



# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, December 28, 2025



*The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
in the Season of Christmastide*

*A Service of Song  
and  
Prayer  
in a  
Taizé – Mennonite style*

*Flight into Egypt. John August Swanson, 2002  
Hand printed serigraph*

**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.

## *Prelude*

## *Welcome*

## *Opening Songs*

O come, all ye faithful, vv. 1, 2	241
To us a Child of hope is born	249
Bless the Lord, my soul	127

## *Psalm*

Psalm 148 (adapted)

Sung response	Gloria (from "Angels we have heard on high)	249
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One: Praise the Eternal One! Give praise from the heavens, and from the ends of the earth. Give praise all you angels, angels of earth and of heaven!

**All: *Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

One: Give praise, sun and moon, all you shining stars, all universes, the whole cosmos of creation! Give praise all the earth, all that swim in the deep, and all the winged ones of the air! For through Love all was created and firmly fixed forever.

**All: *Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

One: Leaders of the nations and all peoples, young and old, give praise! Unite together in your diversity, that peace and harmony might flourish on earth!

**All: *Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

One: Let all the people praise the Eternal One, for all are called to be friends of God, to give their lives joyfully as co-creators and people of peace!

**All: *Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

## *Offering*

*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*

## *Reading*

Isaiah 63.7-9

## *Song*

Go tell it on the mountain	252
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## Song

Jesus entered Egypt

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## Reading

*On the Fourth Day of Christmas, Jan Richardson*

## Song

In the bleak midwinter

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Music: Gustav Holst; Words: Christina Rossetti

1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y winds made moan,  
 2. Heav - en can - not hold him, no earth sus - tain;  
 3. What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb.

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow, snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter, a sta - ble place suf - ficed the  
 If I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 Lord what I can I give him; Je - sus Christ.  
 what I can I give my heart.

## *Silent Meditation*

*The people may take time to silently pray*

## *Song*

Lord, listen to your children praying 682

## *Prayers of Concern*

Kyrie eleison 678

*Please sing after each intercession*

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Solemn stillness, weary streets 276

## *Passing of the Peace*

## *Announcements*

## *Concluding Prayer*

## *Departing Song*

Joy to the world 240



### **Resources used in worship:**

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality, and First Nations New Testament, InterVarsity Press

Jan Richardson, [On the Fourth Day of Christmas « The Painted Prayerbook](#)

**What is Taizé-style worship?** Taizé worship is an ecumenical type of worship, reaching people worldwide. It originated in the small village of Taizé, which lies in the southern part of Burgundy, France, by a monk named Roger Louis Schutz-Marsauche. Since its founding, the practice has spread



worldwide since it is non-denominational and seeks to unite all people who follow the Way of Jesus and beyond. Its peaceful, contemplative nature has drawn millions from all over the world to enter into this kind of worship, particularly youth and young adults.

Taizé worship invites you to pray at times in simple, repetitive ways. We have adapted it for our own Mennonites style of worship, including hymns and songs. May the images in our sanctuary, the candlelight, the music, prayers, silence and singing bring you into communion with God, with those assembled, and with your own spirit! [Learn more here.](#)

### **Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!**

<b>Speaker:</b>	Pastor Randy Spaulding
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Douglas Minter
<b>Readers:</b>	Becky Neumann, Joanna Harrison
<b>Music:</b>	Judy Classen, Barry Janzen, Pastor Randy
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Steve Voran, Elleanna Voran
<b>Greeters:</b>	Lisa Voss, Toni Diaz
<b>Snacks:</b>	Elvira Glenn

**December 21 – Attendance: 40 Offering: \$2,675.00**

### **TODAY at BMC**

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY – January 4, 2026: Second Sunday in the Season of Christmastide**

9:30am	Worship and the Baptism of Joshua Tice
10:45am	Connecting and Snacks
11:00am	Connecting Sunday – No Education Hour

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### **COMING UP**

1/11	Young Adult Peace Camp
1/11	Farewell for Randy & Gary after worship. See Carole or Susan for questions.
1/16-18	Jr. High Snow Camp @RMMC
1/23-24	Kingian Nonviolent training, Wichita, KS
1/30-2/1	Scrapbook retreat @RMMC
2/13-2/15	Young Adult Snow Camp @RMMC

## ~PRAYERS~

- ~for **Elvira Glenn's** husband, **Ed**, who home from the hospital.
- ~for a church from Indiana which is now making plans for an **Amish-Mennonite church plant** in [Calico Rock, Arkansas](#), at the home church of **Carol** and **Gwen Grasse**. Prayers as they sell their homes and move to Calico Rock, buying new homes and finding jobs, etc.
- ~for healing for family members of **Lee Eakins**, including brother **Timothy**, grandfather **Bob**, Uncle **Bill**, nephew **Ezra**, and niece **Imagen**.

### January Birthdays

1 – Justin Mathis	15 – Gary Stephens
4 – Ellen Morrison	24 – Mary McKay
6 – Berit Jany	30 – Lyn Krause
9 – Elleanna Voran	

*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](mailto: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](mailto:churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org) for inquiries and to leave messages.

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!** Thank you to all the dear people who helped with our **Christmas Eve potluck**--those who set up the Sunday before, came early to set up that night, and those who stayed to clean up! Oh, and also thanks to you who cleaned up a spill during the potluck!

**BMCers DONATED OVER 175 pairs of warm socks** to [All Roads Boulder Shelter for the Homeless this](#) season. Thank you! May those who receive them be blessed with warm, dry feet and the love of God.



**WE NEED A SNACK PROVIDER:** A volunteer is needed to bring snacks on the second Sunday of odd months. In addition to providing the snacks, the volunteer also does the set up and clean up on their Sunday. Let me know if you are interested or need more information. ~Elvira Glenn, [elviraglenn37@gmail.com](mailto:elviraglenn37@gmail.com)

**HUMBLE THANKS AND GRATITUDE** *to my BMC family for the generous Christmas gift I received. Gary and I feel especially blessed this year – Peace and Love to you all!* ~Pastor Randy

## ~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

**WORKING THROUGH GRIEF:** MC USA invites you to an interactive online (Zoom) meeting on coping with and processing grief. Sponsored by The Corinthian Plan, MC USA's healthcare plan for pastors and church workers, this webinar will encourage and equip attendees with practices that lead toward resilience and peace. All are welcome to attend. Register [here](#).

**MC USA's SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY** recently presented an online training webinar based on Part 1 of the denomination's new Prevention and Accountability Resource. Designed for pastors, church leaders and congregational teams, this session provides practical guidance to help congregations create safer spaces and stronger systems of accountability. Watch it [here](#) in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

**JAMAICA MENNONITE CHURCH** has been hard hit by Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 storm that caused widespread destruction in the Caribbean. Please remember those affected in prayer, and consider making a donation to help our sister churches recover from this devastating storm. 100% of donations will go directly to Jamaica Mennonite Church. Donations can be made online [here](#) (temporarily under Climate Justice), noting "JAMAICA" in the note field.

**MENNO SNAPSHOTS:** In his latest blog, MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton reflects on the tensions, opportunities and faithful discernment at the heart of **Reimagining MC USA**. As we look toward the next decade, he invites us to consider a deeper question: What must endure for our shared witness to thrive? Read more [here](#).

**SAVE THE DATE – BELONGING AND BOUNDARIES FAITH & LIFE FORUM:** This year the Faith & Life Forum will be held at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church, in Lakewood, on Saturday, March 7, from 9:30a-3p. Belonging and boundaries is the theme. Our speakers will be Ross Erb, MSW, Associate Director of the Collins Child Advocacy Center and Moriah Hurst, Pastor of Faith Formation at Assembly Mennonite Church. Discussion and training on the beauty and challenges of intergenerational connections. More information to come.

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**CAMP INDIGO** – Summer day camp for trans and non-binary youth is accepting applications. Recommended by the [Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests](#), the camp will be in Boulder June 1-19. A day camp for **trans and non-binary** youth ages 5-17, unlimited

scholarships are available. Share the word with your friends about this safe space for true trans joy.

**ECOLOGY TIP:** Did you receive a lot of catalogs recently, asking you to buy things? When an unwanted catalog arrives, call the 800 number listed inside and ask to be removed from their mailing list. It's fast, free, and reduces waste all year long. Recycling magazines and catalogs is important, but a few minutes of communication can save trees, eliminate paper waste and limit pollution that goes with printing and sending out junk mail.

### **Something to Think About in the Silence...**

*Matthew's account does not soften the story. It names fear, violence, and the terror of a ruler who lashes out when power feels threatened. Children are endangered. Families flee. There is no sense of safety—only urgency and survival. This is not a distant story; it echoes realities many still carry in their bodies and memories.*

*As you reflect, notice what feels close or tender. You are not asked to relive anything or push yourself beyond what is safe. If something becomes overwhelming, you are invited to return to your breath, to the weight of your body, or to the steady presence of Love in this room.*

*If you are able, gently ask: where have I known fear, loss, or sudden change? Where have I learned to stay alert, guarded, or ready to run? Hold these questions with compassion for yourself, without judgment.*

*Then consider the world beyond you. Many today live inside this story—families fleeing violence, children living with fear, communities shaped by trauma. In the silence, allow grief and care to rise as they will. Trust that the Love of God does not abandon us in these places, but moves with us—patient, quiet, and faithful.*



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