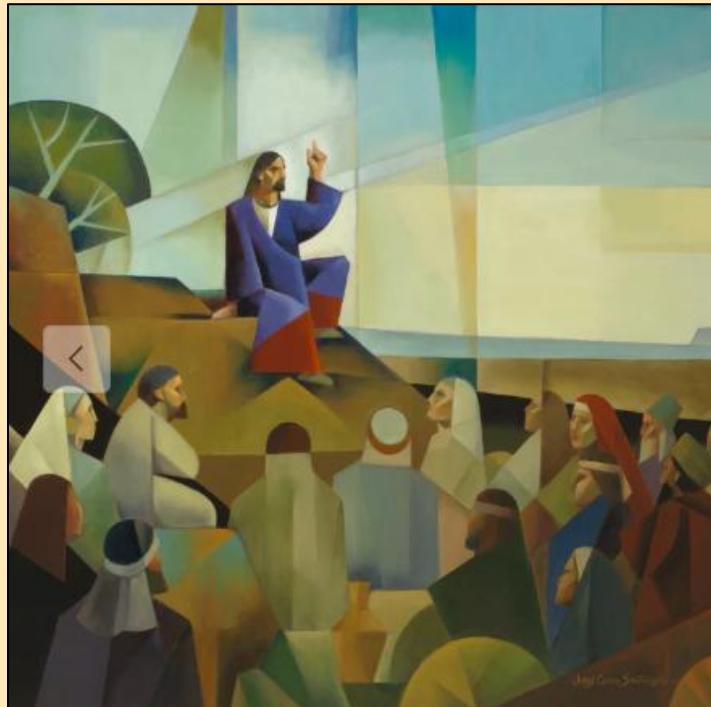


# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, February 1, 2026

## A Service of the Word

*Fourth Sunday in the season of Epiphany*



*Sermon on the Mount,*  
By Jorge Cocco

**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** Here in This Place 10

**\*Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 15)

Leader: God, who gets invited to join you? How do we get on your guest list?

**People: Whoever does these things will never be shaken.**

Leader: Those who do what is right, tell the truth, and act from their hearts.

**People:** Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Leader: Those who don't hurt their friends, don't blame their neighbors.

**People:** Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Leader: Those who keep their word even when it costs them and make an honest living.

*All:      Whoever does these things will never be shaken. Amen.*

# Welcome

# CELEBRATING & PRAISING

## 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

### Micah 6:6-8

“What shall I bring when I come before the Eternal One, and bow down before God on high?” you ask. “Am I to come before God with burnt offerings? With year-old calves? Will the Eternal One be placated by thousands of rams or ten thousand rivers of oil? Should I offer my firstborn for my wrongdoings—the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” Listen here, mortal: **God has already made abundantly clear what “good” is, and what the Eternal One needs from you: simply do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with your God.**

## Singing

Mountain of God

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## Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountainside, and after he sat down and the disciples had gathered around, Jesus began to teach them:

**“Blessed are those who are poor in spirit:** the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

**Blessed are those who are mourning:** they will be consoled.

**Blessed are those who are gentle:** they will inherit the land.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice:** they will have their fill.

**Blessed are those who show mercy to others:** they will be shown mercy.

**Blessed are those whose hearts are clean:** they will see God.

**Blessed are those who work for peace:** they will be called children of God.

**Blessed are those who are persecuted because of their struggle for justice:** the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

You are fortunate when others insult you and persecute you, and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great; they persecuted the prophets before you in the very same way.”

## Reflection

*Blessed: the Reign of Heaven*

## RESPONDING

### Singing

In Your Sickness

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### Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

## SENDING

### Announcements

### \*Benediction

### \*Sending Song

Go, My Children, v3

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## **Resources used in worship:**

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality



**About Today's Speaker:** Ezra Tice is a father of three, grandfather of six, and a retired Mennonite pastor. Ezra and Joan moved to Colorado from Pennsylvania in 2019 to be close to Mike, Frances, Josh, and Noah. They have been active participants in BMC since their arrival.

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

<b>Speaker:</b>	Ezra Tice
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Cheri Krause
<b>Moment for All:</b>	Susan Graber
<b>Readers:</b>	Michelene Fast, Bruce Wheeler
<b>Music:</b>	Susan Graber, Peter Ingram
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Tice Family
<b>Greeters:</b>	Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
<b>Snacks:</b>	Jen Dudenhefer

**January 25:**

**Attendance:** 26, plus 5 online **Offering:** \$6,055

## **TODAY at BMC**

9:30a	Worship
10:45a	Snacks and Connecting time
11:00a	No Christian Ed, spend the time connecting with one another! One question you might discuss is " <i>What do you like or dislike about winter?</i> "

## **THIS WEEK at BMC**

2/4	Meditation Group, 11:00a
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## **NEXT SUNDAY – February 8: Fifth Sunday in Epiphany**

9:30am	Worship and mingling
11:00am	Christian Ed, study of Isaiah

<b>Speaker:</b>	Karen Cox
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Douglas Minter
<b>Readers:</b>	Judy Classen, Laura Minter
<b>Music:</b>	Judy Classen, Susan Graber
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Steve Voran

**Greeters:**  
**Snacks:**

Toni Diaz Bachus, Carole Suderman  
Judy Classen

## **COMING UP**

2/4	Meditation Group, 11:00a
2/12	Church Council, 5:00p
2/13-15	Sr. High Snow Camp @RMMC
2/15	MCC Global Voices Tour at Boulder Mennonite worship
2/18	Meditation Group, 11:00a
3/7	Faith & Life Forum (Mountain States Mennonite Conference), 9:30am, Glennon Heights Mennonite church
3/7	MCC Central States Annual Meeting, North Newton, KS
4/17-19	Women's retreat @Highlands Presbyterian Retreat Center, Allens Park,
5/16	CO RAWtools <u>toy</u> gun buyback at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church in Lakewood. More info to come.
6/24-26	MSMC Annual Assembly @BMC

## **~PRAYERS~**

~for Cindy Fausel's mother whose health is failing.

~of continued recovery for Ed Glenn, who has been hospitalized. Elvira reports that things are looking up, and he will hopefully be coming home this weekend. Prayers also for Elvira and the rest of the family as they support him.

~for healing for Cheri Krause's family as they recover from a nasty cold.

~of gratitude for Tim Hundsdoerfer's improved health.

~for Tim and Susan's neighbor, Emmanuel, almost 84, and that they can serve as a comfort and presence to her and her family. Also, prayers for the family of a woman in an accident near them.

~for a successful search for a Transitional Minister for our church.

~for the MCUSA hearing in Washington, DC this Thursday – see announcement.

~ for our brothers and sisters in Minneapolis who are standing for justice.

### **February Birthdays**

2	Michelene Fast	12	Katharina Sawatzky
5	Peter Ingram	14	Lee Eakins
8	Wayne Morrison	18	Naomi Krause
12	Joel Sawatzky	28	Noah 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](mailto:info@bouldermennonite.org)) announcements by Thursday, 8:00am.*

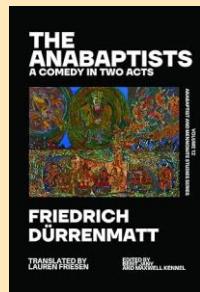
**DEACONS:** Cheri Krause: 510-227-9712; Toni Diaz Bachus: 303-579-4290; Douglas Minter: 303-819-5248

**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 ~

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BERIT!**: Our own Berit Jany co-edited an English translation of Dürrenmatt's *The Anabaptists* that was recently published. Originally written in 1947, it is described as a “cautionary parable about human deceivability” on the infamous Anabaptist takeover of the city of Münster in 1533-1534. Find it [here](#).



**TRANSITIONAL MINISTER:** 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](mailto:amyz@mountainstatesmc.org). Please share this opportunity with your network!

The team that was formed to search for an ongoing (or settled) pastor has agreed to also do the search for the transitional minister. They have begun to review candidates. Team Members: Toni Diaz Bachus, Susan Graber, Joanna Harrison, Douglas Minter, and Steve Voran

**RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN PASTORS:** Steve Voran has put together a helpful list of who is covering responsibilities that the pastor normally does. You'll find it posted on the office doors at the church. Thanks Steve!

**BMC ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM:** A team of volunteers is handling the administrative duties. 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](mailto:churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org), or call 303-443-3889. Note that bulletin items are due by 8:00AM each Thursday. Thanks!

**HARVEST OF HOPE DONATIONS:** Cornelia Krahn delivered 20 pounds of food we collected to Harvest of Hope this week. Thank you for your continued generosity during this time when many are suffering, and thanks to Cornelia for delivering. Let's fill up the container in the back of the sanctuary again this month!

**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

**THANK YOU!:** Many thanks to all who participated in Randy's farewell time and contributed to gifts for Randy and Ivanna. Special thanks to Carole and Susan for coordinating. If you want to look through the memory book, it's on the back table in the sanctuary. We'll share the painting again once it is framed.

**MCC GLOBAL VOICES TOUR HERE 2/15:** What is the connection between climate and peace? How does the changing climate drive conflict or make it worse? Can peacebuilding help communities become more climate resilient? Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and the Anabaptist Climate Collaborative (ACC) are hosting a Global Voices Speaking Tour in February 2026 to explore these questions. The tour will feature speakers from regions experiencing both the brunt of climate change and resource-related conflict. Dr. Arefur Rahaman, the MCC coordinator of food security and livelihoods in Bangladesh, and David Waiswa, the MCC East Africa and Sahel regional peace, advocacy and monitoring and evaluation coordinator, will share how communities are navigating unpredictable weather patterns, drought, flood, and heat, through climate adaptation and peacebuilding. **Join us for worship and Christian Ed time on Sunday, 2/15**, for this unique opportunity to hear firsthand stories on the intersection of climate and peace

## ~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

**FAITH & LIFE FORUM:** 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. On **March 7, 9:30a, Glennon Heights Mennonite Church**, 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. [Click here](#) for a short video with these presenters. 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:** MCUSA is requesting prayer for the hearing for injunctive relief in the “sensitive locations” lawsuit, [Mennonite Church USA et al., v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al.](#) Oral arguments will be heard on Feb. 5, 2026, in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Washington, D.C. Representatives from MC USA leadership will attend the hearing. Please note that no further action is requested at this time. Read the opening brief [here](#).

**MENNO SNAPSHTOS:** MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton outlines a strategic-planning post-mortem of MC USA’s Reimagination Process, identifying **10 key pitfalls the church must avoid** to ensure meaningful, Spirit-led denominational renewal. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/post-mortem> Visit the Reimagining MC USA web portal here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/reimagining-mennonite-church-usa/>

**TAKE ACTIONS FOR JUSTICE:** MCC U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries invites you to consider taking these actions: [Boycott corporations that support ICE](#) in Minnesota and beyond. Demand Congress cut funding to ICE/CBP: [Tell Congress: Stop funding immigration raids](#)

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**SOUTH BOULDER VISIBILITY BRIGADE:** South Boulder Visibility Brigade invites you to a weekly visibility event on the pedestrian bridge at Foothills Pkwy and Sioux Ave in Boulder. Come protest the regime and publicize/push back against recent takeover attempts. Info [here](#).

**ECOLOGY TIP:** As we are marching and calling these days for many issues of peace and justice, let's remember to advocate for our earth, as well. A revision has recently been made to the Clean Air Act, which is substantially less protective for limiting dangerous nitrous oxide pollution for new gas burning turbines in power plants. This pollutant is harmful to human health and has been linked to heart and lung diseases. If this concerns you, please call your elected officials on this or any other environmental issue.



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