

Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, February 8, 2026

A Service of the Word

"The Eternal One will always guide you, giving relief in desert places. God will give strength to your bones and you will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never run dry."

Isaiah 58:11



A Watered Garden
by A Hillman

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#

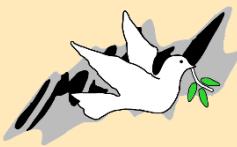
Or join us via our audio stream: [Speaker](#)

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** God of our Strength 47

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 112:1-10

Leader: Praises be to you, O Gracious One!

People: Blessed are those who revere the Holy One, who delight in Love Consciousness!

Leader: For they dwell with the Beloved, and their children will learn of peace and justice.

People: Abundance and wholeness will be their heritage, and truth will be their banner.

Leader: Light penetrates the darkness for those who face their fears; Love stands by them with mercy and forgiveness.

All: The fruits of those who know Love are a blessing to all!

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing We Sing to you, O God, v1, 3, 4 80

Centering Prayer

Singing Breathe on Me, Breath of God 737

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

Isaiah 58:6-8a; 11

This is the sort of fast that pleases me: Remove the chains of injustice!
Undo the ropes of the yoke! Let those who are oppressed go free, and break every yoke you
encounter! Share your bread with those who are hungry, and shelter homeless poor people!
Clothe those who are naked, and don't hide from the needs of your own flesh and blood! Do
this, and your light will shine like the dawn - and your healing will break forth like
lightning! **The Eternal One will always guide you, giving relief in desert places.**
**God will give strength to your bones and you will be like a watered garden, like a spring
of water whose waters never run dry.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

“You are the salt of the earth. But what if salt were to lose its flavor? How could you
restore it? It would be fit for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. You don't build a city on a hill, then try to hide it, do
you? You don't light a lamp, then put it under a bushel basket, do you? No, you set it on a
stand where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before
others so that they may see your good acts and give praise to your Abba God in heaven.

Don't think I've come to abolish the Law and the Prophets. I have come not to abolish
them, but to fulfill them. The truth is, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest
letter of the Law, not even the smallest part of a letter, will be done away with until it is all
fulfilled. That's why whoever breaks the least significant of these commands and teaches
others to do the same will be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever fulfills and
teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

“I tell you, unless your sense of justice surpasses that of the religious scholars and the
Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Singing

You Are Salt for the Earth

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Now Testament Reading

Rev. Connors, Feasting on the Word, 2010

**“Worship is the most important thing we do together. It is the place that forms us into the
people of God. It is the place where we inhale God's love and grace, so that we can be
sent forth to exhale God's love and grace...”**

Reflection

Salt and Light and an Eternal Spring of Water

RESPONDING

Singing

Renew Your Church

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SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** As You Go Out from Here

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality. Call to Worship adapted from Psa. 112:1-10 from Nan C Merrill's "Psalms for Praying" 2007

About Our Guest Speaker:



We welcome **BMCer Karen Cox** today as our guest speaker! Karen served as Pastor for BMC from 2005-2017. Karen delights in providing 1/2-time day care for her 1 year old twin grandsons. And she is co-owner and board member for SkyRun Vacation Rentals. Karen's hobbies include walking/hiking, listening to live music, reading, watching movies, and playing cards/games (to win, competitively or cooperatively!). *Thank you for blessing us today, Karen!*

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker and Moment for

All: Karen Cox

Worship Coordinator: Cheri Krause

Worship Leader: Douglas Minter

Readers: Laura Minter, Judy Classen

Music: Susan Graber, Judy Classen

Tech Support: Steve Voran

Greeters: Carole Suderman, Laura Minter

Snacks: Judy Classen

February 1:

Attendance: 28, 5 online

Offering: \$1,450

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship

10:45a Snacks and Connecting time

11:00a Bible Study on book of Isaiah, led by Ezra Tice, in the Sanctuary

THIS WEEK at BMC

2/12 Church Council, 5:00p, at BMC/Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY – February 15:

9:30am Worship and mingling with MCC Global Voices Speakers
11:00am Education Hour with the MCC Global Voices Speakers

Speakers:	Dr. Arefur Rahaman and David Waiswa, of MCC Global Voices Tour
Worship Coordinator:	Cheri Krause
Worship Leader:	Joan Tice
Readers:	Michelene Fast, Sandi Sanborn
Music:	Susan Graber, Jean McPherson
Tech Support:	Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters:	Paul Classen Michelene Fast
Snacks:	Toni Diaz Bachus

COMING UP

2/13-15	Sr. High Snow Camp @RMMC
2/15	MCC Global Voices Tour at Boulder Mennonite worship
2/18	Meditation Group, 11:00a
3/4	Meditation Group, 11:00a
3/6-8	Mountain States Menno Conf Women's Retreat
3/7	Faith & Life Forum (Mountain States Mennonite Conference), 9:30am, Glennon Heights Mennonite Church
3/18	Meditation Group, 11:00a
5/16	RAWtools <u>toy</u> gun buyback at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church in Lakewood. More info to come.
7/24-26	MSMC Annual Assembly, hosted by Boulder Menno!

~PRAYERS~

- ~ **Paul and Mary McKay** ask for prayers for continued healing for Ed Glenn, for the work and witness of Mennonite Action, and for prayers for the Mennonite Men/Join Trees as a delegation travels to Palestine to plant olive trees near Bethlehem with Palestinian farmers.
- ~ for wisdom and clarity for our sister church, **Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship**, as they discern the future for the church.
- ~ for **Ukraine**: Please pray for the Church of the Heart of Christ in Vinnytsia and Berdyansk, as well as other Mennonite churches currently under occupation. Pray for peace, freedom and the opportunity to address people's needs.
- ~ for **Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe**: Heavy rains caused severe flooding that destroyed homes, crops, and swept away livestock in January 2026. Pray for **Mennonite World Conference (MWC)** member churches in these countries as they respond to needs within their own families and in their regions.

~ **Mennonite Church USA** request for prayer: On Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Washington, D.C., heard 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 attended the hearing. [Read the brief](#), filed by the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy & Protection at Georgetown Law.

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~

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

CHURCH ADMINISTRATORS: Tom Dechert, Susan Graber, and Cheri Krause – someone is usually in the office part of the day Tuesday through Friday. *Please call in or email (info@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Thursday, 8:00am.*

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

NEXT SUNDAY - MCC GLOBAL VOICES SPEAKING TOUR: Dr. Arefur Rahaman and David Waiswa will join us to speak about efforts toward peace and climate resiliency in South Asia and the African Sahel. Join us for worship and the education hour for this unique opportunity to hear firsthand stories on the intersection of climate and peace! Be a prayerful witness to our global neighbors and learn how your own commitment to peace can make a difference.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: During our time of transition, Toni Diaz Bachus, Judy Classen, Sandi Sanborn, and Cheri Krause have been in charge of making sure that our worship on Sunday mornings continues. Thanks to them for continued meaningful worship!

PREACHING OR SPEAKING: Do you feel called to share your faith story on a Sunday morning? Do you know of someone who you think would be a great Sunday morning speaker? Please send your ideas to the Church Administrator for the worship committee to follow up with during the week. churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org

QUILT DISPLAY: I volunteered to be the coordinator for the quilt displays in the back of the sanctuary. 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, cjsude@yahoo.com or 303-494-8527.

WE NEED HOSTS!: Our church will be hosting the Mountain States Mennonite Conference Assembly July 24 – 26. Some of the attendees would be greatly helped if they could stay in a home, rather than having to pay for a hotel. If you would be willing to host people in your home, please contact our conference Administrator, Cheryl Beachy, administrator@mountainstatesMC.org, and let her know how many people you could accommodate for one or two nights. Thank you!

IN OUR LIBRARY: We have some interesting books in our library at the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to borrow any books anytime! We are also putting back copies of *Anabaptist World*, the magazine that covers Anabaptist and Mennonite happenings and thought, for you to take if you would like.

CHURCH COUNCIL EMAILS: If you want to receive the church council announcements and did not, please contact the church administrators, info@bouldermennonite.org.

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

FAITH & LIFE FORUM, SAT 3/7: This year's Mountain States Mennonite Conference Faith & Life Forum has the theme, *Belonging and Boundaries: The beauty and challenge of intergenerational connections* A Special Faith & Life Issue of the *Zing!* newsletter is available at this [LINK](#) with detailed information! 9:30am - 3:00pm at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church, 11480 W. Virginia Ave, Lakewood Click here to [REGISTER](#)

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE WOMEN'S RETREAT: At Rocky Mountain Camp, March 6, 7, and 8. The theme is: Breathing through Transition Your guides will be Geneva Shoemaker, hospice chaplain, worship leader, avid explorer of the interior life and Anita Amstutz, pastor, spiritual companion/counselor and author of *Soul Tending: Journey into the Heart of Sabbath*. Join us for worship, song, creativity, play, silence, nature, and heartfelt sharing in community. Register and learn more at [Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp](#).

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC) IS RESPONDING IN AFGHANISTAN: On August 31, 2025, Afghanistan was struck by a 6.0 magnitude earthquake. According to UN estimates, approximately 2,000 people were killed, and thousands more were injured. MCC's local partners were some of the first to respond to immediate needs in eastern Afghanistan. This included distributing cash assistance for vulnerable families to purchase supplies.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MORE-WITH-LESS! This beloved cookbook's call to thrift, Christian compassion and abundant living is just as relevant today as it was in 1976. [Share your own stories of food, joy and resilience by Feb. 15](#) for a chance to be featured in the 50th anniversary edition and receive an exclusive recipe as thanks.

MEN'S RETREAT WITH MICHAEL MARTIN: Mennonite Men will be hosting a men's retreat at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan with RawTools founder Michael Martin, March 6-8, 2026. The theme of the weekend will be "Becoming Malleable Men: Practicing Faith and Being Formed." Registration at friedenswald.org/retreats/

PEACE & JUSTICE JOURNAL: A publication of Mennonite Central Committee U.S. is available [here](#).

HERALD PRESS: For the entire month of February, enjoy 40% off all Herald Press children's books—a wonderful opportunity to stock up for family reading, classrooms, Sunday school, or special gifts. mennomedia.org.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

DOWNTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY MOVIE CLUB: *Everything Everywhere all at Once*

When: Tuesday, February 17, 6 - 9 p.m. Where: Boulder Public Library's Canyon Gallery & Theater, 1001 Arapahoe Ave. Boulder, CO. Fee: FREE

WINTER BIKE TO WORK DAY: [Take the pledge](#) to ride on Friday, February 13 for Winter Bike to Work Day! (<https://www.drcog.org/bike-to-work-day-winter>) Working from home? No problem. Get out for a ride around before you start your day. Swing by a local breakfast station between 7- 9 a.m. for some free goodies, photos, and prizes! [Find a station | Denver Regional Council of Governments](#)

ECOLOGY TIP: Many of us in Colorado don't leave the house without a water bottle. Carry this even further by bringing it to places where you might be tempted to use a paper or plastic cup, like in a fast food establishment, water cooler in an office building, or on a picnic.



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