



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, June 1, 2025

7th Sunday in the Season of Eastertide

A Service of the Word



One Body in Christ, art print
by Randy Horst, from the
Anabaptist Community Bible

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 Ojethi 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** Mountain of God 11

Call to Worship

Leader: Each of us arrives from all the ordinariness of living—

**People: to re-weave the unraveling fabric of community,
and re-connect once more with the larger human family.**

Leader: We find once more that place of calm,

**People: to remind ourselves that we belong,
and to remember what it is we belong to.**

Leader: We come —

**People: To center ourselves, to open ourselves,
to remember ourselves, and to celebrate the life we share together.**

All: *Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life in the spirit of God.*

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing All hail the power of Jesus' name 411

Centering Prayer adapted from Psalm 97

Singing Rain down (refrain only) 703

Passing the Peace

Recognition of Graduates

Hannah Dudenhefer, Kelcie Dudenhefer, Iris Loewer

Prayer of Blessing:

Leader: Creative and Creating God, we thank you for Hannah, Kelcie, and Iris,

All: *Your beloved creations.*

Leader: We thank you for their accomplishments.

All: *We celebrate with them at this time of graduation.*

Leader: God the Spirit, guide and guardian, we pray that they will recognize Love's guidance on the next stages of their journeys.

All: *May your loving protection surround Hannah, Kelcie, and Iris each step they take.*

Leader: Eternal One, embodied in Jesus, may they seek to live according to your example:

All: *Lives of justice. Lives of peace. Lives of joy. Amen.*

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

from Acts 16.16-34

Once when we were going to prayer, we met a woman who was a slave and who was possessed by a spirit of divination. She made a great deal of money for her owners through its fortune telling. She began to follow Paul and the rest of us, shouting, **"These are faithful followers of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation!"** She did this for many days. Finally, one day Paul lost his temper, and turned around and said to the spirit, **"In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to leave this woman!"** It left her that moment.

When her owners saw that their profitable operation was now hopelessly dead, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities in the public square and said, **"These people are disturbing the peace by advocating practices which are unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."**

The crowd joined in the attack on them, and the magistrates stripped them and ordered them to be flogged. They were whipped many times and thrown into the innermost cell of the prison, their feet chained to a stake. The jailer was told to keep a close watch on them.

About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as the other prisoners listened. **Suddenly a severe earthquake shook the place, rocking the prison to its foundation. Immediately all the doors flew open, and everyone's chains were pulled loose.** When the jailer woke up and found the doors wide open, he drew a sword and was about to commit suicide, presuming that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, **"Don't harm yourself! We're all still here."**

The jailer called for a light, then rushed in and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas, and led them out and asked them, **"What must I do to be saved?"**

They answered, **"Believe in Jesus the Savior, and you will be saved—you and everyone in your household."** They proceeded to preach the word of God to the jailer and his whole household. At that late hour of the night, he took them in and bathed their wounds; then he and

the whole household were baptized. **He led them up into his house, spread a table before them, and the whole family joyfully celebrated their newfound faith in God.**

Gospel Reading

John 17.20-26

Jesus said, “I’m praying not only for my disciples, but also for those who will believe in me because of them and their witness about me. **The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind— just as you, Abba God, are in me and I in you, so they might be one heart and mind with us. Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me.** The honor and presence you’ve shared with me, I’ve shared with them, so they’ll be as unified and together as we are— I in them and you in me. **Then they’ll be mature in this oneness, and give the world evidence that you’ve sent me and loved them in the same way you’ve loved me.**

“Abba, I want those you gave me to be with me, right where I am, so they can see the fullness of all you’ve revealed through me, the love and purpose you gave me before there ever was a world. Righteous One, the world has never known you, but I have known you, and these disciples know that you sent me on this mission. **I have made your very being known to them— who you are and what you do— and continue to make it known, so that your love for me might be in them exactly as I am in them.**

Singing

We are one in the Spirit, v. 1

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Now Testament Reading

Marcus Borg, *Why be a Christian?*

“So why be Christian? The Christian tradition is familiar; it is “home” for me. I was born into it and grew up in it. Its stories, language, music, and ethos are familiar. It nurtured me, even as I have had to unlearn some of what I was taught.

In adulthood, I have grown to appreciate its extraordinary richness: its antiquity and wisdom; the beauty of language and music and forms of worship; its passion for compassion and justice; the sheer goodness of its most remarkable lives. Its worship nourishes me; its hymns move me; its scripture and theology engage my imagination and thought; its practices shape me. For me, it mediates the good, the true, and the beautiful; and through all of these, it mediates the sacred. It is for me a sacrament of the sacred.

And it is home. It is familiar to me in a way that no other religion could ever become. Christianity is “home” like no other tradition could be. For me, the ethos of Christianity—its vision and way of life, its scripture, worship, language, music, thought, vision, and so forth—is home.

Reflection

Unity

RESPONDING

Singing

I will sing with you, my family

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People: *Unite us in love, O God.*

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, v. 1

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality, and *The Message* by E. Peterson

Call to worship: Adapted M. Young, http://www.rexachuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_c_liturgy_collection/year_c_liturgies_-_lenteast/easter7c2007.

Marcus Borg, from *The Heart of Christianity*, 2003 HarperCollins, p. 223

Cover art: Randy Horst in the *Anabaptist Community Bible*, p. 1441

Psalms 97: paraphrase by Nan C. Merrill, *Psalms for Praying*

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Becky Neumann
Readers:	Frances & Mike Tice
Music:	Elleanna Voran, Bruce Fast
Tech Support:	The Tice Family
Greeters:	Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
Snacks:	Jen Dudenhefer, Gus Gouvas
Moment for All Ages:	Cheri Krause

May 25: Attendance: 44 Offering: \$ 1,630.00

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship and mingling
11:00a	Youth Service Project – Roca de Refugio Welcome Kit shopping

THIS WEEK at BMC

6/1	Active attenders complete annual Pastor/Congregation survey
6/3	Church Council reports for May due soon
6/4	Meditation/Centering small group, 11a

NEXT SUNDAY – **June 8:** Pentecost Sunday – Wear Holy Spirit Fire-y Colors!

9:30am	Worship and mingling
11:00am	No education hour – summer schedule

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Douglas Minter
Readers:	Joan & Ezra Tice



Music: Susan Graber, Pastor Randy
Tech Support: Bruce Wheeler, Steve Voran
Greeters: Carole Suderman, Toni Diaz
Snacks: Michelene Fast, Gus Gouvas
Moment for All Ages: Karen Cox

COMING UP

6/8 Explore Antarctica – presentation by Susan Graber, 11am at BMC
 6/15 BMC Guest Speaker Arok Garang, formerly one of the Lost Boys of South Sudan; founder of [Seeds of South Sudan](#)
 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~

~from **Mary & Paul McKay**: For a safe and enjoyable 3-week **trip to Guatemala** with our son and his family.
 ~for **continued healing and justice** as we mark five years since the **death of George Floyd**. May we honor his memory by committing ourselves to dismantling systems of racial injustice and building communities rooted in equity, compassion and truth.
 ~from **Pastor Dianne Garcia**, MSMC pastor: One of our **Mennonite sisters in Christ** was officially booked and sent to a detention center last weekend. She is an active worship leader/singer at **Roca de Refugio Mennonite Church** (San Antonio, TX, a member church of our Mountain States Conference). She's a mother who was just separated from her husband four children. She has no criminal background and came to the U.S. through legal channels, yet she was picked up by ICE and there is a real possibility she could be deported elsewhere. Pray for her safety, for release from detention and courage for her family and the Roca de Refugio Mennonite Church.

June Birthdays	June Anniversaries
1 – Millie Unrau	8 – Ezra & Joan Tice
3 – Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey	15 – Mary & Paul McKay
10 – Paul McKay	19 – Michelene & Bruce Fast
15 – Estephany Saavedra	19 – Randy Spaulding & Gary Stephens
23 – Paul Classen	22 – Cat and Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey
29 – Iris Loewer	

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~

TIME FOR THE ANNUAL BMC SURVEY. WE NEED YOUR INPUT! If you are a regular attendee at BMC, you should have received an invitation to participate in our annual Pastoral/Congregational Evaluation survey. Active attenders, click this link to start the survey: [PCRC survey 2025](#). If you have not, tell Ezra Tice. Surveys should be completed by Sunday, June 8.

EXPLORE ANTARCTICA! Susan Graber will be sharing her photos and information about her recent trip to Antarctica after worship on Sunday, June 8. Come learn more about this beautiful and enchanting continent, and how we can all help to protect the nature there!

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.

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

MC USA Church Vitality WEBINAR ON PREVENTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY. June 2 at 5 p.m. (MT). Register [here](#). Learn about our denomination's updated abuse prevention and accountability policies. A webinar with Michael Danner and Nancy Kauffman.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD PILGRIMAGE: Sponsored by Mennonite Mission Network. July 13-20, 2025, from Washington, D.C. to St. Augustine, FL. Visiting key sites tied to the lesser-known southern track of the Underground Railroad. Hearing from historians and storytellers. Reflecting on the enduring lessons of resiliency and solidarity. [Learn more and register here.](#)

FROM MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE:

Assembly 2025: We encourage individuals and churches to consider becoming “**Hospitality Sponsors**”! This is a way for you to help us welcome youth to our Assembly. Hospitality sponsor’s donations will help young families and youth that wish to attend Assembly with housing and food costs. To be a sponsor, go to the registration form and choose one of the “Hospitality Sponsor” options. We are grateful for your consideration of this way to practice hospitality to each other! [Register Here](#)

June 30th is the deadline to get the most affordable lodging option in Glenwood Springs! Our theme this year is **Wholehearted Hospitality**. During our assembly we will be exploring various aspects of hospitality. The dictionary defines it as, “the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers”.

“**Cultivating Peace**” is an upcoming summer series at Beth-El Mennonite Church that will include many engaging speakers and authors. [Learn more](#) about the series

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

ECOLOGY TIP: These days when we might feel helpless to reverse all the changes we see in the news, remember that we can make a difference with small acts. Hand washing dishes in two basins, one for soapy water, and one for rinsing only takes a couple of gallons of water. By hand washing dishes under running water, it’s easy to run more than 20 gallons for a load of dishes. In comparison, most modern dishwashers use 4 to 6 gallons per cycle, so you can see that washing by hand (2 gallons at the most) is the method which saves the most water. Most dishwashers are also strong enough that you don’t need to rinse plates ahead of time, unless there’s enough food waste to scrape off into the compost.



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