



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

A Service of the Word



*"In the Home of Felix Manz's Mother by Norita Yoder
George Blaurock (Bluecoat) receives Believer's Baptism on Jan 21, 1525*

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 thou fount 563

Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 36

Leader: Come, let us gather and know that the way of Love reaches to the heavens,
the way of faithfulness to the skies.

**People: Love's saving justice is like the mountains, firm and sure; and Love's
judgments are like the great deep.**

Leader: Whether human or animal, we are well kept in God's care.

**All: *How precious is the way of Peace! Let us celebrate the steadfast love of
God in our gathering this day!***

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing Christ is our cornerstone, vv. 1, 2, 4 4

Centering Prayer 1 Corinthians 3.11

*No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is
already laid, which is Jesus, God's Anointed One.*

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

Gospel Reading John 2.1-11

Three days later there was a wedding in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were guests also. When they started running low on wine at the wedding banquet, Jesus' mother told him, **"They're just about out of wine."**

Jesus said, "Is that any of our business, Mother—yours or mine? This isn't my time. Don't push me." She went ahead anyway, telling the servants, **"Whatever he tells you, do it."**

Six stoneware water pots were there, used by the Jews for ritual washings. Each held twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus ordered the servants, "Fill the pots with water." And they filled them to the brim. "Now fill your pitchers and take them to the host," Jesus said, and they did. When the host tasted the water that had become wine (he didn't know what had just happened but the servants, of course, knew), he called out to the bridegroom, **"Everybody I know begins with their finest wines and later, after the guests are drunk, brings in the cheap stuff. But you've saved the best till now!"**

This act in Cana of Galilee was the first sign Jesus gave, the first glimpse of his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Now Testament Reading

The First Baptism, from
"The Chronicles of the Hutterian Brethren"

At this point came a priest named Georg, later known as Georg Blaurock. He was given this name because he had worn a blue coat. This same Georg had come because of his extraordinary zeal. Everyone thought of him as a plain, simple priest; but he was moved by God's grace to holy zeal in matters of faith and worked courageously for the truth. He was told that there were other men more on fire than Zwingli. He inquired eagerly about them and met with Conrad Grebel and Felix Manz, to talk about questions of faith.

One day when they were meeting, fear came over them and struck their hearts. They fell on their knees and prayed that God...might have mercy on them. Neither flesh and blood nor human wisdom compelled them. They were well aware of what they would have to suffer for this.

After the prayer, Georg Blaurock stood up and asked Conrad Grebel to baptize him with true Christian baptism on his faith and recognition of the truth. With this request, he knelt down, and Conrad baptized him. Then the others turned to Georg in their turn, asking him to baptize them, which he did. They confirmed one another for the service of the Gospel and began to teach the faith and keep it. Soon after this, more people joined them, like Balthasar Hubmair and Ludwig Haetzer, and other scholars of German, Latin, Greek and Hebrew, well acquainted with the Scriptures, as well as priests and preachers and other people. Soon they all gave witness with their blood.

Singing

We are people of God's peace

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Now Testament Reading

Bend Toward Justice, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I must confess, my friends, that the road ahead will not always be smooth. There will still be rocky places of frustration and meandering points of bewilderment. There will be inevitable setbacks here and there. And there will be those moments when the buoyancy of hope will be transformed into the fatigue of despair. Our dreams will sometimes be shattered and our ethereal

hopes blasted. We may again, with tear-drenched eyes, have to stand before the bier of some courageous civil rights worker whose life will be snuffed out by the dastardly acts of bloodthirsty mobs. But difficult and painful as it is, we must walk on in the days ahead with an audacious faith in the future.

...Let this affirmation be our ringing cry. It will give us the courage to face the uncertainties of the future. It will give our tired feet new strength as we continue our forward stride toward the city of freedom. When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds of despair, and when our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, let us remember that there is a creative force in this universe working to pull down the gigantic mountains of evil, a power that is able to make a way out of no way and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows. Let us realize that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.

Reflection

Labels

RESPONDING

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

~Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Address to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, August 16, 1967

The Chronicles of the Hutterian Brethren, trans. and ed. the Hutterian Brethren (Plough, 1987)

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Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Berit Jany
Readers:	Frances & Mike Tice
Music:	Randy Spaulding, Judy Classen
Tech Support:	Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters:	Paul Classen, Becky Neumann

Snacks: Michelene Fast, Tammie Bernstein
Moment for All Ages: Cheri Krause
January 12, 2025: **Attendance: 40** **Offering: \$1,385**

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship and mingling
11:00a Education Hour, sanctuary (Joint adult/youth)

THIS WEEK at BMC

1/25 Walk & Wonder Group, 9:00

NEXT SUNDAY – January 26, 2025: 3rd Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

9:30am Worship and mingling
11:00am Education Hour: The Future of Church and BMC, intergenerational

COMING UP

1/20 Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/21 MSMC Youth Zoom Meeting
1/26 Heresy, Heretics, and (dis)Harmony, 4p,
2/1 Everence Workshop, 1st Mennonite, Denver
2/13 Singing small group, 6:30p
2/13 Introverts informal small group, 1p
2/15 MSMC Faith & Life Forum, 9:30pm, 1st Mennonite, Denver
1/24-26 [Jr. High Snow Camp](#) at RMMC
2/14-16 [Sr. High Snow Camp](#) at RMMC
3/9 First Sunday of Lent
3/29 Justin Mathis Clarinet Recital at BMC, 7:00
7/8-12 MennoCon25: Follow Jesus, Greensboro, NC
8/1-3 Assembly weekend with Mountain States Mennonite Conference, Glennwood Spgs

~PRAYERS~

~for assistance in travel, court case victory and family with daughters and babies. Safety in end and flourishing. God carry us thru, **Demi Ryan**
~for all impacted by the **wildfires** in California
~for differences in politics and theological positions that challenge families and congregations. Pray that Christians would exercise the courage to love as they live as Jesus' peacebuilders.
~for **immigrant churches** in the USA with the change of presidential administration.
~ for a group from Mountain States Menno Conference visiting our newest congregation [Roca de Refugio](#) in San Antonio for a learning tour this weekend. They've been invited to participate in storytelling, potlucks, and attending Sunday's church service.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 – Justin Mathis
4 – Ellen Morrison
6 – Berit Jany
9 – Elleanna Voran

15 – Gary Stephens
24 – Mary McKay
30 – Lyn Krause

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: 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: No office hours at this time. Please call the church office or email churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org for inquiries and to leave messages.

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

SNACK PROVIDER NEEDED: Thanks to the lovely people who faithfully provide snacks for after worship. It is much appreciated! There is an opening for someone to provide snacks on the fifth Sunday (only 4 times this year). Let Elvira Glenn know if you would fill this spot..

ALL ROADS: The Boulder Shelter for the Homeless sends thanks for the support they have received from our congregation. As of July it was rebranded as “All Roads”, emphasizing their program’s focus on housing issues and not just on the shelter.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

Come hear about MSMC Youth Activities for 2025! Committee Members Jonathan Harnish, Annaken Toews and Katrina Toews invite parents and guardians of youth grades 6 – 12 to join our fun and informational [Zoom meeting](#) Thurs, 1/21, 7pm. We will highlight opportunities from RMMC Snow Camp to MennoCon 2025, to the Rocky Mountain MCC Sale, listen to feedback and answer questions. **We hope you can join us.**

EVERENCE WORKSHOP, Matters of Life and Death: What are you waiting for?: We tend to avoid conversations related to end-of-life planning, estate planning, and all that comes with it. Or wait far too long to start these conversations. End-of-life is an unknown for all of us, so adults of all ages are encouraged to attend a free, half-day workshop at First Mennonite

Church of Denver, Saturday, 2/1, from 1:00 – 5:00pm. Topics will include spiritual, financial and health matters led by presenters from First Mennonite, Everence Financial and The Conversation Project. Please RSVP to churches@everence.com by Monday, January 27.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM: *Learning to Hope in the Dark: Practices of Faith for Uncertain Times* Sat, 2/15, 9:30-2:30 at First Mennonite in Denver. Shannon Dycus is our featured speaker. Sponsored by Mountain States Mennonite Conference. [LINK](#) to register. We're hoping for a good in-person turnout, but for those who can't make it, you can register to listen to the morning keynote virtually (the afternoon workshops only for in-person attendees).

MLK DAY ACTIVITIES, 1/20:

- The [Denver MLK celebration](#) is a parade and a march, a “Marade.” The only bigger celebration happens in King’s home state of Georgia. It starts in Denver’s City Park at 9:30a and ends at Civic Center Park. There are performances, food trucks, and warming stations. It is a “rain, snow or shine” event.
- Motus Theater presents a [free arts-based, family-friendly event on MLK Day](#) at the Dairy Arts Center in Boulder at 3:00, with powerful musicians and leaders in Colorado.
- Lafayette is holding [a rally](#) at 11a at the Bob L. Burger Rec Center with speeches and performances.

HYMN FESTIVAL: Hesston College Music Department invites you to join their **Anabaptism at Five Hundred: Hymn Festival** on Sun, 1/19, 2pm Mountain, in-person at Hesston Mennonite Church and livestreamed. View it online [here](#).

ANABAPTISM AT 500 WORSHIP: Join the worship service, [Anabaptism at 500 Anniversary Celebration](#) on Tues, 1/ 21, 5:00pm Mountain, in person at College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, or virtually via livestream.

JUST PEACE PILGRIMAGE: Mennonite Mission Network invites you to join a [Just Peace Pilgrimage](#) this spring. Options in the US and abroad

LGBT RESOURCES: Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests shares resources for those needing support. Also, a reminder that **Pink Haven Coalition** is organizing to support trans & gender expansive folks as crises intensify. If you are trans or are directly supporting someone who is trans, you can email Annabeth Roeschley, MDiv (they/she) for a TRN trans survival guide. [Resources](#).

MDS NEWSLETTER: Our [January edition](#) of *On the Level* is now available. It includes an update on the Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) response to the LA wildfires, a new job opportunity with MDS, plus all the details for our upcoming 75th Anniversary Celebration.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

- **HOPE FOR THE FUTURE:** Registration is open for MC USA’s [Hope for the Future conference](#), Feb. 28-Mar. 2, 2025, at Goshen (Indiana) College. This year’s unique event

will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the **Damascus Road Anti-racism Process** and its pivotal role in the Anabaptist commitment to justice and reconciliation.

- Registration for MC USA’s **Follow Jesus ’25** convention is open for early-bird pricing. The denomination’s biennial faith formation gathering will take place at Koury Convention Center, in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8-12, 2025. [Learn more here](#). [Register here!](#)
- At its meeting on Nov. 14-16, 2024, in Destin, Florida, the MC USA Executive Board affirmed a call from the denomination’s **Racial Ethnic Council (REC)** to increase awareness of the historical record of BIPOC Mennonites and to fund BIPOC contributions to the MC USA Archives. [Read more here](#).
- Holiday giving may be over but many families can still use household items. We wanted to let you know that the newest church in our conference, Roca de Refugio, shared their Christmas wish list. While we know that there will be additional ways we’ll be partnering with this congregation in the months and years, giving in this way now could make someone’s transition to a new country a little easier. Thank you! [Link](#)
- **“Peace Theology in Movement”** is the theme of a [weekly lunchtime colloquium series](#) that will focus on the Mennonite Action movement as an expression of Mennonite peace theology. The series —held via Zoom on Wednesdays, Jan. 15 – April 30, 12–1p Eastern — is a collaborative effort of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) and Mennonite Action. [Mennonite Action](#) is “a movement of Mennonites taking public action for a free Palestine and the liberation of all God’s children.”
- **ECOLOGY TIP:** All packaging has environmental drawbacks – paper comes from trees, metals must be mined, and plastics are made from fossil fuels. Reducing packaging has tremendous potential to save water, reduce climate impacts, and even save businesses money. Now is a great time to lobby companies to package their items in more earth-friendly wrapping (or no packaging at all). Costco or Trader Joe’s are excellent places to start, since they wrap many of their vegetables and fruits in plastic.



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