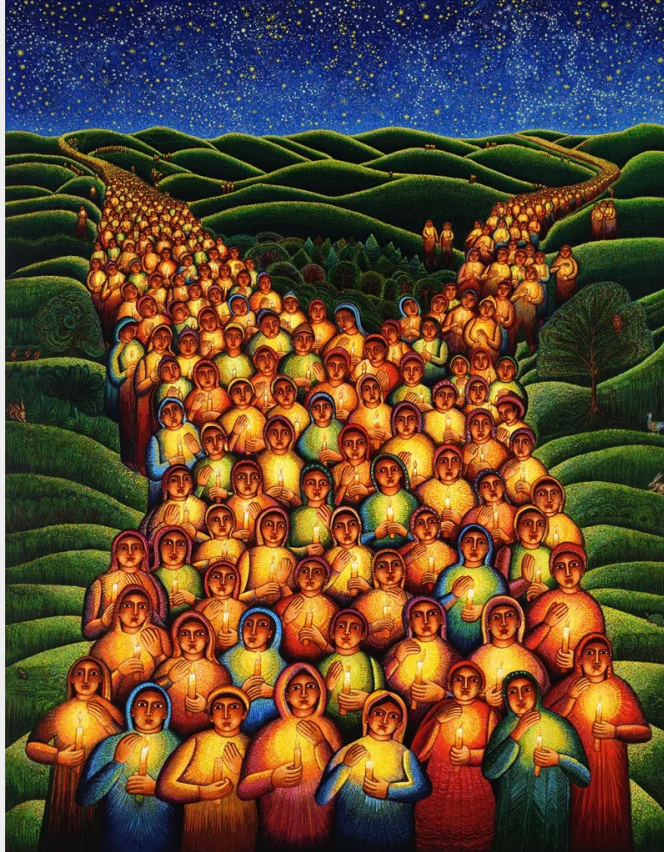


Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, November 2, 2025

All Souls Day Remembrance



*Festival of Lights,
John August Swanson*

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** Jesus, stand among us HWB 25

Call to Worship

Leader: God of love, light a flame of love in our hearts to you,

**People: a flame of love to our families and friends,
a flame of love to our neighbors,
a flame of love to our enemies,
a flame of love for the living and the dead.**

Leader: Light a flame of love in our hearts to all, from the lowliest thing that lives to the Name that is highest of all.

All: Amen.

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing The love of God, vv. 1, 3 VT 162

Affirming our Faith HWB 711

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

Ruth 1.1-18

Long ago, when judges governed Israel, a famine swept over the land. So a family from the town of Bethlehem in Judah, a woman and man and their two children, emigrated to the

region of Moab. The man was named ‘God-is-my-Ruler’, the woman’s name was Joy, and their two sons were named Suffering and Consumption.

Soon afterward God-is-my-Ruler died, leaving Joy and the two sons to fend for themselves. The two sons eventually married two Moabite women, whose names were ‘The-One-Who-Walks-Away’ and Beloved. They had lived in the land of Moab for about ten years when both Suffering and Consumption died.

Now that Joy had lost both of her children as well as her husband, she prepared to take her daughters-in-law and leave the land of Moab and return to her homeland, for she had heard that the Eternal One had visited the people by providing an abundance of food.

So she and her two daughters-in-law left the house where they had been living, and she set out on the road to Judah. But Joy told each of her daughters-in-law, “Return to your mother’s house. May the Most High care for you with the same kindness that you have cared for your dead and for me. May the Most High give you security and true fulfillment and lead you to new spouses.” Then she kissed them both.

But they wept loudly and said to her, “No, we want to go back with you to the land of your people!” But Joy said to them. “Go back, my daughters. Why do you want to come with me? I have no more sons that you can take as spouses. No, you must go back, my daughters. I am too old to marry again. Even if I told you that there was still hope for me, if I were to find a spouse and have children tonight, would you be willing to wait until they are grown to marry them? Would you refuse to remarry for this far-off hope? No, if you did that, it would tear me apart, for the hand of the Most High has been raised against me.”

And once more they wept loudly. Then The-One-Who-Walks-Away kissed Joy and returned to her people. But Beloved stayed by her side. Joy said to Beloved, “Look, your sister-in-law has returned to her people and to the god of her ancestors. You, too, must go. Follow your sister-in-law.”

But Beloved said to her, “Please don’t ask me to leave you and turn away from your company. I swear to you: **Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people will be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I’ll die there too, and I will be buried there beside you. I swear—may the Eternal One be my witness and judge—that not even death will keep us apart.**”

Seeing that Beloved was determined to accompany her, Joy said no more. And together they walked, until they came to Bethlehem.

Singing

Nothing is lost on the breath of God, vv. 1, 3

VT 653

Now Testament Reading

The Dead are not Dead, Birago Diop

Hear more often things than beings: the voice of the fire listening. Hear the voice of the water. Hear in the wind the bushes sobbing. It is the sigh of our forebears.

Those who are dead are never gone: they are there in the thickening shadow. The dead are not under the earth: they are in the tree that rustles, they are in the wood that groans, they are in the water that sleeps, they are in the hut, they are in the crowd.

The dead are not dead. Those who are dead are never gone: they are in the breast of the

woman, they are in the child who is wailing and in the firebrand that flames.
The dead are not under the earth: they are in the fire that is dying, they are in the grasses
that weep, they are in the whimpering rocks, they are in the forest, they are in the house.
The dead are not dead.

Reflection

Unrevealed Until Its Season

RESPONDING

Singing

In the bulb there is a flower, vv. 1, 3

VT 670

Reading of the Names and Lighting our Candles

*(If you haven't already, you are invited to light a candle from the Community Candle in honor
of a person(s) you are remembering today)*

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

For those who walked with us, **this is a prayer.**

For those who have gone ahead, **this is a blessing.**

For those who touched and tendered us,

who lingered with us while they lived, **this is a thanksgiving.**

For those who journey still with us in the shadows of awareness, in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams, **this is a benediction.**

*Sending Song

Come, come ye saints, vv. 1, 3

HWB 425



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Call to Worship, adapted from STJ 121 and the *Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland*, 1994, Panel on Worship, Church of Scotland

Benediction adapted from Jan Richardson in *In Wisdom's Path*, 2000 The Pilgrim Press

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Birago Diop, Muslim Senegalese poet, as presented in "A Companion to African Philosophy," edited by Kwasi Wiredu (translator from the French unknown). © John Wiley & Sons, 2008.

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:

Pastor Randy Spaulding

Worship Leader:

Susan Graber

Readers:

Paul & Mary McKay

Music:	Elleanna Voran, Bruce Fast
Tech Support:	Steve Voran, Elleanna Voran
Greeters:	Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn
Snacks:	Jen Dudenhefer
Moment for All Ages:	Carole Suderman

October 26 – Attendance: 39 Offering: \$1,423.00

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship
10:45a	Snacks and Connecting time
11:00a	Education Hour: BMC Outward Ministries – help us discern where our financial giving goes this year! Facilitators: Becky Neumann, Bruce Fast
4:00pm	Heretics, Heresy, (dis)Harmony Small group, BMC deck

THIS WEEK at BMC

11/4	Election Day – Thank you for voting!
11/5	Meditation/Centering Small group, 11am

NEXT SUNDAY – November 9, 2025:

9:30am	Worship
10:45am	Connecting and Snacks
11:00am	Education Hour

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Sandi Sanborn
Readers:	Laura Minter, Judy Classen
Music:	Jean McPherson, Pastor Randy
Tech Support:	Mike & Frances Tice
Greeters:	Carole Suderman, Toni Diaz
Snacks:	Carole Suderman, Sandi Sanborn, Elvira Glenn
A Moment for All Ages?	Cheri Krause

COMING UP

11/11	Singing Small Group, 6:30pm
11/13	Church Council meets, 5pm
11/14-16	MDS Region 3 meets in San Antonio, TX. Carole Suderman, Brenda Fox, Pastor Randy attending and visiting Roca de Refugio Mennonite Church
11/14	Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day
11/23	BMC Birthday/Auction Sunday
11/25	Singing Small Group, 6:30pm
11/27	Thanksgiving Day
11/27	Thanksgiving Day

11/30 Season of Advent begins
 12/7, 14 Baptisms @BMC
 12/12 Deacons mtg., 8:30am

~PRAYERS~

- ~for Josue and his family as they grieve the death of Josue's brother, Jose David Crespo Onopeza; for the repose of his soul. Josue is grateful to God that he died in Christ and was baptized. Josue's prayer: *God bless you. I love them.*
- ~from Bruce Wheeler: Prayers of thanksgiving that **Sheng Wheeler** has survived surgery.
- ~for **Gus Gouvas**, who asks for prayers for the family of his nephew, **Kevin**, who passed away in Australia at the age of 55. We pray for Gus, also. He is dealing with several health issues and can not come to church. He will be seeing 2 doctors on Tuesday.

November Birthdays	
1 – Suzanne Classen 1 – Carolyn Clement 4 – Frances Tice 4 – Hannah Street 9 – Tom Dechert	14 – Carter McKay Epp 18 – Xelda Spaulding 20 – Debrah Falk 22 – Benjamin Falk 22 – Mike Tice
<i>Please let us know if we failed to acknowledge your special day. We want to celebrate you!</i>	

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

Please call in or email (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 for inquiries and to leave messages.

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

HARVEST OF HOPE: BMC'ers donated 84 pounds of food to Harvest of hope during October.

With the ongoing government shutdown and the refusal, by the government, to issues SNAP benefits for the month of November, and potentially beyond, please consider donating to Harvest of Hope, our local food pantry, which provides food to all who enter their doors, regardless of citizenship, immigrations status or residency. Thank you.

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."* Roca de Refugio Mennonite Church is inviting our church conference to provide care packages for families who have a loved one in detention or in the deportation process. See the list of items on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Pastor Randy, Carole Suderman and Brenda Fox will be traveling to San Antonio in November. **Bring your items to the church**, and place in the box by the coat closet in the sanctuary. Thank you! Gracias!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Every couple of years, Pastor Randy offers pet blessings in the fall, in honor of [St. Francis, the patron saint of animals](#). This year, he is setting aside Saturday, November 8, to offer a “concierge” blessing – visiting your home to offer a simple blessing for your pet companion(s) and for you! Interested? See the sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary, and list a good time for a visit. Thanks!



~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A GREAT CAUSE 50th Annual RMMS: The 50th Annual Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in Castle Rock was a joyful celebration of community, food, and generosity. With delicious international cuisine, the return of the Apple Cider booth, lively children’s activities, and a stunning quilt auction, the weekend was filled with fellowship and fun. Thank you to all who donated, volunteered, and joined in support of Mennonite Central Committee—stay tuned for the total amount raised!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA: The latest issue of *Equipping*, MC USA's quarterly resource newsletter created for pastors and leaders, is now live. This issue brings fresh tools, inspiration and opportunities to deepen your leadership, enrich your ministry and build resilient congregational life. Read and subscribe [here](#).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA: is seeking an **Administrative Assistant for Church Vitality/Special Events Coordinator** to provide administrative, logistical, and operational support with focus on church vitality and execution of special events—including the biennial convention. Experience in event planning, nonprofit administration or similar roles is preferred. Must have strong organizational skills, ability to multi-task, and problem-solving capabilities. FTE: 1.0; Location: Elkhart, IN. View the job description [here](#).

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

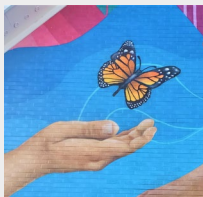
Borders Just Peace Pilgrimage to explore how God is weaving justice and reconciliation in U.S. and other communities. Engage firsthand with people, churches, and organizations who share how they pursue peace. Through group reflection, prayer, and worship, process these experiences and connect them to 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

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

CASA DE PAZ: You are invited! Saturday, December 6th from 4:00pm to 7:30pm. Join us as we celebrate being in community for over 13 years. We are excited to bring you a recap of 2025, food, adult beverages, a fun photo booth, live music by [Las Dahlias](#) and more! Don't miss out! Buy your ticket using the link [here](#)!

FLAT IRONS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Fall is a season of gratitude, and at Flatirons Habitat it is also a season of momentum. Over the past few weeks, we have gathered with many of you at our Factory After Hours and Faith Leaders Luncheon, celebrating the partnerships and faith that make our work possible. As the year winds down, that same spirit of generosity continues to guide us. The season of giving is here, and soon you will receive our year end appeal, an opportunity to invest in families right here at home. We are also proud to join Giving Tuesday and Colorado Gives Day, moments that amplify the work of the nonprofit sector while strengthening Flatirons Habitat's mission and impact.

ECOLOGY TIP: There is still time to drop off your ballot in person for the election in two days. In choosing candidates and voting for issues, a good question to ask is: "How will this affect our environment for years and generations to come?" If we vote according to that criteria, we will make a difference in the long run.



...in cocoons a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free...
from VT 670, "In the bulb there is a flower" (BMC mural image)



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