



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, November 23, 2025

*Last Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time
Happy Birthday, BMC!*

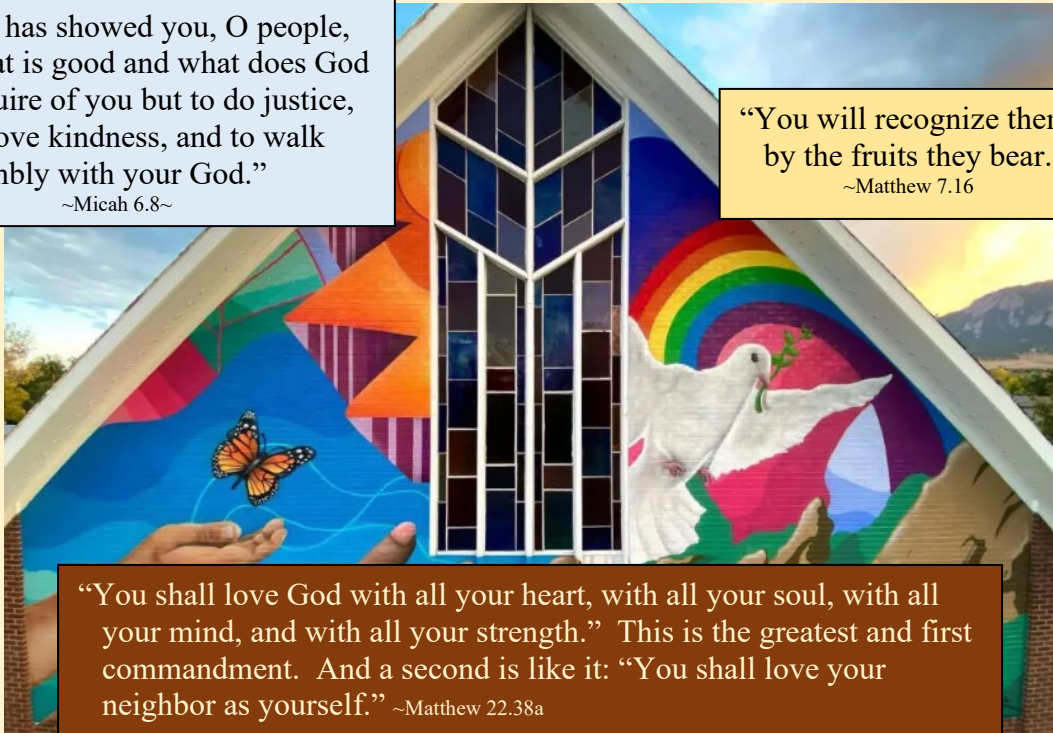
A Service of the Word

“God has showed you, O people,
what is good and what does God
require of you but to do justice,
to love kindness, and to walk
humbly with your God.”

~Micah 6.8~

“You will recognize them
by the fruits they bear.”

~Matthew 7.16



“You shall love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all
your mind, and with all your strength.” This is the greatest and first
commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your
neighbor as yourself.” ~Matthew 22.38a

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

Old Hundredth

arr. Paul Manz

***Singing**

Come, ye thankful people, come! vv. 1, 2, 4

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Call to Worship

adapted from BMC's Charter Service, 11.24.1985

Leader: Praise to the God of creation! Out of the energy and mystery of the whole world, we have come together in this time and place.

People: **Praise the Spirit of Love for the energy that is all around: in our breathing and in our moving and in our gathering this morning.**

Leader: Praise to the God of creation for the energy of Scripture, tradition, and for reason; for the energy of those who have passed the Word on and on and on until this moment.

People: **Yes, and praise the Spirit of Life for our very own life experiences and the life experiences of every living soul.**

All: *In this time of celebration, may we use this energy to unite us as a community of love, now and always!*

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Affirming our Faith

Leader: Let us affirm our faith:
In the midst of hunger and war:

All: *we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.*

Leader: In the midst of oppression and hate:

All: *we celebrate the promise of freedom and inclusion.*

Leader: In the midst of doubt and despair:

All: *we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.*

Leader: In the midst of fear and betrayal:

All: *we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.*

Leader: In the midst of apathy and death:

All: *we celebrate the promise of love and life.*

Leader: In the midst of sin and decay:

All: *we celebrate the promise of healing and renewal.*

Leader: In all things:

All: *we celebrate the joyful promise of living as followers of Jesus! AMEN!*

Singing Now thank we all our God, vv. 1, 3

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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

Simple Gifts

arr. Rucker

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Gospel Reading

Luke 23.33-43

When they had reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there—together with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Abba forgive them. They don’t know what they are doing.” Then they divided his garments, rolling dice for them.

The people stood there watching. The rulers, however, jeered him and said, “He saved others, let him save himself—if he really is the Anointed of God, the Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him. They served Jesus sour wine and said, “If you are really the King of the Judeans, save yourself!” There was an inscription above Jesus that read, “This is the King of the Judeans.”

One of the criminals who hung there beside him insulted Jesus, too, saying, “Are you really the Anointed One of God? Then save yourself—and us!” But the other answered the first with a rebuke: “Don’t you even fear God? We are only paying the price for what we have done, but this one has done nothing wrong!”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory.”

Jesus replied, “The truth is, today you’ll be with me in paradise!”

Singing

Alleluia

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A Reading from the Scriptures: Litany of BMC's Guiding Scriptures

Micah 6.8; Matthew 22.34-40, Mark 12.28-34a; Luke 10.25-28; Matthew 7.16

Leader: God has showed you, O Boulder Mennonite People, what is good, and what does God require of you?

All: *To do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with our God.*

Leader: So what is the greatest commandment?

All: *You shall love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

Leader: And the second is like it:

All: *Love your neighbor as you love yourself.*

Leader: And how will others know you follow the Way of Jesus in the world?

All: *You will recognize them by the fruits they bear.*

Leader: And where have you seen such ripened, nourishing fruit?

All: *In our deeds of peace, justice, service and love. May our actions always bear such fruit!*

Reflection

What Keeps Us Strong

RESPONDING

Singing

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

The Lord lift you up

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Affirmation of Faith: from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, adapted RLS, 2001 The Iona Community



Please join us for finger-foods immediately after our worship.
Stay and have fun bidding at our Annual Auction,
beginning at 11:00 a.m.
Auction proceeds benefit the work and ministries of BMC.
Thank you for your support!

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Joan Tice
Readers:	Becky Neumann
Music:	Jean McPherson, Susan Graber, Pastor Randy
Tech Support:	Steve Voran, Elleanna Voran
Greeters:	Ezra Tice, Lisa Voss
Snacks:	Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn
Moment for All Ages:	Judy Classen

November 16:

Attendance: 39

Offering: \$3,555

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship
10:45a	Snacks and Connecting time
11:00a	BMC Auction

THIS WEEK at BMC

11/25	Singing small group, 6:30p
11/27	Thanksgiving Day in the USA
11/28	Advent Visual Task Force, 10am



NEXT SUNDAY – November 30, 2025: First Sunday in the Season of Advent: Hope

9:30am	Worship
10:45am	Connecting and Snacks
11:00am	Education Hour: Adults: Book of Isaiah, Ezra Tice, facilitator (sanctuary) Youth Gathering, Room 102, Pastor Randy, facilitator

Speaker:	Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Toni Diaz
Readers:	Cheri Krause, Toni Diaz
Music:	Jean McPherson, Pastor Randy
Tech Support:	Bruce Wheeler, Steve Voran
Greeters:	Karl Ortman, Lisa Voss
Snacks:	Judy Classen

COMING UP

12/3	Meditation/Centering Prayer small group, 11a
12/9	Singing small group, 6:30p
12/11	Church Council, 5p
12/12	Deacon's meeting, 8:30a
12/14	BMC Youth Gathering, 11am, Room 102
12/16	Casa de Paz celebration
12/17	Meditation/Centering Prayer small group, 11a
1/8-11	Young Adult Peace Camp
1/16-18	Jr. High Snow Camp @RMMC
1/23-24	Kingian Nonviolent training, Wichita, KS
1/30-2/1	Scrapbook retreat @RMMC
2/13-15	Sr. High Snow Camp @RMMC
2/13-15	Young Adult Snow Camp @RMMC
4/17-19	Women's retreat @Highlands Presbyterian Retreat Center, Allens Park, CO

~PRAYERS~

~for: The **people of Tanzania** – there is political unrest there. They have experienced violence, killing, communication block and media suppression. ~**Susan Graber**

~for: **My family's** forgiveness in struggles of possible separation of unions. ~**Lee Eakins**

~for: **Mennonite Mission Network**, which is actively recruiting young people to participate in service programs beginning in August 2026. Pray that those whom God is calling to sign up for Mennonite Voluntary Service, with units in Arizona, California and Colorado, and Service Adventure will have units in Alaska and Colorado, will say “yes”.

November Birthdays

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

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~

SOIL AND THE SEED PROJECT offers resources like original music, visual art, prayers, and "Little Liturgies" to encourage spiritual renewal through ordinary moments. **There are free resources at the back of the church** – "Little Liturgies" for Year A of the Revised Common Lectionary, along with a CD of music to go with the devotionals. There is also a set of liturgies for the Gospel of Matthew, with a CD of music to accompany it. Created by Anabaptists Seth Crissman, Greg Yoder and Melody Zimmerman. Visit [The Soil and The Seed Project](#).

BMC SOCK PROJECT: This year, you are encouraged to bring warm, sturdy socks to BMC in December, to be collected for [All Roads-Boulder Shelter for the Homeless](#). Socks are the number one requested item during the winter months. There will be a box in the back of the sanctuary to collect them. Thank you for your generosity and compassion!



THANKS TO ALL WHO BROUGHT finger foods for our social time before the live auction today. And, special thanks to Elvira Glenn for providing a celebratory birthday cake!

PCRC IS RECOMMENDING a draft document for our congregation, "A Loving Guide for Pastoral Transition and Our Ongoing Relationships with Our Former Pastor". There are copies on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to share your wisdom and thoughts with any member of the PCRC: Ezra Tice, Becky Neumann, or Paul McKay. Thank you. PCRC is the acronym for BMC's [Pastor Congregation Relations Committee](#).

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMPS: [Jr. High \(Jan. 16-18\)](#) and [Sr. High \(Feb. 13-15\)](#) Snow Camps are coming again in 2026! – The time has come to start planning to enjoy the beauty and chill of RMMC in the winter once again. Come play in the snow and on the ice and then be ready to come inside for good food, fellowship and worship together. Visit the camp [web page](#) for additional snow camp details and to register that you're headed to the Colorado Rockies to start the new year!

Young Adult Snow Camp (Feb. 13-15) Young Adult Snow Camp continues to join the Jr. and Sr. High Snow Camp activities and fellowship with participants serving as program assistants AND participants at just the right young adult price . . . free!_

Scrapbook Retreat, (Jan. 30-Feb.1) This your opportunity to create paper or digital photo books and share ideas and good conversation with other scrapbook participants. Lisa Longacher will return as our program resource for the retreat and help facilitate a variety of activities. Please come for retreat and community in God's creation here at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. [Register online](#) and save a space to join in.

YOUNG ADULT PEACE CAMP JANUARY 8-11, 2026: Do you ever feel like you're constantly working, doing more and more, but never quite getting ahead? Does it seem like there's never enough time, never enough money, and that taking a break is impossible? You're not alone...and it's not just an individual problem. The pressure we feel is connected to larger systems that benefit from our exhaustion. We can't build peace and justice if we're running on empty.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

READ ABOUT NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY here: [Native American Heritage Day](#). Friday, Nov. 28th. It's a day to celebrate the strength and resiliency of Native Americans today and every day!



COLORADO RAPID RESPONSE NETWORK (CORRN) is committed to responding to raids, deportations, and any Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity happening across the state in our communities. Our network comprises multiple immigrant advocacy and activist groups. If you witness any ICE activity, you can report it using 1-844-864-8341 or visit [here](#) for their website.

SAVE THE DATE: Casa de Paz celebrates 13 years in community. We have faced unimaginable challenges this year and we gear up for an even stronger 2026. Join us as we celebrate 2025 accomplishments, guest stories, volunteers and each other, on December 6th, from 4:30p-7:30pm at the Posner Center for International development, located at 1031 33rd St., in Denver. We will have a program, live music, a fun Photo Booth, and more!

ECOLOGY TIP: If you are having guests for Thanksgiving and hope to share the leftovers, have some reusable plastic containers ready to go. This is one way to reuse containers from cottage cheese, yogurt, or whipped cream, and give them a new life before they are recycled. Remember the order of the chasing arrows: Reduce, reuse, and then recycle!



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