



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, February 16, 2025

6th Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

A Service of the Word



Camino Pilgrimage...

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, walk with us 23

Call to Worship based on John 8.12

Leader: Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*

People: **We come to walk in the Light, leaving behind the shadows of fear and doubt.**

Leader: The journey is long, and the road before us may be uncertain, but the Light of Love and Peace guides our steps.

People: **We trust in God's presence, leading us in truth and grace.**

Leader: Come, let us follow the Light of Life, walking in faith and hope.

All: *With hearts open and spirits willing, we journey together in the light of God. Amen.*

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing What a fellowship 160

Centering Prayer Jeremiah 6.16a

The Eternal One proclaims: Stop at the crossroads and look around:

Ask for the ancient paths. Where is the good way?

Then walk in it and find a resting place for yourselves.

Passing the Peace

Singing I want Jesus to walk with me, v. 1 306

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 8.12-18

Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, **“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won’t walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”**

Then the Pharisees said to him, **“Because you are testifying about yourself, your testimony isn’t valid.”**

Jesus replied, **“Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is true, since I know where I came from and where I’m going. You don’t know where I come from or where I’m going. You judge according to human standards, but I judge no one. Even if I do judge, my judgment is truthful, because I’m not alone. My judgments come from me and from the One who sent me.”**

Now Testament Reading

Dane Dowell

In our own ways, we are all pilgrims passing through. We are all in liminal spaces, perpetually on journeys of transformation, living into answers without necessarily realizing it. You can read about it, you can learn about it academically, but in the end, you *must* walk it.

Singing

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, v. 1

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Reflection

Pilgrimages: Reflections on Walking the Camino

RESPONDING

Singing

Cuando el pobre (When the poor ones)

STJ 69

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

I’m pressing on, vv. 1, 4

STJ 96

Resources used in worship:

About Our Guest Speakers: Terry Zimmerly, coordinator of our Camino presenters, is a recently retired Mennonite pastor who along with his spouse, Karen Martens Zimmerly, recently moved to Colorado. They made new friends, Inge McClory from Boulder on the pilgrimage and met Dane Dowell at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church. Together these four people are our presenters today and will be sharing about their pilgrimages.

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speakers: Terry Zimmerly, Karen Martens Zimmerly, Inge McClory, Dane Dowell
Worship Leader: Joan Tice
Readers: Sandi Sanborn, Michelene Fast
Music: Justin Mathis, Judy Classen, Pastor Randy Spaulding
Tech Support: Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters: Paul Classen, Michelene Fast
Snacks: Toni Diaz, Gus Gouvas
Moment for All Ages: Cheri Krause

February 9, 2025: Attendance: 32 in-person, 5 online Offering: \$2,435

Please Note: Offerings are falling significantly behind the annual budget (c. \$10,000). Your regular donations and special gifts are gratefully received and important for the vital work and mission of the congregation. *Thank you!*

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship and mingling
11:00a Adult Education, meet in sanctuary to discuss the MCUSA legal case—see announcement; Youth Gathering, Room 112

THIS WEEK at BMC

2/19 Meditation/Centering Prayer Group, 11am

NEXT SUNDAY – Feb 23, 2025: 7th Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

9:30am Worship and mingling
11:00am Education Hour: joint adult/youth meet in sanctuary
12:00 noon Greeter/Usher refresher training, sanctuary
5:30pm Heretics, Heresy, (dis)Harmony small group, Broomfield

COMING UP

2/25 Singing Group, 6:30p
3/5 Ash Wednesday – the Season of Lent begins
3/5 Meditation/Centering Prayer Group, 11a
3/7-9 Womens Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

- 3/9 First Sunday of Lent
- 3/29 Justin Mathis Clarinet Recital at BMC, 7:00p
- 4/20 Easter Sunday
- 7/8-12 MennoCon25: Follow Jesus, Greensboro, NC
- 8/1-3 Assembly weekend with Mountain States Mennonite Conference, Glenwood Spgs

~PRAYERS~

~for the family of **Cornelia Krahn's** dear cousin, **Dr. Betsy Lehman**, who died in January at age 91 after a very eventful life. [Obituary](#)

~CPT asks we continue to **pray for Palestinians**: for those enduring the most oppressive occupation in the prisons, for those who have become weak and frail, for the mothers, fathers, and families of those incarcerated, and for freedom, for justice.

February Birthdays	
2 – Michelene Fast 8 – Wayne Morrison 12 – Joel Sawatzky	12 – Katharina Sawatzky 18 – Naomi 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~

NEW LANDING STONES: Thanks to **Paul Classen, Bruce Fast and Karl Ortman** for putting in a new stone landing beneath the deck stairs to the backyard! Another nice building enhancement!

PCRC UPDATE: **Paul McKay** has joined the Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC). Thank you, Paul, for accepting this position.

GREETER/USHER TRAINING: Sunday, February 23, noon in the BMC sanctuary. Pastor Randy will lead us in a refresher of greeter guidelines, and we'll be in conversation about how greeters may address issues about making sure all our BMCers and those on site can be safe and welcome.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TRAINING: Look for upcoming opportunities for BMCers to become knowledgeable about protecting immigrant rights, AND how BMC as an ally congregation can understand the changing landscape and best be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors.

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

MC USA LEGAL CASE: Mennonite Church USA is proud to [join a multifaith coalition](#) and the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection (ICAP) in opposition to the rescission of ICE's sensitive locations policy, which is a direct violation of the First Amendment and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. This decision **directly interferes with our ability to fulfill our religious mandate** and serve all of our congregants equally and with the dignity they deserve. We don't take this step lightly. The extreme actions of our government have called us to step up as we recognize that our practice of loving our neighbor outweighs our traditional stance of non-resistance. Letter from Jon Carlson, Moderator, Mennonite Church USA, [here](#). [Q&A here](#). Mennonite World Conference's response [call to prayer](#).

SPEAK UP FOR THOSE SEEKING REFUGE AND ASYLUM: MCC U.S. invites you to take action to **speak up for those affected by recent executive orders**. Learn more about MCC's initiative [here](#).

FROM MENNONITE ACTION: Thursday, February 20, Mennonite Action is hosting our [monthly mass call](#). Join us for updates about our upcoming "God's Love Knows No Border" actions, hear reportbacks from chapters digging in on local organizing, and receive updates about the Trump administration. Also, the [second episode of our podcast](#) is available: *The Movement Makes Us Human: Joanna Lawrence Shenk on the life and teachings of Dr. Vincent Harding*

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP: Come and join Mariah Martin, Pastor and Host of the "Called to be Bad" Podcast, [March 7-9!](#) Our theme is "Called to be Bad: How to have Hard Conversations." We spend a lot of energy and time avoiding the hard parts of life; what if, instead of avoiding these hard or "bad" topics, we faced them head on? Surprisingly, the "bad" women in the Bible are fantastic examples of facing difficult situations and handling conflict. Let's learn from these bad and brave women as we sharpen our conflict skills together. Additionally, the weekend will include opportunities for fellowship and activities of your choosing including yoga, hiking, human curling, puzzles and crafts, or simply relaxing by the fireplace! It's a fun weekend getting to know other women in the conference and a time to take a break from life's busyness to rest and restore in Colorado's beautiful Rockies.

CREATION CARE STUDY: From Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, MC USA Climate Justice Coordinator: How might parables of Jesus **help us navigate this time of climate change?** [Iowa Interfaith Power and Light](#) is offering a free, downloadable study, Growing Faith: 6 Biblical Parables on [Cultivating Creation Care](#). Maybe someone would like to lead a Christian Ed class using this resource?

BLACK HISTORY IN THE MENNONITE CHURCH: February is Black History Month. Be sure to check out **Mennonite Church USA's [timeline](#)** on "Black History in the Mennonite Church."

FROM MENNONITE MEDIA: Honor Black History Month with powerful stories and insights--black history is more than a month—it's a movement, a legacy, and a collection of voices that shape our world. We're celebrating by offering [deep discounts on books by black authors](#) who inspire, challenge, and transform. Buy 1 book – Save 40%, Buy 2 books – Save 50%, Buy 3+ books – Save 60% From history and memoir to theology and social justice, these books offer wisdom and perspectives that matter all year long. This offer expires February 16, 2025.

FROM THE QUEER CONSTITUENCY COUNCIL AND BRETHERN MENNONITE COUNCIL FOR LGBTQ INTERESTS: **Fabulous, Fierce & Sacred Retreat 2025** will be held at West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship and Germantown Mennonite Church, May 2 – 4, cohosted with Ambler Church of the Brethren. Learn more and register [here](#). Pastor Randy is planning to attend. Interested in going? Speak with Pastor Randy!

RESOURCES LIST: Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests has compiled [resources](#) that may be helpful post-election, including trans-led hotlines.

MDS HOUSEWARMER PROJECT: In celebration of Mennonite Disaster Service's 75th anniversary, we are inviting church sewing circles and individuals who enjoy sewing, knitting, crocheting, or weaving to join us by creating wall hangings or prayer shawls for our Housewarmer Project during the month of February! This Project provides quilted wall hangings and prayer shawls to disaster survivors whose homes have been rebuilt or restored by MDS. These gifts are a lasting symbol of compassion and of coming home. Project information, guidelines, and mailing instructions for completed wall hangings and prayer shawls [here](#).

LENT RESOURCES: Mennonite Education Agency, an agency of Mennonite Church USA, offers the Lent at Home 2025 worship guide and calendar, in English and Spanish at the [MEA website](#). This resource is offered at no cost to the congregations, conferences, individuals, and families of MC USA. [Financial gifts](#) to help cover the costs of production are joyfully accepted! May this beautiful resource inspire and deepen your experience of Lent!

MENNOCON YOUTH WEBINAR: Join a **webinar on 2/25, at noon** to discover how pastors and youth leaders can equip and support youth in preparing for the transformational experience of MennoCon in July. Leaders will discuss worship themes, logistics, seminar information, and share their experiences of preparing for and attending with youth, and take questions. [Register](#)

MC USA SAFE CHURCH INITIATIVE WEBCAST: **Listening to the Voice of Survivors and Our Faith Communities** 2/24, 5:00p Join Nancy Kauffmann, the interim denominational minister of [Church Safety](#) for MC USA, and Laurel Neufeld Weaver, MSW field director and assistant professor of Social Work at Bluffton University, along with Courageous Women, a support group for survivors, as they discuss how survivors interpret their faith community when trauma occurs within the church. Intérprete al español disponible. Register [here](#).

FROM ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY: The Spring 2025 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* is available at no charge online. This issue is titled **“War and Peace”** and invites reflection on how Anabaptist Christians are called to respond in the face of intensifying military conflicts across the world and violence in the context of their own communities. What does a peace witness entail? Do Mennonites have new insights to offer about what it means to work for peace — both at home and abroad?

EVERENCE WEBINAR: 55 and Counting – Six questions to ask as you prepare for retirement: When is the right time? Will I have enough? Will I be OK? These are the types of questions we ask as we prepare for retirement. Join Stewardship Consultants Lynette Morales and Lyle Miller and other Everence experts at 8 p.m. ET on Thursday, March 13, for [a webinar](#) that explores these topics and more.

GRIEF WEBINARS: Church of the Brethren invites you to a **series of online workshops focusing on grief**. Next session is March 13, 6 p.m. Mountain. [Registration and details](#).

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

CASA DE PAZ: Casa de Paz in Aurora continues their mission to **support recently released newcomers, asylum seekers, and immigrants**. In 2024, they welcomed 2,087 guests from 79 countries. One particular day in January, they heard ten different languages being spoken at Casa. Learn more and consider helping [at their website](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: All packaging has environmental drawbacks – paper comes from trees, metals must be mined, and plastics are made from fossil fuels. Reducing overall packaging has tremendous potential to save water, reduce climate impacts, and even save businesses money. Now is a great time for individuals like us to lobby companies to package their items in more earth-friendly wrapping (or no packaging at all). If you shop at Costco or Trader Joe’s, those are excellent places to start, since they wrap many of their vegetables and fruits in plastic.



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