



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, October 19th, 2025

28th Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time

A Service of the Word



New Roots
(Jeremiah 29.1-7),
Lauren Wright Pittman

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** Come away from rush and hurry 9

Call to Worship *Come, let us seek rest* STJ 120

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing Holy God, we praise thy name, vv. 1-3 126

Centering Prayer adapted from Psalm 66.1-12

Singing His eye is on the sparrow, v. 1 STJ 103

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

Gospel Reading Luke 17.11-19

It happened that as Jesus made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten people, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "**Jesus, Rabbi, have mercy on us!**"

Taking a good look at them, Jesus said, "**Go, show yourselves to the priests.**"

They went, and while still on their way, they were healed. One of them, realizing what had happened, turned around and came back, shouting in gratitude, glorifying God, then fell down at the feet of Jesus, so grateful. The person was a Samaritan.

Jesus said, "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you."

Hebrew Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7

Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to Babylon to the surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests, the prophets, and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had deported.

“Thus says the Eternal One, the Omnipotent, Israel’s God, to all the exiles I deported from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses to live in. Plant gardens and eat what they grow. Marry and raise children. Find spouses for your daughters and your sons, that they may raise children and thrive, and not waste away. Seek the peace and the prosperity of the city to which I exiled you. Pray for the well-being of the city; for if it prospers, you will prosper.”

Singing By the waters of Babylon STJ 22

Now Testament Reading Jack A. Hill, *Ethics in the Global Village*

To love the enemy is the ultimate act of gracious living. To reconnect with the enemy is to become an angel of grace—that is, to experience a profound vulnerability while resisting the temptation to respond defensively. It is to transcend self-preoccupation by looking deeply into one another and trusting what cannot be seen or is as yet unknown. It demands a readiness to forgive, just as we ourselves have been often forgiven, for just as violence stems from oppression, so grace bespeaks liberation.

Grace is the calm still center in the midst of violence. It is what enables us to empathize with the pain, ignorance, and need of the outcast in our midst. To live gracefully is to be “at home,” to be in a “safe place” where even bombs and torture cannot threaten.

Reflection

RESPONDING

Singing Seek the peace of the city 206

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** Blest be the tie that binds, vv. 1, 3 831



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Psalms 66: adapted from Leslie F. Brandt in *Psalms Now*

Jack A. Hill, *Ethics in the Global Village: Moral Insights for the Post 9-11 USA*, 2008 Polebridge Press, pp. 121-122

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Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

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

October 12 – Attendance: 38 Offering: \$ 1,325

TODAY at BMC

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

THIS WEEK at BMC

10/22	Meditation/Centering Prayer Small Group, 11a
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NEXT SUNDAY – October 26, 2025:

9:30am	Worship: Guest Speaker Blaine Miner, Co-District Executive Minister, Western Plains District, Church of the Brethren
10:45am	Connecting and Snacks
11:00am	Education Hour: BMC Outward Ministries – help us discern where our financial giving goes this year! Facilitators: Becky Neumann, Bruce Fast

Guest Speaker:	Blaine Miner
Worship Leader:	Susan Graber
Readers:	Joan & Ezra Tice
Music:	Jean McPherson
Tech Support:	Steve & Elleanna Voran
Greeters:	Ezra & Joan Tice
Snacks:	Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn

COMING UP

11/2	All Souls Sunday
11/9	Life on Mars presentation, Dr. Mike Tice, 6pm (sanctuary)
11/14	Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day
11/5	Meditation/Centering small group, 11a
11/23	BMC Birthday/Auction Sunday
11/27	Thanksgiving Day
11/30	Season of Advent begins
12/7, 14	Baptisms @BMC
12/12	Deacons mtg., 8:30am

~PRAYERS~

~for **those impacted by the fire in Nederland** – the business owners, their clients, and the community.

~for Pastor **Randy**, his husband, **Gary**, and the **people of First Mennonite in Denver** as they discern together if Randy's next ministry position is with them.

~for the **people of Gaza**, that the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas will hold, that critical aid will flow.

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~

*This week, please call in or email (info@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by
Wednesday, 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 and Wednesday (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 ~

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.



A HUGE THANK YOU to all who took School Kits down to the Relief Sale! The official report is Boulder Mennonite prepared 1022 School Kits this year. Way to go! And thanks especially to Gwen Grasse who organized and did the purchasing!

DID MARS ONCE HOST LIFE? Exciting new results have emerged from Mars — could they be signs of ancient life? Join **Dr. Mike Tice**, astrobiologist and member of the Perseverance rover team, for a public presentation and Q&A, Sunday, November 9, 6pm at BMC. He will walk you through the newly announced findings from Jezero Crater showing traces in ancient rocks that may hint at past life. Dr. Tice will also compare these potential biosignatures with what we know about early Earth's life around the same era — how similar or different might life have been? **All are welcome!** Bring your curiosity—and your questions—about life in our solar system. **Spread the word!**

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!



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 Mennonite Church 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 will be able to take care packages with us! Bring your items to the church,** and place in the box by the coat closet in the sanctuary. Thank you! Gracias!

HARVEST OF HOPE (HoH) NEEDS HELP: With the government shutdown, HoH is facing a shortage. They normally feed around 130 families a week – that number is increasing to up to 200+ families in need of help. Please consider increasing your donations and bringing more food stuffs to BMC to be donated to this vital community ministry. Thank you! Last week BMC delivered 24lbs of food to HoH. Deep appreciation to Kent Olson and Cornelia Krahn for delivering the food to HoH!

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

SUPPORT HOPE FOR MIGRATING PEOPLE: Mennonite Mission Network invites prayer and urgently needed financial support for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who serve with the Maria Skobtsova Housing Association in Calais, France. Their ministry offers vital shelter and care to migrating people seeking refuge as they journey to England. Visit Mennonite Mission.net/Givens and click “Give Now”. For more information about their immigration ministry, contact Elizabeth Eby, ElizabethE@MMNWorld.net.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA MENNO SNAPSHOTS: Seventy-five percent of the worship music at MC USA 2025 Convention came from Voices Together. Band leader and guitarist, Randall Koehler, shares how this hymnal shaped Follow Jesus '25 — and offers 16 songs that invite us deeper into worship. Read his reflections and explore the music [here](#).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA MENNO SNAPSHOTS: Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA’s denominational minister for peace and justice, responded with a prayer of lament to the mass shooting at Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis. Read and pray along with the prayer [here](#).

OCTOBER IS MINISTERS APPRECIATION MONTH!: Ministers Appreciation Month isn’t about checking a box—it’s about strengthening your pastor/chaplain/leader so they can continue strengthening your church and community. Don't be afraid to be bold in your gratitude for your minister(s)--they do so much for us!

WAYFARERS CHAPEL – IN DECERNMENT ABOUT JOINING Mountain States Mennonite Conference: Pastor Collin and folks at Wayfarers Chapel want to get to know YOU! We're setting up virtual conversations/spaces to meet and greet. Anyone from across the conference is welcome to join. Join us for one or both sessions: --**Lunchtime chat at 11:30 Tues, Oct 28 --Evening chat at 6:30 Weds, Nov 12.** Come ready to ask questions, share stories of life together, or just listen. Feel free to eat your lunch or dinner while participating. Amy or Rhoda

will facilitate the conversations. To get the Zoom link, RSVP to Amy amyz@mountainstatesmc.org or Rhoda rhodab@mountainstatesmc.org. *Video announcement:* Wayfarers Chapel in Colorado Springs is exploring what it would look like to join the Mountain States Mennonite Conference. Watch this brief [VIDEO](#) of Conference Minister Amy interviewing Collin Downing, the pastor of Wayfarers Chapel.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

VIA MOBILITY SERVICES are Now Fare Free: As of September 1, 2025, all rides with Via Mobility Services are free within their service area. This change removes a financial burden for many riders, more than 70 percent of whom live on less than \$30,000 a year.

RUBY BRIDGES WALK TO SCHOOL DAY: Join Mobility for All on a youth-focused community event honoring Ruby Bridges and help shape safe, inclusive transportation in Boulder County while enjoying free food, activities, and a justice walk. Teens can earn service hours and build leadership experience. [Join the Ruby Bridges Walk to School event.](#)

HELP SHAPE BOULDER'S COMING DECADE: The City and County are updating the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan and want your input. Share your thoughts on housing, climate, and the local economy to help guide long-term decisions about growth and sustainability in our community. [Learn more about A Boulder Future.](#)

ECOLOGY TIP: Over the past 25 years, EPIC—Ecumenical Project for International Cooperation—and its partners have planted 1,349,734 trees! Each tree has been hand planted by an individual, a community, a family, or a child to create a more sustainable future. Some trees are for reforestation of hillsides, some for fruit or lumber, and some for shade to protect coffee trees, which need shade to thrive. The trees also provide habitat for migrating and resident birds, insects, and butterflies. Since trees sequester carbon, when you support EPIC, you are also reducing the carbon footprint on our planet earth.



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