

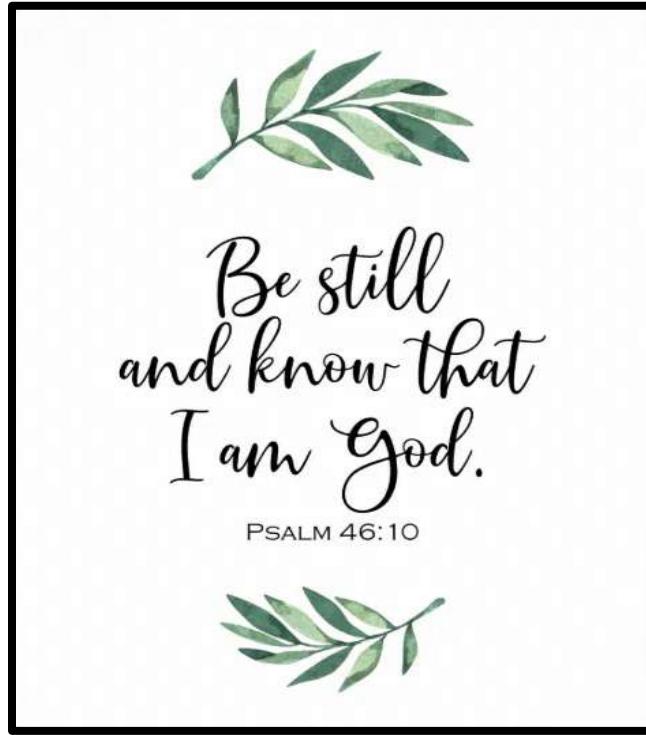


Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, January 25, 2026

A Service of the Word

Third Sunday in the season of Epiphany



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#

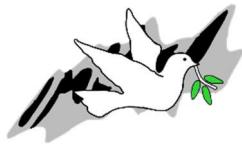
Or join us via our audio stream: [Speaker](#)

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 Ochethi 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 (sung to tune of Come Thou Fount, 563)	9
*Call to Worship		853

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing	Je louerai l'Eternal	131
	Be Still and Know	37

Centering Prayer

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

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and our strength, who from of old has helped us in our distress. **Therefore, we fear nothing— even if the earth should open up in front of us and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea, even if the earth's waters rage and foam and the mountains tumble with its heaving.** There's a river whose streams gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in its

midst, it will never fall— God will help it at daybreak. Though nations are in turmoil and empires crumble, God's voice resounds, and it melts the earth.

The Eternal One Sabaoth is with us— our stronghold is the God of Israel!

Come, see what the Eternal One has done— God makes the earth bounteous! God has put an end to war, from one end of the earth to the other, breaking bows, splintering spears, and setting chariots on fire. “Be still, and know that I am God! I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted upon the earth.”

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:22-33

Jesus insisted that the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side. Having sent the crowds away, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray, remaining there alone as night fell. Meanwhile the boat, already a thousand yards from shore, was being tossed about in the waves which had been raised by the fierce winds.

At about three in the morning, Jesus came walking toward them on the lake. When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified. “It is a ghost!” they said, and in their fear they began to cry out. Jesus hastened to reassure them: “Don’t worry, it’s me! Don’t be afraid!” Peter spoke up and said, “If it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water.” “Come!” Jesus said. So Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened. He began to sink, and cried out, “Save me!” Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter. “You have so little faith!” Jesus said to him. “Why did you doubt?”

Once they had climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat showed great reverence, declaring to Jesus, “You are indeed God’s Own!”

Reflection

Be still and know that I am God

RESPONDING

Singing

Be Still, My Soul

664

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

Resources used in worship:

Scripture from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality



About our Guest Speaker: Amy S. Zimbelman is Mountain States' Conference Minister, supporting churches and passion ministries in Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. She has served as a pastor at Mountain Community Mennonite for three years, and has worked in refugee resettlement for about a decade. Amy holds a Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School, and has also served in Zambia through Mennonite Central Committee and in South Dakota with Mennonite Voluntary Service. In South Dakota, she met her husband Matt Zimbelman, and they live in Colorado Springs (Amy's hometown) with their two sons. She loves doing art projects/sports/storytelling with her kids, board gaming with friends, going outside to walk or hike, hashing things out in long conversations, and trying to follow Jesus. *Welcome, Amy, and blessings as you are among us!*

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Amy Zimbelman
Worship Leader:	Susan Graber
Moment for All:	Judy Classen
Readers:	Jen Dudenhefer, Douglas Minter
Worship coordinator:	Cheri Krause
Music:	Bruce Fast, Elleanna Voran
Tech Support:	Steve Voran
Greeters:	Ezra & Joan Tice
Snacks:	Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn

January 18: Attendance: 39, plus 7 online

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship
10:45a	Snacks and Connecting time
11:00a	Discussion on BMC transition time with Amy Zimbelman

NEXT SUNDAY – February 1: 4th Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

9:30am	Worship and mingling
11:00am	No Christian Ed – Connecting Sunday (extended social time!)

Speaker:	Ezra Tice
Worship Leader:	Cheri Krause
Moment for All:	Susan Graber
Readers:	Judy Classen, Laura Minter
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COMING UP

1/30-2/1	Scrapbook retreat @RMMC
2/4	Meditation Group, 11:00a
2/10	Singing Group, 6:30p
2/12	Church Council, 5:00p
2/13-15	Sr. High Snow Camp @RMMC
3/7	Faith & Life Forum (Mountain States Mennonite Conference), 9:30am, Glennon Heights Mennonite church
4/17-19	Women's retreat @Highlands Presbyterian Retreat Center, Allens Park, CO
6/24-26	MSMC Annual Assembly @BMC

~PRAYERS~

~Prayers for the people of Venezuela and Greenland during these difficult times.

~Prayers of strength and hope for the people of Minneapolis as they love their neighbors.

~for Tammie Berstein who has been laid off from her job. Pray that the next good fit presents itself soon, and pray that she will have grace around it all. Thank you!

~for the lawsuit that MCUSA has pending—please see announcement

~of thanksgiving that Lester, Cat Osborne-Gowey's father, had successful open heart surgery!

~for new beginnings for pastor Randy at First Mennonite in Denver and for Boulder Mennonite

~for the family of 20-year-old Palestinian -American citizen Sayfollah Musallet, beaten severely by settlers, bled to death over nearly three hours as ambulances were prevented by Israeli soldiers and settlers from reaching and treating him.

February Birthdays			
2	Michelene Fast	12	Joel Sawatzky
5	Peter Ingram		Katharina Sawatzky
8	Wayne Morrison	18	Naomi Krause

Please let the church admins know if we failed to acknowledge your special day. We want to celebrate you!

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

Please call in or email (churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Thurs, 8:00am.

DEACONS: Cheri Krause: 510-227-9712; Toni Diaz Bachus: 303-579-4290; Douglas Minter: 303-819-5248

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Someone is usually in the office each day Monday – Friday.

Bulletin deadline is Thursday morning, 8:00AM. Temporary administrative team: Tom Dechert, Susan Graber, Cheri Krause

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

DISCUSSION WITH CONFERENCE MINISTER TODAY: Please join us during our Christian Ed time today to discuss our church's transition time with Amy Zimbelman. A key responsibility of the conference minister is to assist churches through times of transition, and Amy has helped many churches during transitions.

QUILT DISPLAY: As each of us picks up tasks that Randy was doing, I volunteered to be the one coordinating the quilt displays in the back of the sanctuary. This is a lovely tradition, since so many of us have quilts that others would love to see! Let me know if you have a quilt you would like to share for about six weeks. I can meet with you to put it up and write up a small description. —Carole Suderman

BMC ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM: While we are between administrators, a team of volunteers will be handling the administrative duties. Susan Graber will coordinate the team, with Cheri Krause and Tom Dechert. We will likely have someone in the office for a few hours each day, Monday through Friday. If you have any administrative issues, questions, or things for the bulletins, please email the admin email: churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org, or call 303-443-3889. Note that bulletin items are due by 8:00AM each Thursday. Thanks!

NOW HIRING: Our congregation is seeking a full-time Transitional Minister for a 9-15 month timeframe. The Transitional Minister will support ongoing congregational ministry and will provide leadership for congregational self-study, identity, vision, and structure work. To learn more, please visit the church website [here](#) and the Transitional Minister job description [here](#). For inquiries, contact Amy Zimbelman at amyz@mountainstatesmc.org. Please share this opportunity with your network!

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

MSMC GATHERING: Mountain States Mennonite Conference, our area conference, invites all to attend the next Faith & Life Forum, *Belonging and Boundaries: The beauty and challenge of intergenerational connections*. These forums are a key opportunity where we connect with each other across the conference. **March 7, 9:30a, Glennon Heights Mennonite Church**

Forming strong bonds across generations is more important than ever in our faith communities. Meaningful relationships and mentorships are what draw us in and keep us engaged in church. How do we foster conversation and connection without leaving undue room for harms like manipulation or child abuse to occur? What's the balance between precaution and pragmatism? Join Ross Erb, MSW, Associate Director of the Collins Child Advocacy Center, and Moriah Hurst, Pastor of Child, Youth, and Adult Faith Formation at Assembly Mennonite Church, for a discussion and training on best practices for ministries that connect people of all ages. A keynote and discussion on the opportunities and challenges of intergenerational relationships in our churches will be held in the morning, with a training on child/youth protection in the afternoon. *We would like to send at least one person from our congregation to represent us at the afternoon training.* Click here for more info and to [REGISTER](#).

FROM MENNONITE CHURCH USA: On Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Washington, D.C., will hear opening arguments in an appeal for injunctive relief in the “sensitive locations” lawsuit, *Mennonite Church USA et al., v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al.* Representatives from MC USA leadership will attend the hearing. [Read the brief](#), filed by the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy & Protection at Georgetown Law. Learn more about the lawsuit, which is still pending, here:

- [News release](#) (Feb, 2025) announcing lawsuit
- [“Our Anabaptist witness as Mennonites”](#) by MC USA’s Iris de León-Hartshorn
- [“The free exercise of our faith”](#) by MC USA’s Michael Danner

MC USA requests your earnest prayers. Please note that no further action is requested at this time.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE: CALLING FOR 2026-2027 MCC SALT

PARTICIPANTS! MCC’s Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program is a year-long cross-cultural experience for young adults ages 18-30. It’s a chance to immerse yourself in another culture and grow in ways you never imagined. Whether your interest is in a specific region of the world, specific country, type of work or a language, there are numerous possibilities waiting to be explored. There is no cost to participate and there is student loan assistance available. Dates: August 12th, 2026 – July 17th, 2027. Visit mcc.org/salt for more information, applications due Feb. 15.

MORE WITH LESS COOKBOOK: Celebrating 50 years of More-with-Less! Herald Press and Mennonite Central Committee invite you to share stories of food, joy, and resilience to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the More-with-Less cookbook. This beloved cookbook’s call to

thrift, Christian compassion and abundant living is just as urgent and relevant today as it was in 1976. Go [to this form](#) to learn more and to submit stories, blessings or ideas for simple approaches to sharing food and fellowship by Feb. 15 for a chance to be featured in the 50th anniversary edition or additional digital resources—and receive a chocolate oatmeal cake recipe as thanks!

VOLUNTEER WITH MCC: MCC is recruiting **Canner Operators** to join its mobile meat canning team, which prepares about 600,000 cans of meat annually for global communities in need. These operators travel to 30 U.S. locations from October to April, managing machinery, operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring compliance with USDA regulations. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25th OR until position is filled. Apply online at mcc.org/careers. For more information, call 1-888-563-4676 or email marilynpeters@mcc.org.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

LOVE BUILD: Saturday, February 14 from 9am-12:30pm at the BoulderMOD Factory, join Flatirons Habitat for Humanity to build! Enjoy a fun couples date, and give back, supporting affordable housing. Get your ticket here:

https://secure.qgiv.com/for/flatironshabitatforhumanity/event/lovebuild/?blm_aid=928939
\$150 per couple, with some fun perks. (\$120 is tax-deductible) Space is limited! Construction experience is a plus but not required. All skill levels are welcome. ~ Danielle at dhermon@flatironshabitat.org or call (303) 447-3787 ext. 234.

ECOLOGY TIP: Do you have little bugs on some of your house plants? If you put a few drops of dish detergent into a spray bottle full of water, you can spray the leaves several times a day until the bugs are gone. House plants are wonderful for keeping indoor air clean, so if one plant seems to have bugs, isolate it from others so they won't spread. It is wonderful to bring a bit of God's creation, such as blooming house plants, into our homes, especially in winter!



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