



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, October 12th, 2025

A Service of the Word



*The Trinity, 12th c. fresco in
the Chapel of St James,
Urschalling, Upper Bavaria*

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

Choral Prelude

F.W. Zachau

***Singing**

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

764

Call to Worship

Leader: God of every place, some of us see you today from mountains of joy and confidence,

People: mountains of gratitude and praise.

Leader: Some of us seek you today from valleys of grief or doubt,

People: valleys of loss or exhaustion.

Leader: And in all places, there you are with us, nudging us onward.

When we descend from the heights,

People: Show us your presence on the ground.

Leader: When we rise from the depths,

People: show us the light of your way.

All: Meet us all on the path made by Jesus.

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing

Spirit of Life, come unto me

740

Centering Prayer

Psalm 46

Singing

Be still and know

37

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

Canzona

D. Zipoli

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Gospel Reading

John 14.16-17

[Jesus said,] “I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; **but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you.**”

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 2.19-22, 3:16-21

This means that you are strangers and aliens no longer. No, you are included in God’s holy people and are members of the household of God, which is built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus as the capstone. In Christ the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in our God; in Christ you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

And I pray that God, out of the riches of divine glory, will strengthen you inwardly with power through the working of the spirit. May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, so that you, being rooted and grounded in love, will be able to grasp fully the breadth, length, height and depth of Christ’s love and, with all God’s holy ones, experience this love that surpasses all understanding, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. To God—whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine— to God be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end! Amen.

Singing	Spirit of the living God	740
Message	<i>Know that God is God</i>	

RESPONDING

Singing	New earth, heavens new	377
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Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

*Sending Song	Renew your church, vv. 1, 4	717
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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Cover art: [Images of the Trinity: Fresco from the Church of St.James in Urschalling | YunsoBC](#). Note the Holy Spirit (center) is depicted in female form. The fresco is an important early vision of the feminine God/Spirit within Christian iconography.

Call to Worship: adapted from VT 859



About Our Guest Speaker:

We welcome BMCer Karen Cox today as our guest speaker! Karen served as Pastor for BMC from 2005-2017. Karen delights in providing 1/2-time day care for her 1 year old twin grandsons. And she is co-owner and board member for SkyRun Vacation Rentals. Karen's hobbies include walking/hiking, listening to live music, reading, watching movies, and playing cards/games (to win, competitively or cooperatively!). *Thank you for blessing us today, Karen!*

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Guest Speaker:	Karen Cox
Worship Leader:	Ezra Tice
Readers:	Lisa Voss, Joanna Harrison
Music:	Susan Graber, Jean McPherson
Tech Support:	Tice Family
Greeters:	Toni Diaz, Lisa Voss
Snacks:	Susan Graber
Moment for All Ages:	Karen Cox

October 5 – Attendance: 42 Offering: \$

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship
10:45a	Snacks and Connecting time
11:00a	Education Hour: Book of Isaiah; Ezra Tice, discussion leader. Meet in the sanctuary (joint adult/youth).

THIS WEEK at BMC

10/14	Singing small group, 6:30p
10/16	Church Council meets, 2pm
10/17	Deacons meeting, 8:30am
10/18	Relief Sale, Mennonite Central Committee, Castle Rock, CO
10/18	No Kings Rally, Boulder Bandshell , 3:30-5:30pm
	No Kings Rally, Golden , CO, 3-5pm (for those attending the Relief Sale!)
10/22	Meditation/Centering Prayer small group, 11a

NEXT SUNDAY – October 19, 2025:

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45am Connecting and Snacks
- 11:00am Education Hour: Book of Isaiah; Ezra Tice, discussion leader (meet in sanctuary)
Youth Gathering, Room 102, Pastor Randy, facilitator
- Speaker:** Pastor Randy Spaulding
- Worship Leader:** Joan Tice
- Readers:** Frances & Mike Tice
- Music:** Randy Spaulding, Judy Classen
- Tech Support:** Alfred Sawatzky
- Greeters:** Paul Classen, Michelene Fast
- Snacks:** Toni Diaz

COMING UP

- 10/13 [Indigenous Peoples’ Day](#)
- 10/20 CROP Walk in Boulder
- 10/28 Singing small group, 6:30p
- 11/2 All Souls Sunday
- 11/5 Meditation/Centering small group, 11a
- 11/23 BMC Birthday/Auction Sunday
- 11/27 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/30 Season of Advent begins

~PRAYERS~

- ~for **Mai Wheeler** as she continues to recover successfully from her procedure. Prayers for healing and peace for **Sheng Wheeler**, who is in the hospital for internal bleeding. Prayers for strength for **Bruce Wheeler** as he tends to his family. Bruce expressed deep gratitude for the support of his BMC community.
- ~for **Gwen**, the sister-in-law of **Cindi Fausel**, who is recovering from abdominal surgery to remove a rare tumor.
- ~of gratitude from **Toni Diaz**. On Oct 4, **Felipe’s sister** and **niece** were baptized in Havana after accepting Jesus into their lives. On Oct 4, Felipe received his **green residency card** in the mail. Prayers of relief and thanks!
- ~for **Gus Gouvas**, who is experiencing some health issues. He will miss being in church for a while.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS		OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Toni Diaz	21 – Karen Cox	4 – Cheri Krause & Justin Mathis
3 – Judy Classen	24 – Anne Cox	6 – Jill & Douglas Minter
3 – Joyce Penner	28 – Joanna Harrison	10 – Becky & Alfred Sawatzky
10 – Terry Mast	29 – Steve Ruby	16 – Gwen Grasse & Steve Voran
10 – Carole Suderman	30 – Cat Osborne-Gowey	17 – Elvira & Ed Glenn
19 – Chris Friedman	30 – Eden Harrison	

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: Douglas Minter: 303-819-5248; 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~

CROP WALK: There is still time to collect donations to aid the hungry through participation in the Boulder County CROP walk. You can go online and register or just collect checks and cash and give them to Paul Classen. We would love to have a few walkers from Boulder Mennonite, so here are the details:

When: 1:15 on October 12 Where: BVUUF, 1241 Ceres Drive, Lafayette, CO 80026

Your choice of how far you walk: Short walk: 2 miles Long walk: Approximately 6 miles

MCC RELIEF SALE & NO KINGS RALLY on OCT 18: Sad to see that these events are on the same day? Well, you don't have to choose! After the quilt auction, we can join the rally in Golden, CO from 3:00 to 5:00pm (about 45 minutes away). Folks will be lining up with their signs on the sidewalks of Washington Ave between 6th Street and 19th Street. [Here's more info](#). Pastor Randy and our conference minister, Amy Zimbleman are planning to bring extra signs/materials for making signs in the parking lot at the Relief Sale...let us know what else you'd like to do to help, and please get the word out! Consider carpooling to the Relief Sale, then heading over to Golden!

CARE PACKAGES TO ROCA: *"I was a prisoner and you visited me."* You may not be able to visit a detention center in San Antonio, but you can still do something to make a difference for our friends caught up in the immigration system there. Roca de Refugio is inviting the rest of the conference to provide care packages for families who have a loved one in detention or in the deportation process. Possible items include: For adults: Cozy socks, cookies, hot chocolate, tea, mugs, candles, face masks, lotions, journal and pen, notes of support, etc. For kids: Stuffed animals, cozy socks, soft blanket, candy, cookies, coloring book/notebook and pen, activities book (with no or little English), etc. Pastor Randy, Carole Suderman and Brenda Fox will be traveling to San Antonio in November – **we hope to be able to pack suitcases of items to take with us! Bring your items to the church**, and place in the box by the coat closet in the sanctuary. Thank you! Gracias!

THE BMC AUCTION IS SUNDAY, November 23rd. We will share some finger foods after worship and begin the live auction at 11:00 a.m. Click this link to **donate an auction item:** [AUCTION DONATIONS](#), or visit the BMC website under “Events”. Our annual auction helps BMC remain active in our ministries and programs in the community. Thank you!



ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE – SUNDAY, November 2nd. Who are the important people in your life who have died in the last year? Who made a lasting impression on your faith journey –family, friend, or famous—who has died? Join us in worship as we remember and honor persons in the last year who have died and are dear to us. We will **write their names in our Book of Life** and light candles in their memory. Pastor Randy will read the names aloud during worship. If you will be in the sanctuary, bring a photo or picture to place on the worship table to celebrate their life and light! If you join us via Zoom, have a photo nearby. If you will not be attending but would like your loved one’s name written in the book, please email Randy at randy@bouldermennonite.org.



~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

READY FOR A LIFE-CHANGING GAP YEAR?: Dive into Service Adventure, a 10-month volunteer journey ages 17-20, now accepting applications for the term starting August 2026. Live in community with peers and unit leaders, serve with local nonprofits and deepen in your faith alongside a supportive church congregation. Embrace adventure, grow in purpose and make a difference. Apply [here](#).

YOUTH BOOT AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE SALE: The Annual MCC Relief Sale is COMING! On Saturday, October 18th, we are planning on having a Youth Booth for all youth in our conference to participate and get to know each other! We will be running the cheese booth this year, which will include sausages as well. We are looking for 4 people per hour, at least 1 adult and 3 youth. Please review the available slots [here](#) and sign up. For questions, please reach out to Pastor Hannah at hannah@bmccs.org. Thank you!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA NEWS: MC USA has awarded the 2025 Bring the Peace award to Legacy Peacemaker Joe Roos and Young Peacemaker Ciela Acosta. The award, sponsored by MC USA’s Church Peace Tax Fund, highlights the peace and justice work of people within MC USA. Read more [here](#).

MENNO SNAPSHOTS: Duncan Smith, director of The Corinthian Plan, looks at changing governmental priorities and their impact on health and health/medical insurance — and how we can respond, in his Menno Snapshots blog, “Healthcare and the ‘perfect storm’ on the horizon.” [Read more here](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RELIEF SALE:

There's truly **something for everyone:**

- Thrilling **auctions** filled with unique treasures
- Delicious **food** you won't want to miss
- Beautiful **handmade goods** crafted with care
- Fair trade items that support communities around the world

It's more than just a sale – it's a day of fun, fellowship, and purpose.

Visit our [website](#), for the full list of activities and to explore **volunteer opportunities**.

When: Saturday, October 18th, Where: Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock Colorado

MENNONITE CHURCH USA UPCOMING EVENT: Eastern Mennonite Seminary and MC USA are hosting an on-location training event at Village Church, Beaverton, Oregon, November 6-8, titled "Practicing Conflict Transformation in Community." This interactive workshop provides conflict resolution tools and restorative practices for community leaders, educators, faith leaders or anyone striving for healthier relationships. Facilitators include MC USA's Sue Park Hur, director of Racial/Ethnic Engagement, and Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, denominational minister for Peace & Justice. Learn more and register [here](#).

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY CELEBRATION 2025: Monday, October 13, 12pm-6pm, Denver. [For more info click here](#). In Boulder: "Breaking Barriers to Native Education for All". Activities in the Boulder community, including engaging activities for ages Pre-K to adult. Sunday, Oct. 12 starting at 10am, Dairy Arts Center. [For more info click here](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: This coming Saturday is the Mennonite Central Committee relief sale in Castle Rock. MCC does so many things around the world to promote sustainability, provide food, and train people in peacemaking. We can support this organization at the sale by buying handmade gifts, made both here in the US and by people in other countries who need a fair wage. These handmade gifts tend to be ecological since there is no plastic or pollution involved in creating them. Carpool to the sale or take along some school kits!



Donate to BMC



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