



# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, July 27, 2025

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

## A Service of the Word

**FOLLOW  
JESUS** 25



*The Lord's Prayer* by He Qi, contemporary print

**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** God is here among us 62

**Call to Worship** adapted from Luke 11.2-4

**All:** *We honor the Spirit of Love, within and around us.  
We seek to live life with deep integrity: with love and respect for all  
people and all things in the universe.  
May we find each day sufficient for our needs, and find forgiveness when  
we do wrong, just as we forgive those who do wrong to us.  
In times of trouble, may we center our lives in Love—  
and walk in the ways of peace, with strength and with beauty.  
Throughout eternity. Amen.*

### Welcome

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**Singing** God of the Bible 420

### Centering Prayer

**Singing** Peace to you 168

### 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

### Gospel Reading

Luke 11.1-13

One day Jesus was praying, and when he had finished, one of the disciples asked, “Rabbi, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Jesus said to them, “When you pray, say, **‘Abba God, hallowed be your Name! May your reign come. Give us today Tomorrow’s bread. Forgive us our sins, for we too forgive everyone who sins against us; and don’t let us be subjected to the Test.’**”

Jesus said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, a neighbor, and you go to your neighbor at midnight and say, ‘Lend me three loaves of bread, because friends of mine on a journey have come to me, and I have nothing to set before them.’

“Then your neighbor says, ‘Leave me alone. The door is already locked and the children and I are in bed. I can’t get up to look after your needs.’ **I tell you, though your neighbor will not get up to give you the bread out of friendship, your persistence will make your neighbor get up and give you as much as you need.**

“That’s why I tell you, **keep asking and you’ll receive; keep looking and you’ll find; keep knocking and the door will be opened to you. For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted.** What parents among you will give a snake to their child when the child asks for a fish, or a scorpion when the child asks for an egg? **If you, with all your sins, know how to give your children good things, how much more will our heavenly Abba give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?”**

### Singing

Alleluia

66

### New Testament Reading

Colossians 2.6-17

Since you have received Jesus, the Anointed One, walk in his Way—let your whole life be rooted in his liberating love, grounded in the fullness of God he embodied. Make sure that no one traps you and deprives you of your freedom by some secondhand, empty and deceptive philosophy that is based on the principles of the world instead of Christ.

In Jesus the fullness of divinity lives in bodily form, and in Jesus you find your own fulfillment—in the One who is the head of every ruler and Power. In Jesus you have been given the Covenant through a transformation performed not by human hands, but by the complete stripping away of the whole self dominated by sin. This is what “circumcision” in the Anointed One means. In baptism you were not only buried with the Anointed but also raised to life, because you believed in the power of God who raised the Anointed from the dead. And though you were dead in sin and did not have the Covenant, God gave you new life in company with the Anointed, pardoning all our sins. God has canceled the massive debt that stood against us with all its hostile claims, taking it out of the way and

nailing it to the cross. In this way God disarmed the Principalities and the Powers and made a public display of them after having triumphed over them at the cross.

From now on, don't let anyone pass judgment on you because of what you eat or drink, or whether you observe festivals, new moons or Sabbaths. These are mere shadows of the reality that is to come; the substance is the Anointed One.

**Sermon**                      *Freed and Rooted: Following Jesus in Bold Love*  
*Reporting out on the 2025 Mennonite Church USA National Convention*

**RESPONDING**

**Singing**                      May you be rooted and grounded                      396

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

**SENDING**

**Announcements**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song**                      Somlandela (We will follow)                      566



**Resources used in worship:**  
Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality, Common English Bible  
Cover art: [55 The Lord's Prayer Limited Edition](#)

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

<b>Speaker:</b>	Pastor Randy Spaulding
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Susan Graber
<b>Readers:</b>	Jen Dudenhefer, Bruce Wheeler
<b>Music:</b>	Justin Mathis, Jean McPherson, Pastor Randy
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Tice family
<b>Greeters:</b>	Lisa Voss, Ezra & Joan Tice
<b>Snacks:</b>	Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn, Gus Gouvas
<b>Moment for All Ages:</b>	Karen Cox

**July 20 – Attendance: 54      Offering: \$3,220.00**

**TODAY at BMC**

9:30a	Worship and mingling
11:00a	No Education hour – summer schedule

## THIS WEEK at BMC

8/1 MSMC Assembly, Glenwood Springs

## NEXT SUNDAY – August 3: Annual Assembly (Mountain States Mennonite Conference)

9:30am Worship and mingling – Virtual streaming from Glenwood Springs

11:00am No Education hour – summer schedule

**Speaker:** Streamed worship from MSMC

**Worship Leader:** Toni Diaz Bachus

**Music:** Elleanna Voran, Bruce Fast

**Tech Support:** Alfred Sawatzky

**Greeters:** Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter

**Snacks:** Cindy Firnhaber, Gus Gouvas

## COMING UP

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, 8a

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

9/20 Music on the Deck

9/27 Habitat for Humanity service-learning project

## ~PRAYERS~

~for **Sandi Sanborn** and **Cheri Krause**, as they drive to Kansas this weekend. Sandi will be participating in Western Plains District Conference as our BMC delegate (Church of the Brethren). Prayers for good decisions, fullness of the Spirit, and safe travel.

~for **Erin Dudenhefer's** camp friend, **Sarah**, and **Sarah's family**, whose mother died unexpectedly from a stroke recently.

August Birthdays	August Anniversaries
3 – Randy Spaulding 13 – Anita Jantz 18 – Bonnie Lavelle 21 – Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey	9 – Carolyn & Chris Clement 10 – Mai & Bruce Wheeler 12 – Judy & Paul Classen 19 – Ellen & Wayne Morrison

*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~

**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](mailto:deacons@bouldermennonite.org).

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

**OPEN HOUSE** to celebrate BMCer **Anita Jantz's** 80<sup>th</sup> birthday! Sunday, August 17, 2025, 2-5pm. 1861 Sunlight Dr., Longmont. (303-305-9109). All are welcome. No gifts please! *Happy 80th birthday to Anita—may your days continue to be filled with the same beauty, grace, and vibrant color that you bring to the world through your kindness and your art.*

**EPIC (Ecumenical Project for Ecumenical Cooperation)** is having their board meetings at BMC August 22, 23, and 24. Worship on August 24 will be an EPIC Service featuring Mexican Son Jarocho folk music played by Megan McKeown-Gleason, Coordinator for Programs in Mexico. EPIC staff and board members will share their inspiration for their work. Videos and updates of

EPIC's work will be shown from 11:00 to 11:30 followed immediately by a potluck for BMC attendees and other friends of EPIC.

**SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT:** Mark your calendars! Saturday, September 27, 2025.

BMCers will meet at the **BoulderMOD**, a first-of-its-kind modular housing factory in Boulder, created through an innovative partnership between Flatirons Habitat for Humanity, the City of Boulder, and Boulder Valley School District. We will learn how BoulderMOD is building high-quality affordable homes—while training the next generation of skilled tradespeople. BMCers will also work on one of the homes, helping to build part of the home as part of our “service” that day.

## ~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

**MCC PEACE CAMP AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNOINTE 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.](#)

**Rocky Mountain Relief Sale:** We are thrilled to announce the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale is returning for its second year in Castle Rock! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 18th** at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. As excitement builds, we're starting to plan and would love your help making this year's event a success. There are many ways to get involved:

- Help with setup and take down – We need trucks and extra hands to move items (mostly display racks) to and from our nearby storage unit.
- Donate an item – Contributions are welcome for the general, silent, or kids' auctions.
- Make and create – Add your homemade goods to the craft booth or pantry.
- Volunteer – Join us at a booth on the day of the sale.
- Spread the word – Share the event with your friends, family, and community. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with others and support an amazing cause. Stay tuned – a sign-up form will be coming soon. If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to get involved, please contact Darcey VanWagner at [mdvw@comcast.net](mailto:mdvw@comcast.net) or go to the [website](#).

**MC USA JUSTICE FUND GRANT:** Last year, MC USA awarded Justice Fund grants to nine congregations involved in dismantling racism, addressing police brutality, reimagining policing and combating poverty. Read their inspiring stories and learn more about how your congregation can apply for the grant. Applicants planning to use the funds for immigration or climate justice will receive priority in 2025. Read more [here](#).



**MC USA BIG DOVE:** The [big dove](#) is here! MC USA has launched an [online storefront](#) featuring hats, sweatshirts, mugs and more. Check out the selection of merch that displays Follow Jesus, the MC USA dove and a retro line of gear from past conventions. Every sale helps support MC USA ministries.

**MC USA CHURCH VITALITY:** Watch the Church Vitality webinar, discussing changes to MC USA abuse prevention and accountability policies [here](#).

**Menno Snapshots:** After her uncle died, Linda Lehman Thomas, a spiritual director for the Mennonite Spiritual Directors Network, sought out a spiritual director to heal childhood trauma, but it affected her life even more deeply than she expected. Read more about her experience in her Menno Snapshots blog [here](#).

**EVERENCE:** Beryl Jantzi, Everence director of stewardship education, shares three tips on how people can enhance their act of giving deeper. Read his Menno Snapshots blog [here](#).

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**ECOLOGY TIP:** As many of us head up to the high country to enjoy God's creation, we become more aware of the need to protect these beautiful places. So many environmental protections are being eroded by the current federal administration. So choose an issue dear to your heart and call your congress people, asking them to protect our air, water, wildlife, and natural places.



*Donate to BMC*



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