



# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

## A Service of the Word



Pieter Lastman, "Abraham on the Way to Canaan," 1614, State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia

**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 Ojibwe 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** I'll praise my Maker HWB 166

**Call to Worship** adapted from Psalm 50 and HWB 166

Leader: The Eternal One speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**People: Happy are those who rely on God, who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor.**

Leader: God comes and won't be silent; in the beauty of darkness and light, God's Way is known.

**People: The heavens affirm God's justice, which helps the stranger in distress, the widow and the orphan.**

**All: Let us prepare our hearts this day for the road that is before us.  
Let us worship God!**

### Welcome

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**Singing** The God of Sarah Praise 190

**Centering Prayer** based on Psalm 33

**Singing** Love divine, all loves excelling, vv. 1, 2 638

### 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

### Hebrew Scripture Reading

Genesis 15.1-6

After these events, word of the Eternal One came to Abram in a vision, “Don’t be afraid, Abram. I am your protector. Your reward will be very great.”

But Abram said, “Eternal God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus.” He continued, “Since you haven’t given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir.”

The Eternal One’s word came immediately to him, “This person will not be your heir. Your heir will definitely be your very own biological child.” Then he brought Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them. This is how many descendants you will have.” Abram trusted the Eternal One, and God recognized Abram’s integrity.

### Gospel Reading

Luke 12.32-34

Jesus said, “Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased your Abba to give you the kingdom. Sell what you own and give the money to poorer people. Make purses for yourselves that don’t wear out—treasures that won’t fail you, in heaven that thieves can’t steal and moths can’t destroy. For wherever your treasure is, that’s where your heart will be.

### Singing

Listen to the Word that God has spoken

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### New Testament Reading

from Hebrews 11

Faith is the reality of all that is hoped for and the proof of all that is unseen. Because of faith, our ancestors were approved by God. **By faith, we understand that the world was created by the word from God, and that what is visible came into being through the invisible.** By faith, Sarah and Abraham obeyed when they were called and went off to the place they were to receive as a heritage; they went forth, moreover, not knowing where they were going.

**By faith, Sarah and Abraham lived in the promised land as resident immigrants, dwelling with their children and grandchildren, who were heirs of the same promise— for they were looking forward to the city with foundations, whose designer and maker is God.** All of them died in faith. They didn’t obtain what had been promised but saw and welcomed it from afar. By accepting that they were strangers and exiles on the earth, they showed that they were looking for a country of their own.

**If they had been thinking of the country from which they had come, they’d have been able to return to it. But they were searching for a better country, a place of justice and peace—a heaven!**

### Reflection

*Searching for a Better Country – For Such a Time as This*

## RESPONDING

**Singing** Hope of Abraham and Sarah

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### **Sharing Joys and Concerns:**

*A Blessing for Students, Teachers, Administrators, and Parents*

### **Prayers of the People**

## SENDING

### **Announcements**

### **\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song** Come, come ye saints, vv. 1, 2

HWB 425



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

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Psalm 33: Nan Merrill, *Psalms for Praying*, Continuum Press

Cover art: [The First Journey of Faith: Abraham's Calling in Scripture and Art](#) | [National Catholic Register](#)

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

<b>Speaker:</b>	Pastor Randy Spaulding
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Ezra Tice
<b>Readers:</b>	Frances & Mike Tice
<b>Music:</b>	Susan Graber, Judy Classen, Pastor Randy
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Bruce Wheeler, Steve Voran
<b>Greeters:</b>	Carole Suderman, Toni Diaz
<b>Snacks:</b>	Judy Classen
<b>Moment for All Ages:</b>	Karen Cox

**August 3: Attendance: Offering: \$2,332**

### **TODAY at BMC**

9:30a	Worship
10:45am	Snacks and Connecting on the Deck
11:00a	Baptism class, Rm 102

### **THIS WEEK at BMC**

8/12	Singing small group, 6:30pm
8/13	Meditation/Centering prayer small group, 11am
8/14	Church Council, 5pm

## **NEXT SUNDAY – August 17, 2025:**

9:30am Worship and mingling  
11:00am Baptism class, Rm 102  
2-5pm Anita Jantz open house/birthday party 1861 Sunlight Dr. Longmont  
4:00pm Heretics, Heresy, (dis)Harmony, 4p

**Speaker:** Pastor Randy Spaulding  
**Worship Leader:** Susan Graber  
**Readers:** Joan & Ezra Tice  
**Music:** Randy Spaulding, Jean McPherson  
**Tech Support:** Tice family  
**Greeters:** Paul Classen, Michelene Fast  
**Snacks:** Gus Gouvas, Toni Diaz Bachus

## **COMING UP**

8/20 Meditation/Centering prayer small group, 11a  
8/20 Deacons meeting, 8:30a  
8/22-24 EPIC board meetings @BMC  
8/23 Ice cream social & Music on the Deck @BMC, 6pm  
8/26 Singing small group, 6:30p  
9/1 Labor 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  
9/13 Meditation/Centering prayer small group, 11a  
9/17 Meditation/Centering prayer small group, 11a  
9/20 Music on the Deck  
9/24 Meditation/Centering prayer small group, 11a  
9/27 Habitat for Humanity service-learning project

## **~PRAYERS~**

~for the **people of Ukraine:** Russia launched a massive drone/missile attack on **Kyiv**. There are casualties including children. Russia is now openly bombing residential areas and civilians. Adult and children are dying. They're deliberately targeting hospitals, schools, maternity home, kindergartens – civilian infrastructure all across the country. What's happening in Ukraine is a genocide against the Ukrainian people. There's no other way to describe it. This has been going on for three and a half years. And the whole world is watching, seemingly unable to stop this horror. The only thing we can do in this situation is to continue to trust in the Lord and keep praying that h He would protect us. Please continue to pray. ~Church of the Brethren

~from [Community Peacemaker Teams](#): We pray for strength and resilience for people persisting in the work of resisting oppression, and for courage for others to begin raising their voices and

acting in solidarity. We pray for an **end to the war in Gaza** and for the liberation of the Palestinian people.

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~

**A WORD FROM DELANA AND RICHARD SCHNEIDER** who helped connect BMC to the Saavedra family:

~To the Boulder Mennonite Church congregation, a huge thank you for welcoming, caring and loving the Saavedra family. The value of the love you extended cannot be measured in moments, for it is eternal. *~Eternally grateful, Richard Schneider*

~Words cannot express how grateful we are and how much of a difference you (all!) have made! It takes a village – together you made it happen for this sweet family. *~Bless You, Delana Schneider*

**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.



**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.

**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 builds 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~

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN RELIEF SALE:** Mark your calendars! You’re invited to the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale on Saturday, October 18th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. This is more than just a sale—it’s a full day of celebration and community! This annual event is a meaningful and fun-filled day of community, connection, and generosity—all in support of global relief, development, and peace efforts. **What to Expect:**

- A variety of auctions
- A 5K Run/Walk to start the day off right
- Fair trade items that support global artisans
- Delicious food, homemade treats, and handcrafted goods, great fellowship with new and old friends alike

We are always looking for donations for the various booths and auctions. Your contributions help make this event a success! Here are a few ideas for the General Auction:

- Experiences – Vacation home stays or tickets to events
- Handmade items – Woodworking, metalwork, pottery, etc.
- Antiques – In good condition (preferably not large furniture)
- John Deere collectibles – A popular favorite year after year

If you’re unsure whether your item is a good fit, please contact Darcey VanWagner for guidance. Interested in donating a quilt to the Quilt Auction? Please see additional information on the website details on how to contribute. Plan to attend and bring your friends and family! Let’s make this year’s sale the best one yet!

**MENNONITE CHURCH USA:** 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](#).

**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! Find more information [here](#).

**FOLLOW JESUS '25:** atch up on all the happenings at Follow Jesus '25, MC USA's national convention, July 8-12! Read Grits & Bits, the daily convention newsletter [here](#).

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MCC SALE QUILTMAKERS AND ADMIRERS:** We are looking forward to the [Rocky Mountain Relief Sale and Quilt Auction](#) again this year at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on October 18th and welcome your handcrafted new or excellent condition second owner quilt donations. The quilt submission form is open on the [Relief Sale Website](#). You can also use this link to go directly to the [submission form](#). We are hoping to have 100 quilts in the auction again this year. The deadline for the online submissions is September 1st. Please deliver your quilt to one of the quilt contacts noted in the guidelines on the website by September 15th. If you have any trouble, or need any support, please reach out to me at [eschrockefs@yahoo.com](mailto:eschrockefs@yahoo.com) or 303-549-5882.

**JUST PEACE PILGRIMAGES:** **Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples** — You and your community are invited to 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? Contact: [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net) [MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace](http://MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace). **Dates: October 7 - 11**

**ECOLOGY TIP:** Did you know that right now representatives from 175 countries are meeting in Geneva, Switzerland to forge the first ever Global Plastics Treaty? A global plastics crisis is causing governments and taxpayers to spend \$1.5 trillion to address the health issues that arise from micro plastics. The treaty hopes to mandate a decrease in the production of plastic, where it all begins. Whether limits are set or not, we can begin by intentionally avoiding plastic when there is an alternative.



*Donate to BMC*



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