



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, May 18, 2025

5th Sunday in the Season of Eastertide

A Service of the Word



*Jesus Walks in the Portico of Solomon, James Tissot, 1886-96,
Watercolor over graphite, Brooklyn Museum*

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** Holy, holy, holy! 76

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 23 and Revelation 7)

Leader: The Way of God shepherds us; we shall not want;

People: **in God's love we find still waters, renewed spirits, restored souls.**

Leader: Healing belongs to God and to the Lamb,

People: **Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever! Amen!**

*All: The Way of Love leads to springs of living water.
Let us celebrate life. Let us worship God.*

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing Will you come and follow me 540

Centering Prayer

Singing Listen in the silence 541

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: Mennonite Mission Network

New Testament Reading

from Acts 9.32-43

While Peter was traveling throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, he also went to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a person named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years. Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus, God’s Anointed, heals you. Get up and make your bed.” Aeneas got up at once. All the inhabitants of Lydda and Sharon, upon seeing him, were converted to Jesus.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple, a woman named Tabitha —“Dorcas” in Greek—who never tired of doing kind things or giving to charity. About this time she grew ill and died. They washed her body and laid her out in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples sent two couriers to Peter with the urgent request, “Please come over to us without delay.” Peter set out with them as they asked.

Upon his arrival, they took him upstairs to the room. All the townswomen who had been widowed stood beside him weeping and showed him the various garments Dorcas had made when she was still with them. Peter first made everyone go outside, then knelt down and prayed. Turning to the body, he said, “Tabitha, stand up.” She opened her eyes, then looked at Peter and sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her to her feet. The next thing he did was to call in those who were believers—including the widows—to show them that she was alive. This became known all over Joppa and, because of it, many came to believe in Jesus, the Anointed.

Gospel Reading

John 10.22-30

The time came for Hanukkah, the Feast of the Dedication, in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the Temple area, in Solomon’s Porch, when the Temple authorities surrounded him and said, “**How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you really are God’s Anointed One, tell us plainly.**”

Jesus replied, “I did tell you, but you don’t believe. The work I do in my Abba’s name gives witness in my favor, but you don’t believe because you’re not my sheep. **My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost. No one will ever snatch them from my hand.** Abba God, who gave them to me, is greater than anyone, and no one can steal them from Abba God. For Abba and I are One.”

Singing

My Shepherd will supply my need

640

Reflection

Listening

RESPONDING

Singing

Far above the noise of life

625

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

Lead me forth

837



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Cover art: [Jesus Walks in the Portico of Solomon \(Jésus se promène dans le portique de Salomon\) · Brooklyn Museum](#)

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Sandi Sandborn
Readers:	Jen Dudenhefer, Douglas Minter
Music:	Justin Mathis, Jean McPherson, Randy Spaulding
Tech Support:	Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters:	Paul Classen, Lisa Voss
Snacks:	Tammie Bernstein, Judy Classen, Gus Gouvas

May 11: Attendance: 33 in-person, 4 online Offering: \$2,800

Thank you for your giving in the last month, which helped us meet our monthly goal. Your continued generosity is needed as we strive to meet our budget as we come to the end of our fiscal year. ~The Ministry of Financial Resources Committee

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship and mingling
11:00a	Education Hour: adults meet in the sanctuary (last session before summer break); Youth Gathering in Room 102

THIS WEEK at BMC

5/20	Deacons Meeting, 8:30a
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NEXT SUNDAY – May 25: 6th Sunday in the season of Eastertide

9:30am	Worship and mingling
11:00am	Time to mingle-- No Education Hour until fall

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Cheri Krause
Readers:	Lisa Voss, Joanna Harrison
Music:	Justin Mathis, Jean McPherson, Randy Spaulding
Tech Support:	Elleanna Voran, Steve Voran
Greeters:	Ezra & Joan Tice
Snacks:	Elvira Glenn, Gus Gouvas, Sandi Sanborn

COMING UP

Today	42nd International AIDS Candlelight Memorial , 6pm, First United Methodist, 1421 Spruce St., Boulder. All are welcome.
5/24	Walk&Wonder Small Group, 9am, Teller Farms & White Rocks Trail
5/26	Memorial Day
5/27	Singing small group, 6:30p
5/28	Meditation/Centering small group, 11a
5/29	Anabaptism @500 in Zurich, Switzerland—Carole S. and Susan G. attending
6/4	Meditation/Centering small group, 11a
6/19	Juneteenth
6/24	Singing small group, 6:30p
6/29	Heretics, Heresy, (dis)Harmony Small Group, 4pm
7/8-12	Follow Jesus '25: MC USA National Convention
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, Glennwood Spgs. Click here to register.

~PRAYERS~

- ~For **Joyce Penner's** daughter, **Kat**, who had major surgery last week. She is recovering well.
- ~From **Toni Diaz**: Our family walked through the valley of the shadow of death **when my sister had a 7-hour brain surgery**. It went fine, but she later went into diabetic ketoacidosis and her body shut down. **God and the community of believers never left our side**. Slowly she is getting better and is out of ICU. Thank you for standing by our side during this difficult week.
- ~From **Toni Diaz**: Thank you for your prayers for our **immigration appointment last week**. It went well and we are now waiting for residency approval!
- ~From **Bruce Wheeler**: Prayers of gratitude for **BMC's indigenous reparations work**. I ask God's blessing as **my family travels** to deliver the children's comfort kits to the Haven Program in OK and attend a Sand Creek pilgrimage event later this month.
- ~for the **family of Ed Rempel**, who passed away on May 2. Ed was a long-term Mennonite pastor, including here in Colorado. He is also the father of **Vern Rempel**, a pastor in our conference. Obituary is [here](#).

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) 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 ~

SUPPORT OUR CHURCH BUDGET WITH GROCERIES! 21 BMC families have linked their King Soopers reward account to our church, and **the church earns a percentage** of what they spend there. Thank you! No additional cost to you to support our ministries! If you would like to link your card, it's easy to do:

1. Login to your [King Soopers account](#) in a web browser.
2. Go to <https://www.kingsoopers.com/account/communityrewards/>
3. Search for QF875.
4. Boulder Mennonite pops up. Click on Enroll.

EDUCATION HOUR: Today, 5/18, is our last formal Education Hour until fall. We encourage you all to use the time after worship this summer to connect with each other and enjoy our deck and outdoor space. Watch for a few special post-worship events. . . .

ANABAPTIST WORLD SUBSCRIPTION DEAL: Anabaptist World is an independent journalistic ministry serving the global Anabaptist movement; to inform, inspire and provide a forum where Mennonites and anyone interested in Anabaptism can explore faith and culture. A subscription for the coming year (8 issues) is **\$44 through BMC's group rate**. Contact Bruce if you are interested by the end of May.

BACKYARD MINISTRY: As we progress with our beautification of the backyard of the church, we invite all to participate in some way. If your back is not strong enough to till or build raised beds, perhaps you can **"ADOPT-A-BED"** or a portion of one. Each of the four beds will cost up to \$500. If you are willing to donate, designate that on your check or electronic donation to BMC, or talk to Bruce Fast or Pastor Randy. The ultimate purpose of all of this is to invite both church members and the neighborhood community to a place of rest, prayer, meditation, and connection, and hopefully in the future, concerts, peace events, ice cream socials, and other gatherings. Thanks for your generosity!

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

Mountain States Mennonite Conference ASSEMBLY: Reminder that **early bird registration is due by 5/31** for this summer's Assembly (the annual meeting of our regional Mennonite conference). The presentation and [video that Susan showed a couple of weeks ago is here](#)—check it out if you didn't see it! A good number of BMCers will be attending!

Mennonite Disaster Service VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: MDS extends a plea for a few **volunteers to bring hope to people in New Mexico July 21-25**. Those suffering after the Calf Canyon/Herman's Peak fire near Las Vegas, NM just commemorated 1000 days since the fire. To date they have received no help except from MDS and a group from the Christian Reformed Church. Just three volunteers would make such a difference, bringing hope to this place of despair. Could you and a friend or two come and help clear slash or begin rebuilding? Food and lodging are paid for for volunteers, you don't need any special skills. We can train you for whatever is needed. Even if you could come for a couple of days, that would be helpful. Or might you find joy in cooking for the volunteers for a couple of days? Perhaps our church can adopt a meal or two or send down 40 brownies or several pans of lasagna? We are so grateful for those who have helped on this and other projects recently! God calls us to help those in need, and the fellowship and rewards are always abundant! ~Carole Suderman

ANABAPTIST DISABILITIES NETWORK rejoices for a **grant of \$1.2 million** from the Lilly Foundation for our project, *All In: Immersive Worship for Everybody*, a five-year collaborative learning project with congregations to create intergenerational worship services that are accessible to all, regardless of age or abilities. Find out more about their work [here](#).

SIGN A PETITION FOR HAITI: The humanitarian situation in Haiti is dire and worsening every day. Despite this context, MCC partners persist in serving their communities and [building peace in Haiti](#). MCC and other faith-based groups are **circulating a petition** addressed to Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, urging her to prevent further harm and injustice in Haiti.

REMEMBERING THE MISSING AND MURDERED: On May 4, Koinonia Indian Mennonite Church, Clinton, Oklahoma, held a **service of remembrance for missing and murdered Indigenous peoples**. Monday, May 5 was the official day of observation for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/People. According to the [Office for Victims of Crime](#), Indigenous persons experience disproportionately high rates of violence and are reported missing or are murdered at high rates. The congregation displayed a red banner and wore red ribbons with black braids that read, "Say her name." "We honored those who cannot speak for themselves," explained Susan Hart, pastor and MC USA Executive Board member

FROM MENNONITE MEN: Oak Flat (Chi'Chil Bildagoteel) in Arizona, is sacred land of the Western Apache that is under threat. [Read this blog: Why Oak Flat Matters: A Mennonite Reflection on Sacred Land.](#)

UPDATE ON MENNONITE CHURCH USA V. HOMELAND SECURITY LAWSUIT: At the first hearing on April 4, the judge denied our coalition's motion for preliminary injunction in the [*Mennonite Church USA et. al. v. United States Department of Homeland Security et. al.*](#) lawsuit. This motion sought to limit Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)/Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) enforcement actions in and around houses of worship while the case is being adjudicated. However, the judge did allow our legal team at Georgetown Law's Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection to present additional information. We then filed a Joint Status Report, which told the federal district court in Washington, D.C. that we plan to file a renewed preliminary injunction motion with additional evidence. Now the Court set a schedule for briefing on that motion. We will file our renewed motion on June 2; the government will respond on June 25; and we will file our final reply by July 9. More news from MCUSA [here!](#)

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

CASA DE PAZ: Casa de Paz in Aurora welcomes recently released newcomers, asylum seekers, and immigrants; we facilitate their next steps towards reunifications with loved ones in a dignifying way. Watch a short video update about their work [here](#).

EARTH'S TABLE GARDENS: Jesus called us to feed the hungry. One way Boulder Mennonite has done this in the last few years is to support Earth's Table during planting and harvest seasons. One garden manager said, "Here come the Mennonites!" Would you be able to give a couple of hours to help plant tomatoes and peppers at Plumbumpy Garden? (7337 N. 63rd St.) May 27 and 28th will be the big planting days, starting at about 8:30 a.m. Let Cindy Firnhaber know if you plan to come, so Stan Stutzman, garden manager, will know. Experience the joy of working in the soil with other happy volunteers to provide good food for those in need!

ECOLOGY TIP: As we all plant whatever we wish to see grow, whether vegetables, perennials, or annuals, keep in mind the most efficient way to keep them watered. Drip systems where the water goes directly to the seed or plant can save hundreds of gallons of water over the course of a summer. When choosing bushes or other perennial plants, keep in mind what their drought resistant quotient is, and choose those which benefit you through beauty or food with a minimum of water.



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