



# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, June 22, 2025

*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time*

## A Service of the Word



Mosaic of the *Exorcism of the Gerasene demoniac* from the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo in Ravenna, dating to the sixth century CE

**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** Could it be that God is singing 42

**Call to Worship** adapted from Psalms 42 and 43

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams,

**People: So our souls long for you, O God.  
Our souls thirst for all that is Holy, for Living Water.**

Leader: When forces in the world threaten us, when our bodies or spirits turn  
against us, when tears are our only nourishment day and night,

**People: Love seeks us. Love meets us.  
Love heals us and sets us free from our tombs of fear.**

Leader: May God's light and truth guide us this day.

**All: Our hope is in the Eternal One. Let us worship God!**

### Welcome

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**Singing** We worship God, the Rock 424

**Centering Prayer** adapted from Psalm 43

### 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

**Hebrew Scripture Reading** 1 Kings 19.9-15a

There Elijah went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Eternal One came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah replied, "I have been very zealous for

the Eternal God Omnipotent. The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death by the sword. I am the only one left, and now they're trying to kill me, too."

God said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Eternal One, for the Eternal One is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountain apart and shattered the rocks by the Eternal One's power—but the Eternal One was not in the whirlwind. After the wind there was an earth-quake—but the Eternal One was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire—but the Eternal One was not in the fire. And after the fire came a still small voice – a thin silence.

When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "Elijah replied, "I have been very zealous for the Eternal One God Omnipotent. The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death by the sword. I am the only one left, and now they're trying to kill me, too."

The Eternal One told Elijah, "Go back the way you came, to the Desert of Damascus.

**Singing**

Open, Lord, my inward ear, vv. 1, 2, 4

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## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 8.26-39

They came to the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. Jesus was stepping from the boat when he was met by a person from the town who was possessed by demons. The demoniac had not worn clothes for a long time, and was homeless, living among the tombs instead. Seeing Jesus, the individual cried out and fell at his feet, shouting loudly, **"What do you want with me, Jesus, Only Begotten of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!"** —for Jesus was ordering the unclean spirit to come out of the person. This spirit had seized the demoniac many times in the past, who then needed to be restrained with chains and shackles and kept under guard—yet every time, the possessed person would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into deserted places. Jesus asked, "What is your name?"

The demon replied, **"Legion,"** because many demons had entered the person. And they pleaded with Jesus not to order them to depart into the abyss. A large herd of pigs was feeding nearby on the hillside. The demons pleaded with Jesus to allow them to enter the swine, and he gave them permission. The demons left the person and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the hillside into the lake and drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran away to tell the story in town and throughout the countryside. The local residents came out to see what happened. And as they approached Jesus, they also saw the exorcised person sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed and of a right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had witnessed it told the others how the possessed one had been made whole. Panic overcame the whole population of the region of the Gerasenes, and they asked Jesus to leave them. When Jesus had gotten into the boat to leave, the person who had been healed asked to go with him. But Jesus said, **"No, go back**

home and tell everyone what God has done for you.” So, the one who had been made whole went off and proclaimed throughout the region what Jesus had accomplished.

**Sermon**

*Afraid of Jesus*

## RESPONDING

**Singing**

Cast out, O Christ

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**Sharing Joys and Concerns**  
**Prayers of the People**

## SENDING

**Announcements**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song**

My life flows on

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### **Resources used in worship:**

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Cover art: [Exorcism of the Gerasene demoniac - Wikipedia](#)



**We welcome Rev. Ezra Tice once again as our guest speaker this morning.**

Ezra is a retired Mennonite pastor who moved from Pennsylvania to Lafayette in 2019 and he and his wife, Joan, are now members at Boulder Mennonite. They are parents of three and grandparents of six. They are delighted that living here places them close to Mike, Francis, Josh and Noah. **Thank you for ministering among us today, Ezra. Blessings!**

### **Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!**

<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	Ezra Tice
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Joan Tice
<b>Readers:</b>	Laura Minter, Judy Classen
<b>Music:</b>	Susan Graber, Jean McPherson, Justin Mathis
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Steve Voran, Elleanna Voran
<b>Greeters:</b>	Lisa Voss, Paul Classen
<b>Snacks:</b>	Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn, Gus Gouvas

**June 15:**

**Attendance: 42**

**Offering: \$4,155**

## TODAY at BMC

9:30am Worship  
10:45am Connecting and snacks  
11:00am No education hour – summer schedule

## THIS WEEK at BMC

6/25 Centering Prayer/Meditation small group, 11a  
6/26 PCRC, 9am  
6/26 [Mennonite Action Zoom call](#), 6pm

## NEXT SUNDAY – June 29: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time

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

**Speaker:** Pastor Randy Spaulding  
**Worship Leader:** Berit Jany  
**Readers:** Sandi Sanborn, Michelene Fast  
**Music:** Randy Spaulding, Susan Graber  
**Tech Support:** Alfred Sawatzky  
**Greeters:** Karl Ortman, Mai & Sheng Wheeler  
**Snacks:** tbd  
**Moment for all Ages:** Mary McKay

## COMING UP

6/29 Heretics, Heresy, (dis)Harmony small group, 4p  
7/1 Deacons meeting, 8:30a  
7/8-12 Follow Jesus '25: MC USA National Convention  
7/9 Centering Prayer/Meditation small group, 11a  
7/20 Holy Humor Sunday – get those corny Dad jokes ready!  
7/20 BMC Annual Meeting – all invited to attend, following worship  
7/20 BMC Bingo! Prizes, Pizza, Popcorn, 2-3:30p  
7/23 Centering Prayer/Meditation small group, 11a  
8/1-3 MSMC Assembly, Colorado Mountain College, Glennwood Springs  
9/14 Ft. Collins Mennonite 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, 10am-2pm

## ~PRAYERS~

~for: tensions between **Iran** and **Israel**, for their **people**, that peace will prevail.

~for: Camp season at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, weeklong camps have begun. Pray for **safety for all of the campers and counselors** as they take part in a time honored tradition.

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

*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.

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](mailto:churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org) for inquiries and to leave messages.

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

**HARVEST OF HOPE:** In May BMC’ers donated 49 pounds of food to Harvest of Hope, which is our local food pantry. Harvest of Hope is the only food pantry in Boulder that serves everyone who comes to the door. They provide non perishable items as well as fruit, vegetables, bakery items dairy, meat, meatless options and frozen foods. Please consider bringing your non perishable items to the church and place them in the blue bin at the back of the sanctuary. Those items will be delivered to Harvest of Hope at the end of the month. Thank you.

**WE INVITE ANYONE WHO HAS A XERIC PERENNIAL GARDEN** to dig up a plant or two to contribute to one of our raised beds. We are calling it our “friendship garden”, since it will contain plants from a number of people from the church. We also invite even small donations to help cover the cost of all the beauty you see in the backyard of the church. We hope soon to be sharing all of this with the community, as well as our congregation, through some special summer events.



**BINGO!:** Sunday, July 20th from 2-3:30pm, Boulder Mennonite Church will host its first, free bingo event. Please see Cheri Krause about contributing to the event. We still need pizzas for the event and lots of new, unopened, prizes of approximately \$5. You can add prizes to the greyish-green bin in the back of the sanctuary labeled BINGO prizes. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors! This is an outreach to our local community. Invite your friends!

## ~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

**FT. COLLINS 500-50:** Can you believe that Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship (FCMF) has been around for 50 years – and the Mennonites have been around for 500 years!

FCMF will be holding a special “500-50” anniversary event on Sunday, September 14, 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM. We are celebrating our successful work with marginalized communities in Fort Collins. Please celebrate with us. **The event will involve:**

- Special worship service at 10 AM with lots of singing and testimonials from current and former members of the homeless community.
- Delicious potluck lunch at noon, across the street in Library Park.
- Live entertainment at 1 PM by Betwixt n Between, a wonderful bluegrass/gospel band.
- Exhibits by local partners and vendors throughout the afternoon.

**ASSEMBLY 2025:** Join the MSMC family in Rocky Mountain high country for a weekend of celebration, worship, and renewal as we practice Wholehearted Hospitality in such a time as this. Youth and adults can enjoy a 38-foot rock climbing wall ( the second tallest on the Western Slope), an 18-hole Disc Golf Course ( challenge your skills and clear your mind), and over 7 miles of mountain bike trails ( bring your bike). Special guests: [Iris de León-Hartshorn](#), MC USA Associate Executive Director, and [Rachel Ringenberg Miller](#), MC USA Denominational Minister. [Register](#) by June 30—fee increases on July 1.

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK JUST PEACE PILGRIMAGES:**

- Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples — Engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. What might it mean for your community to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and actively contribute to the work of truth telling and repair? **Date: October 7-11, 2025; register by August 1.**
- **Civil Rights Pilgrimage** — Led by MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton, this young-adult focused, multiracial pilgrimage through the southern United States fosters shared

learning and deep understanding of the racial divides that our society perpetuates. Date: **October 28-November 2, 2025; register by September 15.** To register for these pilgrimages or to inquire about scheduling a group trip, email Stephanie Weaver at [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net).

**ECOLOGY TIP:** Our weather is once again conducive to easy bicycle riding, so if this is an option for you for short errands or commutes, pump up those tires and get cycling! Be inspired by the Netherlands, where weather is not a deterrent for bicycling and some people build boxes onto their bikes so they can use them like cars! People of all ages and all walks of life bicycle to school, work, shopping, parties, and meetings. In Amsterdam, there are over 837,000 bicycles, an average of one per resident. There are no barriers, bollards, or high curbs to separate bikes from cars. Rather, cars and bikes share the road and pedestrians holler, “Bike!” in warning before crossing the street!



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