



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, February 22, 2026

A Service of the Word

First Sunday of Lent

He Was Tempted
by Mike Moyers



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.

GATHERING

Prelude	<i>Piano Interlude, by Peter Maxwell Davies</i>	
*Singing	Amazing Grace	163
Call to Worship		873
Welcome		

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

*Singing	Be Still, My Soul	664
Centering Prayer		
Singing	There's a Wideness In God's Mercy	156

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	<i>An Important Event, by Robert Schumann</i>
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HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Gospel Reading	Matthew 4:1-11
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Then Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit, to be tempted by the Devil. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, Jesus was hungry. Then the tempter approached and said, "If you are the Only Begotten, command these stones to turn into bread." Jesus replied, "**Scripture has it, 'We live not on bread alone but on every utterance that comes from the mouth of God.'**"

Next the Devil took Jesus to the Holy City, set him on the parapet of the Temple and said, "If you are the Only Begotten, throw yourself down." Jesus replied,

“Scripture has it, ‘God will tell the angels to take care of you; with their hands they will support you that you may never stumble on a stone.’ Scripture also says, ‘Do not put God to the test.’”

The Devil then took Jesus up a very high mountain and displayed all the dominions of the world in their magnificence, promising, “All these I will give you if you fall down and worship me.” At this, Jesus said to the Devil, **“Away with you, satan! Scripture says, ‘You will worship the Most High God; God alone will you adore.’”**

At that the Devil left, and angels came and attended Jesus.

Reflection

God of the desert wilderness

RESPONDING

*Singing

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant, v 1,3,4

778

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant, v 1,2

778

Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

About Our Guest Speaker:



We welcome **Becky Teiwes!** Becky has been working with MCC for the past three years as the Borderlands Program Coordinator in South TX at the US-Mexico border and since July as the Peace and Justice Practice Coordinator for MCC-Central States. Her experiences as a missionary kid and studies in political science and education have shaped her belief in the power of education to transform and her commitment to solidarity with communities at the forefront of anti-oppression work. Her personal theology has been deeply influenced by her non-denominational upbringing, attendance at liturgical churches for over twenty years, and Anabaptist commitment to centering the life and teachings of Jesus. She currently lives in Colorado Springs and attends Beth-El Mennonite Church. *Thank you for blessing us today, Becky!*

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Becky Teiwes, MCC
Worship Leader:	Cheri Krause
Moment for All:	Elvira Glenn
Readers:	Becky Neumann, Bruce Wheeler
Music:	Bruce Fast, Susan Graber
Tech Support:	Tice Family
Greeters:	Ezra Tice, Lisa Voss
Snacks:	Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn
Worship Coordinator	Sandi Sanborn

Sunday, February 15: **Attendance:** 41 in person, 8 online

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship
10:45a	Snacks and Connecting time
11:00a	Christian Ed time with Becky Teiwes

THIS WEEK at BMC

2/28	Walking Small Group, 9:00a
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NEXT SUNDAY – March 1:

9:30am	Worship, featuring Paul Olson Potluck setup and then eating after worship!
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Worship Leader:	Douglas Minter
Moment for All:	Elvira Glenn
Readers:	Toni Diaz Bachus, Cheri Krause
Music:	Susan Graber, Peter Ingram, Elleanna Voran
Tech Support:	Elleanna Voran, Steve Voran
Greeters:	Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
Snacks:	Cindy Firnhaber
Worship Coordinator	Sandi Sanborn

COMING UP

2/27-3/1	Mountain States Menno Conf Men's Retreat, RMMC
3/1	"Family Favorites" Potluck after worship
3/4	Meditation Group, 11:00a
3/6-8	Mountain States Menno Conf Women's Retreat, RMMC

3/7 Faith & Life Forum (Mountain States Mennonite Conference), 9:30a,
 Glennon Heights Mennonite Church
 3/11 Bethel Alumni & Friends Gathering, 4:00p – 6:30p
 3/14 Walking Group, 9:00a
 7/24-26 MSMC Annual Assembly, hosted by Boulder Menno!

~PRAYERS~

- ~for improved health for **Gus Gouvas** who hopes to be back at church, but was recently hospitalized.
- ~for **Joan Tice's** health to improve.
- ~The Firnhabers ask for prayers for their daughter, **Maria**, in South Africa who is struggling.
- ~The McKays ask for prayer for **Chris Friedman**, whose dementia is advancing and for **famers in Guatemala**.
- ~of thanksgiving that **Toni returned safely from Cuba**. She reports that conditions are very difficult there; pray for the Cuban people. There is fear of what will happen next and it is not safe to protest.
- ~**From Roca de Refugio**: Please pray Maria and her toddler son, and for pastor Dianne Garcia (see announcement below).

March Birthdays	
1 – Gus Dino Gouvas	16 – Nevin McKay Epp
2 – Nancy Wolff	23 – Cindy Firnhaber
4 – Laura Minter	27 – Becky Sawatzky
7 – Ryan Loewer	27 – Joshua Tice
13 – Marit	30 – Koketso Firnhaber
<i>Please let us know if we failed to acknowledge your special day. We want to celebrate you!</i>	

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

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

CHURCH ADMINSTRATORS: 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~

POTLUCK! Let's eat together! Plan to join the "Family Favorites" potluck on Sunday, 3/1, after worship. Bring a favorite dish from childhood, or an ethnic dish from your family tradition. We'll set up together after worship, and eat as soon as we are ready. And, we invite you to stay and join the time together after eating to clean up!

GUEST SPEAKER: Next week and on March 15 our guest speaker is Paul Olson, originally from Brush, CO. He is an ordained pastor in the Lutheran tradition, and also a singer, actor, and beer expert. He has special training in how organizations function as systems, and on the role of a pastor to lead 'church family' systems. Sounds intriguing, join us!

WE NEED HOSTS! Our church is hosting the Mountain States Mennonite Conference Assembly July 24 – 26. We can help attendees who have limited resources by hosting them in our homes. If you are willing, please contact conference Administrator, Cheryl Beachy, administrator@mountainstatesMC.org, and let her know how many people you could accommodate for a night or two. Cheryl is thrilled that several of you have already volunteered! Thank you!

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

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

BETHEL COLLEGE ALUMNI & FRIENDS: Save the Date! Gathering in Boulder on Wednesday, March 11 4-6:30 p.m. Hosted by Cornelia Krahn and Kent Olson.

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE: [December Zing Newsletter](#) with an article from our speaker today, Becky Teiwes!

Faith & Life Forum: Saturday, March 7, 9:30am - 3:00pm, Glennon Heights Mennonite Church, 11480 W. Virginia Ave, Lakewood, CO. [Register here.](#)

- Amy Zimbelman sharing What to expect at the Faith & Life Forum this year, [video](#).
- Here's a video with Ross and Moriah, [Intergenerational Connections - Faith & Life Forum Sat, Mar 7, 2026 with Ross Erb and Moriah Hurst](#)

FROM ROCA DE REFUGIO (our sister church in San Antonio): Please pray for Maria and her toddler son, both seeking asylum, who were detained in November during their third Immigration and Customs Enforcement appointment. Read about her experience [here](#). Also pray

for pastor Dianne Garcia, and for all those who are a part of the church. (Dianne has been chosen to receive a [Rothko Chapel Oscar Romero Award](#) for human rights advocacy in 2026!) And, if you are inclined to help, please visit [Nuevos Vecinos](https://www.nuevosvecinossatx.org/) (<https://www.nuevosvecinossatx.org/>), where you can donate or get involved in other ways or make a purchase from this [wishlist](#).

FROM MSMC YOUTH COMMITTEE: Calling all youth grades 6-12! Save the Date: April 25, for an exciting all-day tree-planting event organized with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to help restore the forests in Big Thompson Canyon near Drake, Colorado! This is a great opportunity for youth from Mountain States Mennonite Conference Churches to come together, have fun, get to know other youth, and help restore the environment to its pre-fire density. Please do not let travel or financial limitations stop you. We are here to help you get to the event! More information coming soon. The Youth Committee members are Annaken Toews, Jonathan Harnish, Rebecca Scull, and Stephanie Phibbs.

MENNONITE CHURCH (MC) USA'S LENT AT HOME 2026 WORSHIP GUIDE IS HERE! Intended for all ages and life stages to deepen the experience of the season, this resource is free for all congregations and families of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. [Download available in English and Spanish.](#)

PLANNING A LENTEN QUIET MORNING BY MARLENE KROPF: A guide for creating space for prayer, silence and renewal; [download here](#). Some of us are struck with paralysis when the world around us falls apart. Others spring into action, determined to set things right. Neither is the path of Jesus. [More Information here](#).

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK'S (MMN) MENNONITE VOLUNTARY SERVICE (MVS): Young adults are the loneliest they have ever been. Recent surveys show that nearly 30% of those aged 18-34 report feeling lonely daily or several times a week — higher than any other age group and a stark reflection of our modern epidemic of isolation. MVS offers an antidote. In MVS, young adults live in a community with one another and are embraced by welcoming Mennonite church communities and mentors. MVS is a place where the gospel comes alive through hands-on service. Encourage young adults in your life to consider service and support them when they do. [Read more here](#). [Beyond Newsletter](#).

MENNONITE ACTION PICKET AND PRAY: Weekly Free Palestine and spiritual practice rooted in the Christian tradition. Our 30 minutes together will include a short program of check-in, prayer, and a collective digital action.
[Listen to January Mass Call](#). [Links from January Mass Call](#).
[RSVP to February 26 Mass Call](#).



FROM MCC US NATIONAL PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRIES: Urge Congress to stop funding ICE immigration raids. Follow this [link](#) for an easy template to contact congress.

How can Anabaptists respond to authoritarianism? Find out more about authoritarianism and how to creatively resist through [this NPJM resource](#).

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC): [February MCC In Touch Newsletter](#)

EDER FINANCIAL: Eder Financial is a not-for-profit agency, reportable to the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, that provides retirement, insurance, and organizational investing services. They are in discussions with Everence® to explore how they might work together. More information [here](#).

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S MARCH 2026 WOMEN BUILD: March is open to women and women-led groups of all backgrounds and experience levels. Whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned pro, there's a place for you at the BoulderMOD. Let's lift each other up, literally and figuratively. See you at the BoulderMOD. [Register here!](#)

SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (SURJ) TRAINING: [Talk to Our Neighbors, Crack ICE: Phone Bank with SURJ! · Showing Up for Racial Justice](#). One of the most common questions we get at SURJ is: how do I talk to other white people about racism? The truth is, there is no magic set of words to learn—it takes practice. We'll be training you to talk to white working-class voters in the key congressional districts that will determine control of the House in the 2026 midterm elections. Using a deep listening method where you'll engage around shared values, we'll talk to people about their feelings on Trump's immigration policies and deployment of ICE, and then organize them towards seeing what they stand to gain in choosing solidarity over MAGA's racism. [Sign up for a training now!](#)

ECOLOGY TIP: Remember on these sunny winter days to open all your window shades once the sun is up, especially those facing south. Passive solar not only makes the room more cheery, but truly prevents the need to turn up the heat and use more fuel. For a bonus, sit in the places where the sun comes directly into the house! You'll be surprised how warm it is, and how much lower you can turn the temperature!



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