

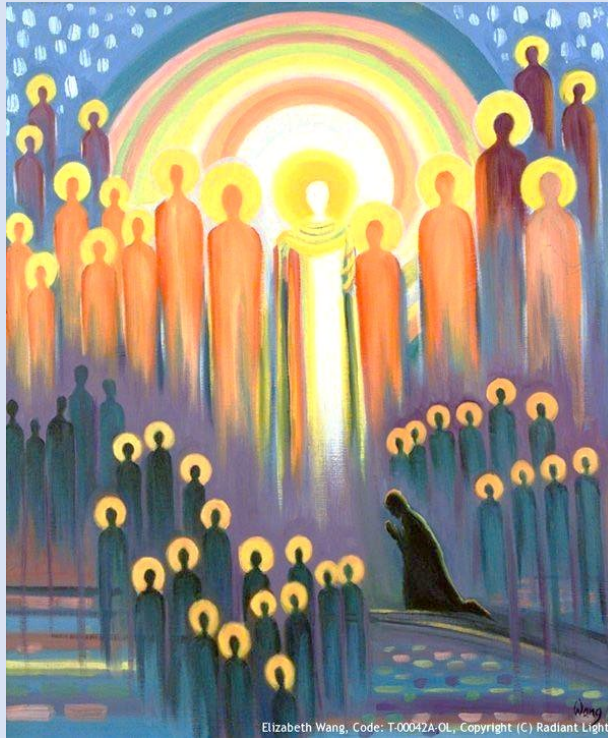


Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, November 3, 2024

All Souls Sunday, 31st Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time

A Service of the Word



Cloud of Witnesses
Elizabeth Wang
oil-on-canvas

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, we that love the Lord, vv. 1, 4 31

Call to Worship

Leader: God of love, light a flame of love in our hearts to you,

People: **a flame of love to our families and friends,
a flame of love to our neighbors,
a flame of love to our enemies,
a flame of love for the living and the dead.**

Leader: Light a flame of love in our hearts to all, from the lowliest thing that lives to the Name that is highest of all.

All: Amen.

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing The love of God 162

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

New Testament Reading

Revelation 21.1-6

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day.

And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne, “Look! God’s Tabernacle is among humankind! God will live with them; they will be God’s people, and God will be fully present among them. The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen.”

The One who sat on the throne said, “Look! I’m making everything new!” and added, “Write this, for what I am saying is trustworthy and true.”

And that One continued, “It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To those who are thirsty I will give drink freely from the spring of the water of life.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5.1-12

When Creator Sets Free (Jesus) saw this great crowd, he went back up into the mountainside and sat down to teach the people. His followers came to him there, so he took a deep breath, opened his mouth, and began to share his wisdom with them and teach them how to see Creator’s good road.

“Creator’s blessing rests on the poor, the ones with broken spirits. **The good road from above is theirs to walk.** Creator’s blessing rests on the ones who walk a trail of tears, **for he will wipe the tears from their eyes and comfort them.** Creator’s blessing rests on the ones who walk softly and in a humble manner. **The earth, land, and sky will welcome them and always be their home.** Creator’s blessing rests on the ones who hunger and thirst for wrongs to be made right again. **They will eat and drink until they are full.** Creator’s blessing rests on the ones who are merciful and kind to others. **Their kindness will find its way back to them—full circle.** Creator’s blessing rests on the pure of heart. **They are the ones who will see the Great Spirit.**

“Creator’s blessing rests on the ones who make peace. **It will be said of them, ‘They are the children of the Great Spirit!’** Creator’s blessing rests on the ones who are hunted down and mistreated for doing what is right, **for they are walking the good road from above.** Others will lie about you, speak against you, and look down on you with scorn and contempt, all because you walk the road with me. This is a sign that Creator’s blessing is resting on you. **So let your hearts be glad and jump for joy, for you will be honored in the spirit-world above. You are like the prophets of old, who were treated in the same way by your ancestors.**

Singing

Nothing is lost on the breath of God

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Now Testament Reading

Sighs, Birago Diop

Hear more often things than beings, the voice of the fire listening, hear the voice of the water. Hear in the wind the bushes sobbing, it is the sigh of our forebears.

Those who are dead are never gone: they are there in the thickening shadow. The dead are not under the earth: they are in the tree that rustles, they are in the wood that groans, they are in the water that sleeps, they are in the hut, they are in the crowd. The dead are not dead.

Those who are dead are never gone, they are in the breast of the woman, they are in the child who is wailing and in the firebrand that flames.

The dead are not under the earth: they are in the fire that is dying, they are in the grasses that weep, they are in the whimpering rocks, they are in the forest, they are in the house.

The dead are not dead.

Reflection

Everything made new

RESPONDING

Singing

For all the saints

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Reading of the Names

(The names of persons who have died in the last year are read)

Candle Lighting

(You are invited to light a candle from the Community Candle in honor of a person(s) you are remembering today)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Prayer

Leader: For those who walked with us,

People: this is a prayer.

Leader: For those who have gone ahead,

People: this is a blessing.

Leader: For those who touched and tendered us,
who lingered with us while they lived,

People: this is a thanksgiving.

Leader: For those who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,

All: this is a benediction.

*Sending Song

God be with you till we meet again

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality, and The First Nations Version, InterVarsity Press
Sending Prayer adapted from Jan Richardson in *In Wisdom's Path*, 2000 The Pilgrim Press
Call to Worship, adapted from STJ 121 and the *Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland*, 1994
Cover art: <https://radiantlight.org.uk/>
Birago Diop, quoted in "The Fruitful Darkness" by Joan Halifax, 2004 Grove Press

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

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

October 27: Attendance: 44 Offering: \$2,348

TODAY at BMC

- 9:30a Worship and mingling
- 11:00a Connecting Sunday – No education classes. Extended snacks and conversation time. Conversation starter: *What is something you are thankful for this year?*

THIS WEEK at BMC

- 11/3 Advent/Christmas/Epiphany worship planning, 12pm
- 11/5 BMC Prayer meeting on Zoom, 6pm
- 11/5 Election Day in the US

NEXT SUNDAY – November 10: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:30am Worship and mingling
- 11:00am

- Speaker:** Pastor Randy Spaulding
- Worship Leader:** Susan Graber
- Readers:** Judy Classen, Berit Jany
- Music:** Jean McPherson, Randy Spaulding
- Tech Support:** Alfred Sawatzky
- Greeters:** Becky Neumann
- Snacks:** Michelene Fast, Tammie Bernstein

COMING UP

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
12/24	BMC Christmas Eve Soup Potluck, 5:30pm Christmas Eve Carols and Candlelight, 6:30pm

~PRAYERS~

~from **Paul & Mary McKay**: Prayer that when people cast their ballots, they will vote for climate.

~for the **Eakins/Moore** family ~ **Lee Eakins**

November Birthdays

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

~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 ~

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!

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!



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!*

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE: Relief Sale Preliminary Report:
Thanks to all the folks who supported the sale in the new location. Special thanks to those who volunteered to help with the auction. Total-Last year's auction was exceptionally large, and the total was higher than this year. But the 2022 totals for the two auctions and donations were \$57,230.00 so 2024 exceeds by a significant amount. Bidder registration for 2024 was 288 which compares to the 10-year average registration of 197. We do not have any figures from the booths at this point, so the figures shared here are only the result of what took place during the auctions. Figures for 2024: General Auction-\$13,763.50; Quilt Auction-\$45,725.00; Donations-\$11,529.95

REMEMBER TO VOTE on Tuesday, November 5, if you haven't already sent in your ballots! Vote YES on J! (Yes, churches can take positions on ballot amendments and initiatives; we just can't endorse political candidates or parties.) As progressive Jesus-folk, it's our responsibility to be informed voters, to seek God's wisdom, to actually vote and encourage others to do the same. Thank you!



~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

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

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

MC USA Faith Values: As a denomination that seeks to extend peace and dismantle oppression and violence, MC USA has a distinct perspective on social justice issues and concerns that impact our communities. Learn more about MC USA's faith values, ongoing peace and justice

work and resources for further understanding in the new “Exploring the Issues” downloadable resource series. Read the first background on immigration [here](#).

Join MC USA's Climate Justice Coordinator Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler in imagining a sustainable future for ourselves, our children, and our planet by participating in an online book study of the compelling and timely book, "So We and Our Children May Live" by Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler. Drawing from Scripture, science, Indigenous wisdom, and personal stories, the authors invite us to open our hearts and our culture to deep, Spirit-led transformation. Register [here](#).

Menno Snapshots: Stanley Green, executive conference minister of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, offers this prayer, calling us to conflict transformation and peace, while asking God for wisdom and courage to enact change in a world full of discord and despair. Read it [here](#).

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

MCC Borderlands Peace Camp, Jan. 19-25, 2025: Young adults, ages 18-30, are invited to join MCC in El Paso, TX and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico in January! This MCC Peace Camp will explore topics of peace and justice through the lens of migration, including the Biblical mandate of hospitality. Find out more and register by January 5 at mcc.org/borderlands-peace-camp.

Serving And Learning Together (SALT) Applications Now Open For 2025!: Each year, MCC offers 80+ unique opportunities to serve with our local partners working for relief, development and peace around the world. Explore the numerous possibilities that match your passions, skills, and experience. If you're between the ages of 18-30, the SALT program might be the epic adventure you've been waiting for. Check it out at mcc.org/salt!

ECOLOGY TIP: Residential fires are more common in winter, so it is important that all your smoke detectors work. Check them monthly and replace the batteries as needed. You should also consider installing a carbon monoxide detector to avoid inadvertently trapping the toxic gas in your home. This weekend with the time change is a great time to test and change out any batteries for fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Let's do all we can to protect God's earth from fires.



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