



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, July 13, 2025

15th Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time

A Service of the Word *The Heart of a Prayerstream*



Good Samaritan in three panels. John August Swanson, hand-printed serigraph, 2002

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 *Voluntary in C* Handel

***Singing** Brethren, we have met to worship 25

Call to Worship adapted from Luke 10.27-28

Leader: Come, Boulder Mennonite People, and love God

People: **with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Leader: Come, Boulder Mennonite People, and love your neighbor as yourself,

People: **with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Leader: May we follow Jesus and live fully!

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

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing All hail the power of Jesus' name 411

Centering Prayer adapted from Psalm 25

Singing Cast thy burden upon the Lord 616

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 *Fugue in C* Handel

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30.9-14

The Eternal One will make you prosper in all the work of your hands, and in the fruit of your body, of your livestock and of your lands. the Eternal One will once again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as God delighted in your ancestors and prospered them, if you obey the Eternal One, your God, and keep the commandments and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and return to the Eternal One with all your heart and soul.

For this Law that I give to you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you need to ask yourselves, “Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, “Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” No, the word of God is very near to you; it is in your mouth, and in your heart, so that you can keep it.

Singing

Thy word is a lamp (refrain)

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Gospel Reading

Luke 10.25-37

An expert on the Law stood up to put Jesus to the test and said, **“Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?”** Jesus answered, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” The expert on the Law replied: **“You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”**

Jesus said, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you’ll live.” But the expert on the Law, seeking self-justification, pressed Jesus further: **“And just who is my neighbor?”**

Jesus replied, “There was a traveler going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell prey to robbers. The traveler was beaten, stripped naked, and left half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; the priest saw the traveler lying beside the road, but passed by on the other side. Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; this one, too, saw the afflicted traveler and passed by on the other side.

“But a Samaritan, who was taking the same road, also came upon the traveler and, filled with compassion, approached the traveler and dressed the wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then the Samaritan put the wounded person on a donkey, went straight to an inn and there took care of the injured one. The next day the Samaritan took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request, ‘Look after this person, and if there is any further expense, I’ll repay you on the way back.’

“Which of these three, in your opinion, was the neighbor to the traveler who fell in with the robbers?” The answer came, **“The one who showed compassion.”** Jesus replied, **“Then go and do the same.”**

Reflection

RESPONDING

Singing

Spirit, open my heart

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Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** Sing a new world into being, vv. 1, 4

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Cover art: [Eyecons Gallery](#) | [John Swanson Good Samaritan serigraph for sale in the Eyecons Gallery - a source for Christian art, religious art, biblical art and church art.](#)

About our Guest Speaker:



We welcome BMCer **Brenda Fox** as our guest speaker. Brenda is a Colorado native, mother of 2 fabulous adult children, and member of Boulder Mennonite Church since 1996. A graduate of Chicago Theological Seminary, Brenda has over 30 years of experience combining her passions and expertise in spiritual care and the complexities related to death and dying. Since 2011 she served as hospice Chaplain, volunteer coordinator and grief counselor at Hospice of the Estes Valley in Colorado. She has coordinated care and facilitated gatherings for survivors of torture, clergy, hospice families and volunteers. Her methodology focuses on deep listening, building resilience, expanding narratives of resourcefulness and the rich human capacity to meet unthinkable circumstances with greater strength, grace and wisdom than we thought possible.

Today, Brenda is the Grief and Bereavement Care Liason for [Compassionate Care ALS](#). Thank you for sharing a message with us today, Brenda. Blessings!

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Guest Speaker:	Brenda Fox
Worship Leader:	Becky Neumann
Readers:	Cheri Krause, Toni Diaz
Music:	Susan Graber, Jean McPherson
Tech Support:	Bruce Wheeler, Steve Voran
Greeters:	Carole Suderman, Toni Diaz
Snacks:	Sheng Wheeler, Mai Wheeler, Gus Gouvas
Moment for All Ages:	Judy Classen
Mission Moment:	Prayerstream (Carole Suderman)

July 6:

Attendance: 44

Offering: \$1,580

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship and mingling
10:45a Assembling Welcome Kits for Roca de Refugio!

THIS WEEK at BMC

7/16 Meditation/Centering prayer small group, 11a
7/17 Church council, 5p
7/18 Justin Mathis piano, 11a

NEXT SUNDAY – July 20: Holy Humor/Joke Sunday

9:30am Worship and mingling
11:00am Annual congregational meeting
2:00pm Bingo!

Speaker: Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader: Susan Graber
Readers: Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey, Jean McPherson
Music: Justin Mathis, Randy Spaulding, Judy Classen
Tech Support: Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters: Paul Classen
Snacks: Cindy Firnhaber, Gus Gouvas, Tammie Bernstein

COMING UP

7/22 Singing small group, 6:30p
8/1-3 Annual assembly Glenwood Springs
8/6 Meditation/Centering prayer small group, 11a
8/7-9 EPIC board meetings @BMC
8/14 Church Council, 5p
8/17 Heretics, Heresy, (dis)harmony, 4p
8/20 Deacons meeting, 8:30a
8/23 Ice cream social @BMC, 6p
8/26 Singing small group, 6:30p
9/1 Memorial Day
9/3 Meditation/Centering prayer small group, 11a
9/4 PCRC, 9a
9/9 Singing small group, 6:30
9/11 Church Council, 5p
9/17 Meditation/Centering prayer small group, 11a
9/27 Habitat for Humanity service learning project

~PRAYERS~

- ~for the **Gomba-Dinda family** who will return to their local immigration office on Thursday (July 10) and possibly find out if they have been granted asylum. Life is very uncertain and challenging for them these days without work permits. ~**Susan Graber**
- ~from **Paul and Mary McKay**: I am doing well following knee surgery on Wednesday (July 2). I'm enjoying the accompaniment of our daughters, **Christie, Becky, and Kathleen**. Thank you for your prayers.
- ~from **Lisa Voss**: Donald Trump's bill passed; I am afraid of losing my Medicaid and my food stamps.

July Birthdays	
3 – Ezra Tice 6 – Elvira Glenn	7 – Teresa Troester-Falk 11 – Finn 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) 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~

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please join us for our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, July 20th, during the 11am hour.

HOLY HUMOR – WACKY SOCK SUNDAY, JULY 20! Start collecting your jokes and stories for our Holy Humor Sunday on July 20. It's one of our most popular Sundays of the year, and it's full of good, healthy laughter. There is no sermon; rather, the members of the congregation tell humorous stories and jokes. Kids and youth are especially encouraged to make us adults lighten up! **In honor of BMC's beloved Gretchen Williams, all are invited to wear your colorful, wacky socks on Holy Humor Sunday!**



ROCA DE REFUGIO: a Mennonite Church in San Antonio, Texas, ministers to many immigrants, some of whom are in urgent need of basic supplies. When Prayerstream heard of this need, we felt called to contribute some Welcome Kits. Thank you to the youth of BMC (and some adults) who have already done the shopping! Today we will assemble the kits and sign cards to share our prayers and encouragement. Those of us who are going to the Mountain States Mennonite Assembly will deliver the kits to Diane Garcia, the pastor of the immigrant church.

BMC DIRECTORY: It is that time again to update your information in the church directory. Please mark your choices and update your information here: [BMC Directory - Google Forms](#). If you have any questions, contact Cheri Krause at deacons@bouldermennonite.org.

BMC/COMMUNITY ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Saturday August 23rd, 6 pm.
Music by Herm Weaver and homemade sweets. Mark your calendars and invite friends and neighbors.



~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

MCC PEACE CAMP AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNOITE CAMP Sept. 21-27: How can we live out God's call for justice and reconciliation through nonviolence in a world that is built on the myth of redemptive violence? If you are a young adult (age 18-30) concerned about the state of our world and energized to reimagine society built on God's vision of love and justice for all, come join us for a week of experiential learning rooted in theological reflection, peacebuilding practices, and real-world application. [Register by August 31](#).

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

MC USA: Moderator Jon Carlson provides an update on the Mosaic Mennonite Conference process in his letter to all MC USA members. Read it [here](#).

MC USA is seeking a Denominational Minister/Director of Education to oversee education-related ministries within MC USA, including developing new educational ministries, expanding existing ministries, building/strengthening relationships with educational partners. To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 574-523-3027. View the job description [here](#).

MC USA is seeking an archivist coordinator for the Elkhart office. The coordinator oversees the accessioning, arrangement, description and preservation of permanent records for MC USA in textual, photographic, audiovisual, micrographic and multimedia formats. View the job description [here](#). To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 574-523-3027.

MENNO SNAPSHOTS: Anita J. Castle never dreamed of being a pastor. In fact, she had rarely even heard of a woman being a pastor before. But after one fateful conference, she knew she was being called. Read more about her calling in her MC USA blog [here](#).

MENNO SNAPSHOTS: Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA's denominational minister for Peace and Justice, cries out to God for those who are harmed by changes in U.S. immigration policy and enforcement, as well as those who seek justice through peaceful demonstration, and those with the power to effect change. Read her prayer [here](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: Although there are differing opinions on various aspects of AI, one fact is clear: there is a huge environmental cost in terms of water. Just as a car engine needs a cooling system to keep it from overheating, so do the data centers which house the computers. Each Google search uses approximately 16 ounces of water. Google reports that the amount of water needed in a year is over 6 billion gallons, over 800 times the amount of water in the Lincoln Memorial reflecting pool. We can take action by urging the recycling and recirculation of water in these large data centers. Or perhaps we can go back to just pondering many questions and asking people we know for their expertise!



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