zoom link.](#) Pastor Randy will be at the church the day after the election, with the church open for prayer or support, if needed. Pass the word!

WORSHIP PLANNING FOR ADVENT: All those interested in worship planning (worship leaders, musicians, artists, storytellers, etc.) for the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season, please meet at Noon on Sunday, November 3 in the sanctuary. We'll share a light lunch and prepare using worship materials from our Mennonite resources for the season. Please RSVP to randy@bouldermennonite.org. Thanks!

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE – SUNDAY, November 3rd. Who are the important people in your life who have died in the last year? Who made a lasting impression on your faith journey –family, friend, or famous—who has died? Join us in worship as we remember and honor persons in the last year who have died and are dear to us. We will **write their names in our Book of Life** and light candles in their memory. Pastor Randy will read the names aloud during worship. If you will be in the sanctuary, bring a photo or picture to place on the worship table to celebrate their life and light! If you join us via Zoom, have a photo nearby. If you will not be attending but would like your loved one's name written in the book, please email Randy at randy@bouldermennonite.org.



THE BMC AUCTION IS SUNDAY, November 17th. We will share some finger foods after worship and begin the live auction at 11:00 a.m. Click this link to **donate an auction item:** [AUCTION DONATIONS](#), or visit the BMC website under "Events". Our annual auction helps BMC remain active in our ministries and programs in the community. Thank you!



~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

FLATIRONS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY invites you for a special Luncheon on November 14 at 11:45am. It will be hosted by Atonement Lutheran Church in Boulder. Join other faith groups in the community for a meaningful discussion and fellowship as we work to build homes, communities, and hope. Please RSVP (dmccolley@flatironshabitat.org) by November 7. I look forward to the opportunity to connect with you and hear your insights.

ATTENTION YOUTH AND PARENTS: A new committee is forming to increase youth programming to connect middle school and high school youth (6th-12th grade) across churches in the Mountain States region. Mark your calendars for the following events:
January 24-26, 2025 - Junior High Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp
February 14-16, 2025 - Senior High Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

July 8-12, 2025 - MennoCon 2025 Youth Convention "Follow Jesus", Greensboro, North Carolina. More details to come.

If you're interested in joining this committee of folks interested in the youth of our region please contact either Annaken Toews (Beth-El Mennonite Church) at annakenmtoews@gmail.com or Katrina Toews (Western Slope Mennonite Fellowship) at info@westernslopemennonite.org

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES: Hurricane Helene has deeply impacted communities across North Carolina, including our locations in [Montreat](#) and [Asheville](#). While we are grateful that our team members are safe, the damage to homes, community centers, and local spaces has been devastating. These communities face a long road to recovery, and due to the extensive damage, it may take several months before we can safely reopen our stores. Right now, we need your support to help rebuild these communities.

Here's how you can help:

1. [Donate to support](#) our impacted team members and local community recovery efforts.
2. Shop online this week to [support the Montreat store](#) or to [support the Asheville store](#). Your purchase through these links contributes directly to these locations and keeps our mission of fair trade alive in the community. Thank you for standing with us during this challenging time. Together, we can provide hope and help to those who need it most.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

Save the date!: MC USA is pleased to announce that the 2025 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](#). View the PDF [here](#). View the PowerPoint slide [here](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: According to Simon Stiell, UN Climate Change Executive Secretary, we cannot afford to lose four years in our efforts to reverse climate change. Consider carefully and prayerfully which candidates will be passionate about passing laws to clean up our air and water, protect endangered species, and reduce the carbon footprint, so that God's creation may be preserved. May this be a guide as we cast our votes.



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