



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, March 8, 2026

A Service of the Word

Third Sunday of Lent



There is always hope by [miguelmorales](#)

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 Ochethi Sakowin Peoples. We affirm that settlers have specific responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-14

He stopped at Sychar, a town in Samaria, near the tract of land Jacob had given to his son Joseph, and Jacob's Well was there. Jesus, weary from the journey, came and sat by the well. It was around noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "**Give me a drink.**" The disciples had gone off to the town to buy provisions. The Samaritan woman replied, "You're a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?"—since Jews had nothing to do with Samaritans.

Jesus answered, "**If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him for a drink instead, and he would have given you living water.**" "If you please," she challenged Jesus, "you don't have a bucket and this well is deep. Where do you expect to get this 'living water'? Surely you don't pretend to be greater than our ancestors Leah and Rachel and Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it with their descendants and flocks?"

Jesus replied, "**Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give them will never be thirsty; no, the water I give will become fountains within them, springing up to provide eternal life.**"

New Testament Reading

Romans 5:1-5

Now since we have been made right in God's sight by our faith, we are at peace with God through our savior Jesus Christ. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us to the grace in which we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to the day on which we will become all that God has intended. But not only that—we even rejoice in our afflictions! We know that affliction produces perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and character, hope. And such a hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy spirit, who has been given to us.

Reflection

ReLenting in a Time of Relentlessness

RESPONDING

*Singing

If the War Goes On

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Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

*Benediction

NEXT SUNDAY – March 15, 2026:

9:30am Worship and mingling
11:00am Christian Ed time led by Ezra Tice on Isaiah

Speaker: Paul Olsen
Worship Leader: Toni Diaz Bachus
Moment for All: Cheri Krause
Readers: Jen Dudenhefer, Douglas Minter
Music: Judy Classen, Susan Graber
Tech Support: Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters: Paul Classen, Lisa Voss
Snacks: Michelene Fast
Worship Coordinator Sandi Sanborn

COMING UP

3/18 Meditation Group, 11:00a
3/22 Heresy, Heretics, and (dis)Harmony Small Group, 4:00p-6:00p
3/28 Walking Group, 9:00
4/1 Meditation Group, 11:00a
4/2 **Maundy Thursday** service, 6:00p
4/5 **Easter Sunday!** 9:30a Easter Breakfast/Brunch Potluck; 10:30a Worship
4/25 MDS Tree Planting Event for Mountain States Menno churches' youth
5/16 RAWtools toy gun buyback at Glennon Heights - kids turn in toy guns for nonviolent games and toys. More info to come.
7/24-26 MSMC Annual Assembly, hosted by Boulder Menno!

~PRAYERS~

- ~Toni Diaz is grateful for our prayers for the safe return of her husband from Cuba. He is home!
- ~Toni Diaz and Mennonite World Conference request prayers for Cuba and the continued daily chaos they live with. Pastor Luis Hernández of MWC member church writes: The needs here are many: Lack of fuel. Lack of electricity. Lack of food. Lack of financial resources.
- ~Susan Hundsdorfer: We thank God for the wonderful gift of a 2-week trip to Italy to the Olympics. And please pay for Tim. He needed an ambulance last Friday, for kidney stones. We hope they will pass with medications in the next two weeks. Bless all caregivers, everywhere.
- ~Paul and Mary McKay ask for prayers for the peaceful passing of our nephew Matt and peace for his parents Margaret and Loren.
- ~ for those in the chaos of bombing of Iran and other countries in the region. May they find protection and may there be a swift end to the violence. We pray for wisdom for political leadership--guide their decisions toward justice and mercy, rather than destruction and conflict.

March Birthdays

1 – Gus Dino Gouvas
2 – Nancy Wolff
4 – Laura Minter
7 – Ryan Loewer
13 – Marit

16 – Nevin McKay Epp
23 – Cindy Firnhaber
27 – Becky Sawatzky
27 – Joshua Tice
30 – Koketso Firnhaber

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~

THANK YOU FOR POTLUCK: Thanks to everyone who brought food and helped with the potluck last Sunday; it was a nice time together. Next up is our annual Easter potluck!

BETHEL COLLEGE GATHERING: This Wednesday, March 11 Bethel College alumni & friends gathering, 4-6:30 p.m., hosted by Cornelia Krahn & Kent Olson, 1800 Kalmia Ave., Boulder 80304. Come-and-go, with food served, and a college update from George Leary, director of development, at 5:30. Please RSVP to 303-880-9971 (Cornelia) or 316-587-6910 (George) or gleary@bethelks.edu. Spouses and significant others welcome!

GUEST SPEAKER NEXT SUNDAY: Paul Olsen, who preached here last Sunday, will join us again next Sunday.

SEARCH COMMITTEE: The pastoral search committee continues their work to find a transitional pastor. Amy Zimbelman, our conference minister, has been helpful. We will share more details as we can, and ask for your continued prayers.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, 4/2: In commemoration of the Last Supper, we'll have a Maundy Thursday service at BMC at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 2. It will include scriptures and hymns, foot/hand-washing, and a simple shared "Love Feast" meal. Sandi Sanborn is planning the service, and **could use some help with leading singing, and set up and clean up.**

FOOD TRUCK/CATERER RECOMMENDATIONS? Boulder Mennonite is hosting the Mountain States Mennonite Conference annual Assembly July 24-26. I'm looking for suggestions for food trucks and catering services that might be good for the event. Let me know, thanks! Susan Graber

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

NEW ZINE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: *A Dangerous Faith* is a new (maga)zine from Anabaptist World for youth and young adults, filled with art, poetry, and reflections on living out faith rooted in love. This zine features perspectives from young Anabaptists on seasonal themes in a format that's portable and easy to share. [Order our zine today](#), and for just \$10, you'll receive a copy of three issues during 2026, starting with the Winter 2026 issue on Hope and Lament. The deadline to order is Tuesday, March 10, for delivery in late March.

WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST: Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA denominational minister of Peace and Justice, calls the church to prayer in the wake of the recent violence in Iran. [Read the full prayer here](#). For further engagement, explore "[Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War.](#)"

A CALL TO CHRISTIANS: Hundreds of Christian pastors, scholars, and leaders from across the country, including Glen Guyton on behalf of Mennonite Church USA, are warning that the United States is facing a profound moral, spiritual, and democratic emergency, in a new open letter released ahead of the nation's 250th anniversary. More info [here](#). The letter, "*A Call to Christians in a Crisis of Faith and Democracy*," released to mark the start of the Christian season of repentance, emphasizes that Christians have a moral obligation to speak out in the face of an endangered democracy, the rise of tyranny, immigrant abuse, and a Christian faith corrupted by the heretical ideology of white Christian nationalism.

SERVICE ADVENTURE: Applications are now open for the 2026-27 term. Service Adventure is a 10-month volunteer experience **for young adults ages 17-20**. Live in community with peers and unit leaders, serve with local nonprofit agencies, and grow in your faith with a supporting church congregation! Learn more and apply at MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE (MWC) INVITES US TO JOIN WITH THEM: The time before Easter is a sacred season of reflection, repentance and renewal. It is a time to follow Jesus more closely, to carry our crosses and to deepen our commitment to love God and neighbour (Luke 9:23). This season, express your solidarity with our global Anabaptist family:

- praying for each other in real time in online prayer hour and during regional meetings;
- speaking truth about powerful regimes in alarming political contexts;
- worshipping together across the world with Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday materials;
- sharing gifts for ministry through the Global Church Sharing Fund.

May this Lenten season draw us closer to God and to one another as we share our gifts. May we be shaped into a people of faithful solidarity, compassion and peace. —Pilar Aguirre, Generosity Coordinator, [Let us be bold - Mennonite World Conference](#)

50% OFF SELECT HERALD PRESS TITLES: March is here—and so is your Deal of the Month from Herald Press! For a limited time, enjoy 50% off select titles across a wide range of categories, from powerful reads on social issues and Christian living to music and Amish-interest books. Take 50% off now Use code MONTHLY at checkout. Offer expires March 31.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (SURJ) URGES US TO SIGN AN ANTIWAR PETITION: The Trump administration attacked Iran without Congressional approval and the death toll is rising. We Americans must do whatever we can in our power to demand: No War with Iran! **We know that wars do not make any of us safer.** They benefit a tiny number of people whose billionaire agenda will cause death and destruction across the Middle East, fuel racism and Islamophobia here at home, and come at the cost of millions of Americans who are barely making ends meet. [Use this tool to tell Congress to pass the War Powers Resolution to stop Trump's massive overreach and then join a protest near you.](#)

WORLD'S SHORTEST ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE: When: Saturday, March 14, noon, Pearl Street Between 15th and 16th in Boulder. FREE! [Read more here.](#)



HIKE FOR SENIORS: WELCOMING SPRING: **When:** Thursday March 19, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Where:** Pella Crossing 11600 N 75th St, Longmont, CO 80503 **Fee:** FREE, [Registration Required: Sign up here.](#)

ECOLOGY TIP: If you or your friends get takeout food in nice covered containers, wash them out when empty and reuse them. If you collect more of these or other plastic containers than you can use, bring them to church so that people can use them to take home leftovers after snack time or a community meal.



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