



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, October 26th, 2025

A Service of the Word



*And the Table Will
Be Wide,*
artwork by Jan L.
Richardson

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** Let us build a house where love can dwell, vv. 1, 4, 5 36

Call to Worship

adapted from Luke 14, Psalm 22

Leader: Come, beloved of God! The invitation goes out to the highways and byways, to the weary and the wondering, to the joyful and the searching.

People: **We come as we are—each of us welcomed, each of us called by name.**

Leader: From the ends of the earth, all creation joins in praise, for God's goodness fills the world with life and belonging.

People: **We lift our voices in gratitude, for the Holy One gathers us in love.**

All: *Gather us, O God, into the wide embrace of Love's mercy. Open our hearts to one another, that in this place we may know we are home, and together offer our worship and praise. Amen.*

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 88

Centering Prayer Psalm 22.25-28

Singing When peace, like a river, v. 1 617

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 14.16-26

Jesus responded, “A landowner was giving a large dinner and sent out many invitations. At dinnertime, the landowner instructed an aide to say to those invited, ‘Come to the feast, everything is ready.’ But they began to excuse themselves, each and every one. The first one said to the aide, **‘I’ve just bought some land, and I need to go out and inspect it. Please send my regrets.’** Another said, **‘I’ve just bought five yoke of oxen, and I need to go out and test them. Please excuse me.’** A third said, **‘I’ve just gotten married, so of course I can’t come.’**

“The aide returned and reported all this to the landowner. The landowner became angry and said to the aide, **‘Go into town, into the streets and alleys, and bring in those who are poor or crippled, and those who are blind or lame.’** After doing so, the aide reported, ‘Your orders have been carried out, and there’s still room.’ The landowner then said to the aide, **‘Go out and scour the side roads and the back roads and make them come in. I want my house to be full! But I tell you, not one of those I had initially invited will taste a bite of my dinner.’”**

Large crowds followed Jesus. He turned to them and said, “If any of you come to me without turning your back on your mother and your father, your loved ones, your sisters and brothers, indeed your very self, you can’t be my follower.

Singing	There is more love somewhere	804
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Sermon	<i>Widening the Table</i>
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RESPONDING

Singing	We dream of a turning	209
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Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

*Sending Song	Move in our midst, vv. 1, 3	827
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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality
Cover art: [And the Table Will Be Wide](#) « [The Painted Prayerbook](#)



About Our Guest Speaker:

We welcome Blaine Miner, Co- District Executive Minister for Western Plains, Church of the Brethren (CoB), as our guest speaker today. Blaine has a Master of Arts in Theology from Bethany Theological Seminary. His career has ranged from being an addictions counselor, chaplain at state prisons and mental health center in Illinois, a pastor, CoB District Executive Minister. He has been married to his wife Nancy for 43 years, with whom he shares the District Executive Minister position. They have two adult children.

Thank you for blessing us today, Blaine!

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

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

October 19 – Attendance: 32 Offering: \$ 1,423.00

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship
10:45a	Snacks and Connecting time
11:00a	Pastoral Transition: Q&A with Rev. Amy Zimbleman, Conference Minister, Mountain States Mennonite Conference

NEXT SUNDAY – November 2, 2025: All Souls Sunday – Remembering and honoring those who have died

9:30a	Worship
10:45a	Snacks and Connecting time
11:00a	No Education Hour: Connecting Sunday

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Susan Graber
Readers:	Paul & Mary McKay
Music:	Bruce Fast, Elleanna Voran
Tech Support:	Tice Family
Greeters:	Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
Snacks:	Jen Dudenhefer
Moment for All Ages:	Carole Suderman

COMING UP

11/2	All Souls Sunday
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 **Sheng Wheeler**, who remains in the ICU at Good Samaritan Hospital. For **Bruce** and **Mai**, Sheng's parents, as they face extremely difficult medical decisions on their son's behalf. For **Mai**, as she prepares to meet with her own medical team to consider treatment for cancer. May healing be a path for both of them.
- ~of healing for **Josue's brother, Jose Crespo**, who has been sick in Venezuela with a bacterial infection for over a year.
- ~for **Gus Gouvas**, as he is experiencing various health concerns. Pray that his back will heal, and that the neuropathy in his legs will get better, so that he can once again walk and take buses to get where he wants to go, including to our church!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
1 – Suzanne Classen	18 – Xelda Spaulding
1 – Carolyn Clement	20 – Debrah Falk
4 – Frances Tice	22 – Benjamin Falk
4 – Hannah Street	22 – Mike Tice
14 – Carter McKay Epp	

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: **This week:** 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 ~

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.



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!

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!**

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

JUST PEACE PILGRIMAGE 2026: Your congregation, Sunday school class and other groups are invited to join Mennonite Mission Network in a seven-day Civil Rights or Christ at the Borders Just Peace Pilgrimage to explore how God is weaving justice and reconciliation in U.S. and other communities. Engage firsthand with people, churches, and organizations who share how they pursue peace. Through group reflection, prayer, and worship, process these experiences and connect them to your faith; then return home as "changed people" who can inspire and lead change in your own community. For more information about a pilgrimage for your group, contact Stephanie Weaver, StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net. www.mennonitemission.net/JustPeace

CREDENTIALLED LEADERS RETREAT IS NOVEMBER 14-16, this year at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Encourage the ministers in your life to take the time to refresh with colleagues!

PULPIT SUPPLY: We've added some names to the list of folks willing to guest preach in Mountain States congregations. Worship leaders/administrators/those who help set up the preaching schedule-- let Amy know if you'd like more info: amy@mountainstatesmc.org

MENNONITE CHURCH USA MENNO SNAPSHOTS: Stanley W. Green, executive conference minister of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, shared four realignments to heal and renew the church in his recent article for Leader magazine (reprinted by MC USA, with permission). Read it [here](#).

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

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.](#)

ECOLOGY TIP: Have you heard of the “Climate Backtracker”? This organization identifies steps taken by the current U.S. administration to scale back or eliminate federal climate mitigation. It’s hard to know where to start in asking Congress to try to restore some of these protections for our precious earth. But here’s a place where you can choose a particular topic, research it, and then write your letter or make a call of protest to your legislators. If these executive orders aren’t overturned, they could have long lasting effects on God’s creation for future generations.



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