



# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, April 27, 2025

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the Season of Eastertide*

## *Ebenezer Sunday* **A Service of the Word**



*...Samuel took a stone and set it up as a monument...  
naming it Ebenezer, "Stone of Help."*

1 Samuel 7.12

**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 Ojibwe 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** *Adagio* Franck

**\*Singing** God, be the love 43

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come and worship this bright morning in Eastertide!

**People:** **The stone is rolled away and fear no longer holds us!**

**Leader:** We call upon God for help,

**People:** **You hear us, O Gracious One, and you deliver us!**

**Leader:** Come, walk and worship in the Light of Love.

**People:** **Blessed be our Rock, who leads us into harmony with all the Earth and one another!**

**All:** *Let us celebrate life. Let us worship God!*

### Welcome

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**Singing** Lift your glad voices 340

**Centering Prayer** adapted from Psalm 133

**Singing** Peace, be still 202

**Gospel Reading** John 20.19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again, "**Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I'm sending you.**" After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained."

It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas—nicknamed Didymus, or "Twin"—was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him, "**We've seen Jesus!**"

Thomas’ answer was, **“I’ll never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound.”**

On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, saying, “Peace be with you.” Then, to Thomas, Jesus said, “Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don’t persist in your unbelief but believe!” Thomas said in response, **“My savior and my God!”** Jesus then said, “You’ve become a believer because you saw me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus performed many other signs as well—signs not recorded here—in the presence of the disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Anointed One, the Only Begotten, so that by believing you may have life in Jesus’ Name.

## 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

## Spring Song

## Mendelssohn

## HEARING

## New Testament Reading

1 Samuel 7.7-12 (adapted)

When the Philistines learned that the people of Israel had assembled at Mizpah, their rulers prepared to attack them. When the people of Israel learned of this, they said to the prophet Samuel, “Plead with God—the Eternal One—to rescue us from the power of the Philistines!”

Samuel took a lamb and sacrificed it as a burnt offering to God. Then Samuel cried out to the Eternal One on behalf of Israel, and the Eternal One heard Samuel’s prayers. As Samuel was offering the lamb, the Philistines advanced to attack. That day, however, God thundered mightily against the Philistines and created among them such confusion that they fled in panic before the people of Israel.

**Then Samuel took a stone and set it up as a monument, naming it Ebenezer, “Stone of Help,” explaining, “The Eternal One has helped us to this point.”**

## Singing

Come thou fount

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**Message in Story:** *Telling Our Stories: Here We Raise Our Ebenezer!*

RESPONDING

Singing

Come thou fount (reprise)

Text: v1 Eugene Navias, v2 RLS; Music: American Folk Melody

1. Come, thou Fount of every vision  
lift our eyes to what may come.  
See the lion and the young lamb  
dwell together in thy home.  
Hear the cries of war fall silent;  
feel our love glow like the sun.  
When we all serve one another,  
then our heaven is begun!

2. Here we’ve raised our Ebenezers  
giving thanks for all the year  
with its hope and joys and sorrows,  
knowing Love has led us here.  
Guide us forward, Helping Spirit,  
in the days and years to come,  
as we journey all together,  
full of healing light and love!

Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

\*Benediction

\*Sending Song

We’ve come this far by faith

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality  
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Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

- Speaker:

Pastor Randy Spaulding
- Worship Leader:

Douglas Minter
- Readers:

Becky Neumann, Bruce Wheeler
- Music:

Susan Graber, Justin Mathis, Jean McPherson, Pastor Randy
- Tech Support:

Tice family
- Greeters:

Ezra & Joan Tice
- Snacks:

Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn, Gus Gouvas

April 20:

Attendance: 70

Offering: \$3,077

## TODAY at BMC

9:30a       Worship and mingling  
11:00a       Education Hour, joint adult/youth; meet in the sanctuary  
4:00pm       Heretics, Heresy, (dis)Harmony Small Group

## THIS WEEK at BMC

4/28       Congregational Legal Talk, 4p, Montview Presby Church, Denver  
4/29       BASIC, 2p  
5/2-5/4     *Fabulous, Fierce and Sacred*, Philadelphia (Pastor Randy attending)

## NEXT SUNDAY – May 4: Easter 3C; Guest speaker Travis Clarke

9:30am     Worship and mingling  
11:00am     Education Hour, joint adult/youth

**Speaker:**               Travis Clarke  
**Worship Leader:**     Sandi Sanborn  
**Readers:**             Cheri Krause, Toni Diaz Bachus  
**Music:**               Elleanna Voran, Bruce Fast  
**Tech Support:**       Tice family  
**Greeters:**           Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter  
**Snacks:**             Cindy Firnhaber, Gus Gouvas  
**Moment for all Ages:** Carole Suderman

## COMING UP

5/4       Inter-Mennonite Hymn Sing, Glennon Heights Mennonite, 1:15p  
5/7-10    Constituency Leaders Council of MC USA – Wichita, KS  
7/8-12    MennoCon25: Follow Jesus, Greensboro, NC  
7/20       Holy Humor Sunday – get those corny Dad jokes ready!  
7/20       BMC Annual Meeting – all invited to attend, following worship  
8/1-3     Mountain States Mennonite Conference Assembly, Colorado Mountain  
            College, Glenwood Sps. [Click here to register.](#)

## ~PRAYERS~

~for: **Safety and justice for all immigrants.** Prayers for due process for those sent to prison in El Salvador. Prayers for strength and courage to our elected representatives that they do what is good and just. ~Jill Minter

~for: Our friend and neighbor **Bill McCann**, who is in the hospital with reoccurring Cancer. ~**Paul and Judy Classen**

~for: My **cousin** who was just given a drug addicted, three-week-old infant, who has an STI, which was passed to her via birth. Treatment so far has been successful. Baby girl has tremors that keep her up most of the night, as she is withdrawing from the drugs in her system, which in turn,

keeps my cousin up all night. The baby girl is so precious. Doctors say it can take up to 60 days for the drugs to be completely out of her system, depending on how much she was exposed to, in utero. Biological mother is in jail, but fighting to regain custody of the baby. Baby wasn't even given a name at birth. Please pray for **everyone involved**. ~**Ivanna**

~for: Our brother-in-law, **Ervin Ediger**, age 89, who passed away this past week. We will drive to Hillsboro, Kansas for the memorial service this week. Prayers for the family. ~**Judy and Paul Classen**

~for connection, safety and joy for **LGBTQIA Mennonite and Brethren** kin meeting this coming weekend in Philadelphia (May 2-4) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Fabulous, Fierce & Sacred** gathering. Pastor Randy will travel and attend.

| May Birthdays            |                        | May Anniversaries                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 – Kurt Firnhaber       | 12 – Hannah Dudenhefer | 1 – Susan Graber & Tom Jirak         |
| 4 – Erin Dudenhefer      | 12 – Kelcie Dudenhefer | 13 – Duane & Joanna Harrison         |
| 7 – Sandi Sanborn        | 12 – Sheng Wheeler     | 19 – Linda Hardesty & Chris Friedman |
| 10 – Gwen Grasse         | 20 – Linda Hardesty    | 26 – Jen & David Dudenhefer          |
| 10 – Cindy Reeves Janzen | 22 – Cheri Krause      |                                      |
| 10 – Olive Loewer        | 28 – Duane Harrison    |                                      |
| 10 – Douglas Minter      |                        |                                      |

*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](mailto: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.  
(subject to visitation/meetings). Appointments/call-aheads are encouraged. Pastor Randy normally takes Monday as a Sabbath.

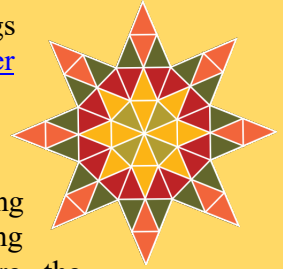
**CHURCH ADMINSTRATOR:** No office hours at this time. Please call the church office or email [churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org](mailto:churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org) for inquiries and to leave messages.

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

**HERETICS, HERESY, (dis)HARMONY** will be meeting for brunch on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 11a-2p at South Side Walnut Cafe, 673 S Broadway, Boulder with no predetermined topic. This might be a great one to invite people to who may not be regular attenders.

**THANK YOU** to all the wonderful people who set up the tables, chairs, decorations, eating utensils, etc. and the ones cleaning up and putting away all these things and ones washing the tablecloths afterwards. Thank you too for all the folks who prepared and brought the delectable food for the brunch for the approximately 60 people who came. These are all the ingredients for a lovely time together on this special day. ~Elvira Glenn

**CHECK OUT THE QUILTED WALLHANGINGS** in the sanctuary. Pieced and finished by Pastor Randy and hand-quilted by Joan Tice, these wall hangings will be donated to [Mennonite Disaster Service](#) as part of their [Housewarmer Project](#), which provides quilted wall hangings and prayer shawls to disaster survivors whose homes have been rebuilt or restored by MDS. Each wall hanging will be presented to the homeowner at the dedication of their home, a handmade gift as a lasting symbol of compassion and of coming home. Pastor Randy used the design of the new logo for MDS, the “Morning Star,” commonly used in quilting and part of Native American culture, the morning star symbolizing guidance and hope.



## ~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

**MENNONITE HYMN SING NEXT SUNDAY**, May 4 at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church in Lakewood. It begins at 1:15pm. At the event, a farewell to Barry & Brenda Bartel will take place, as beloved Mennonite conference friends move to Washington State. Consider carpooling!

**HOPE FOR THE FUTURE CONFERENCE**: The refrain, “We have been here before,” echoed throughout the Hope for the Future Conference at Goshen College, held Feb. 28–Mar. 2, 2025. This annual gathering for Black, Indigenous and other People of Color (BIPOC) leaders within MC USA celebrated resilience, honored the past and envisioned a future grounded in justice and hope. Read more [here](#). MC USA honored seven community elders during a gala at its 12th Hope for the Future Conference, Feb. 28-Mar. 2, 2025, in Goshen, Indiana. Read more [here](#).

**MENNOCON '25**: Watch the webinar recording about how to best equip your MC USA youth for the Follow Jesus '25 convention in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8-12, 2025! View it [here](#).

**MCUSA SAFE CHURCH**: View the full playlist of MC USA Safe Church ministry’s abuse prevention webinars on MC USA’s YouTube channel [here](#).

**SAFE LOCATIONS**: Michael Danner, associate executive director for Church Vitality in MC USA, discusses the theological rationale for why Mennonite Church USA joined the “sensitive locations” lawsuit as part of a broad faith coalition. Read his reflections [here](#).



**LEARN, PRAY, JOIN:** Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, an ordained minister and former pastor in Central Plains Mennonite Conference, kicks off the “Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy” series by sharing a prayer for women. Read the prayer [here](#).

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**2025 ASSEMBLY:** [Early Bird Registration is Open!](#) Book now for the best price.

**Mountain States Mennonite Conference (MSMC) Annual Assembly.** Registration includes meals (3 on Saturday & 2 on Sunday) plus snacks (2 on Saturday).

In an effort to keep costs reasonable for everyone, we are relying on **Hospitality Sponsors** this year. We are offering varying levels of sponsorship to cover costs for translators and costs associated with attendees that are 18 and under. We would greatly appreciate your consideration!

### **Options for registering**

**Early Bird - April 7 - May 31** \$90

**Standard - June 1- 30** \$100

**Last Call - July 1-30** \$110

**Virtual\*** \$ 50

**Interested in attending MSMC Assembly as a delegate** representing Boulder Mennonite Church?

Please see Pastor Randy!

**ECOLOGY TIP:** After protesting for years the expansion of Gross Reservoir east of Nederland, people who care about the local environment finally have something to celebrate. U.S. District Court Judge Christine Arguello recently blocked Denver Water from continuing this project until environmental permitting processes are redone. This expansion would destroy 500,000 trees, divert water from several creeks, create tons of pollution from hundreds of huge trucks, and have a negative impact on wildlife. It is also inspiring to read Judge Arguello’s life story in an article from the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame about all she has achieved and overcome.



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