



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, March 15, 2026

A Service of the Word
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Jesus healing the Blind Man, by Brian Jekel

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 9:1-14

As Jesus walked along, he saw someone who had been blind from birth. The disciples asked Jesus, **“Rabbi, was it this individual’s sin that caused the blindness, or that of the parents?”** “Neither,” answered Jesus, “It wasn’t because of anyone’s sin— not this person’s, nor the parents’. Rather, it was to let God’s works shine forth in this person. We must do the deeds of the One who sent me while it is still day—for night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

With that, Jesus spat on the ground, made mud with his saliva and smeared the blind one’s eyes with the mud. Then Jesus said, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”—“Siloam” means “sent.” So the person went off to wash, and came back able to see. Neighbors and those who had been accustomed to seeing the blind beggar began to ask, **“Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?”** Some said yes; others said no—the one who had been healed simply looked like the beggar. But the individual in question said, “No—it was me.”

The people then asked, **“Then how were your eyes opened?”** The answer came, “The one they call Jesus made mud and smeared it on my eyes, and told me to go to Siloam and wash. When I went and washed, I was able to see.” **“Where is Jesus?”** they asked. The person replied, “I have no idea.” They took the one who had been born blind to the Pharisees. It had been on a Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud paste and opened this one’s eyes.

Reflection

Wash My Eyes

RESPONDING

*Singing

Open My Eyes, That I May See

738

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

Thuma Mina (Send Me, Lord)

834

Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

About Our Guest Speaker:

Paul Olsen graduated from high school in Brush, CO. He has a BA in Religion and a Master of Divinity and is an ordained Lutheran pastor. He has pastored congregations in Colorado and six other states. He completed two additional post-graduate programs with a focus on understanding how organizations function as systems, and on his role as a pastor of congregations and leader of ‘church family’ systems. He’s also a singer, actor, and an award-winning home brewer/vintner. His full bio is [here](#).

Welcome, and thank you for blessing us today, Paul!

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

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

Sunday, March 8, 2026: Attendance: 33 in person, 4 online **Offering:** \$ 3,582

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship
10:45a	Snacks and Connecting time
11:00a	Christian Ed time led by Ezra Tice on Isaiah

THIS WEEK at BMC

3/18	Meditation Group, 11:00a
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NEXT SUNDAY – March 22, 2026:

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

Speaker:	Kurt Firnhaber
Worship Leader:	Cheri Krause
Moment for All:	Judy Classen
Readers:	Lisa Voss, Joanna Harrison
Music:	Peter Ingram, Susan Graber
Tech Support:	Elleanna Voran, Steve Voran

Greeters: Ezra & Joan Tice
Snacks: Jen Dudenhefer
Worship Coordinator Sandi Sandborn

COMING UP

- 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 Mennonite Church
- 7/24-26 MSMC Annual Assembly, hosted by Boulder Menno!

~PRAYERS~

- ~Please keep Mai Wheeler in your prayers. She was hospitalized on Monday (and as of noon Thursday was still hospitalized).
- ~Paul and Mary McKay are thankful for the prayers for their nephew, **Matt**. He passed away Wednesday at home. Please pray for his family, especially for his 18-year-old daughter, **Maya**.
- ~Sandi Sanborn asks prayers for **Ellen Morrison** who is dealing with very high blood pressure, not controlled by medication or diet. She'll try to get a prompt appointment with her cardiologist.
- ~for wisdom and clarity for Ft. Collins Mennonite Church as they discern their future.
- ~for Dianne Garcia, pastor of [Roca de Refugio](#), and for all those who are a part of the church (our sister congregation with many immigrants).

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 ~

NEXT SUNDAY'S SPEAKER: Our own Kurt Firnhaber will be speaking in worship next Sunday. Come hear from Kurt, whose life of service has involved numerous intersections of faith, politics, and justice.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE: We have begun interviews for our transitional pastor. Thank you for your continued prayers that we find a good fit for this position.

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.** Call/text (720-530-0659) or email (sandra.sanborn@comcast.net) her to offer your support.

FAITH COMMUNITY RESILIENCE IN RESPONSE TO ICE RAIDS: Please join us during our adult education hour at 11:00a on Sunday, March 29, for a conversation with **Dr Donna Minter**, a member of Faith Mennonite Church and a clinical psychologist (and Douglas' sister). She will share her personal journey and the church's experience supporting marginalized communities traumatized by ICE raids in the Twin Cities.

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 ~

FROM MSMC YOUTH COMMITTEE: Calling all youth grades 6-12! Join us 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 on Saturday, April 25! This is a great opportunity for youth from Mountain States Mennonite Conference Churches to come together, have fun, get to know other youth across the region, and help restore the environment to its pre-fire density. To register for this event, please go to this [LINK](#) The Youth Committee members are Annaken Toews, Jonathan Harnish, Rebecca Scull, and Stephanie Phibbs

URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: MDS has just been made aware of an urgent need for volunteers in San Angelo, Texas this week, March 15-21. The work would be mostly indoors, and you don't have to stay all week. Skilled labor is needed, but others are welcome to join and learn! Please prayerfully consider going, and tap friends and neighbors and retired construction workers you may know. MDS can help with travel expenses if needed, and as always provides housing and food. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mary Johnson mjmanyik@gmail.com or 303-726-9890 or Paul Johnson doctorpj52@gmail.com 720-880-8773.

RELIEF SALE BOOTH COORDINATOR NEEDED: The Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale is seeking an individual or group to lead Quilters Corner, a booth that sells fabric and other supplies used to make quilts. Proceeds support the work of Mennonite Central Committee. If your church or group is interested, please contact Darcey VanWagner, mdvw@comcast.net, for more information and a job description. Thank you for your support of the Sale.

PEACE, NOT NEW WARS, IN THE MIDDLE EAST: MCC U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries sent an Action Alert for sending a letter to your members of Congress: [here](#).

MENNONITE WOMEN: [Grapevine newsletter](#) includes information about their next Coffee and Conversation: Friday, March 20 at 10 am. Join in as we get to talk to Marty Lehman about her role as MC USA's current moderator, where she sees women shaping the church, and where you see women making an impact through ministry. [RSVP here](#). Mennonite Women USA is also publishing a new community journal blog called [Women's Voices](#).

MENNONITE MEN: [Engage newsletter](#) including an update on the JoinTrees campaign projects.

ANABAPTIST DISABILITIES NETWORK: The newest venture of [Anabaptist Disabilities Network](#) is "All In: Immersive Worship for Everybody." ADN is inviting 12-20 pilot congregations to go "all in" and join us on a journey of creating accessible, intergenerational worship through a five-year collaborative project. Together we will explore worship practices that engage people of all ages and abilities.

JOINT ECUMENICAL STATEMENT ON THE WIDENING CONFLICT IN THE

MIDDLE EAST: Mennonite World Conference and other Christian groups join in expressing their deep concern regarding the humanitarian and social impacts of the widening conflict in the Middle East, and the threat it poses to the peace and security of the region and the world. **We proclaim the God-given human dignity and rights of all people, equally and without discrimination. We reject the brutal logic of war and domination. We seek the gift of peace.** [Read the entire statement here.](#)

OTHER NEWSLETTERS!

- Mountain States Mennonite Conference (MSMC): [Zing!](#)
- Mennonite Church USA (MCUSA): [Equipping](#)
- Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: [News and Stories from RMMC](#)
- Mennonite Central Committee: [March MCC In Touch](#)

- Mennonite Mission Network: [Extending Beyond](#)
- Mennonite Disaster Service: [On the Level](#)

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

BOULDER MUSE CONCERT: Boulder MUSE has again been named as the beneficiary for **Peace Through Music 2026**, an annual benefit concert in honor of the **Season for Nonviolence** on Friday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1421 Spruce Street. By purchasing tickets and attending our concert, you help Boulder MUSE continue to offer high-quality musical instruction to under-resourced youth across Boulder County. [Tickets](#).

CASA DE PAZ LATEST: [Casa de Paz](#) recently released our second [accountability report](#). Check out the [accepted donations list](#) for as Casa de Paz continues to support people released from the detention center in Aurora. [Mutual Aid Sanctuary](#) is pleased to announce a partnership with Casa de Paz called [Post-Detention Assistance](#), helping volunteers to offer in-home assistance for one to three nights to individuals being released from detention.

MARTIN ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION EGGSTRAVAGANZA! Martin Acres is having their annual Eggstravaganza at Martin Park on Saturday, April 4 at 9 am. There will be an Easter egg hunt for kids 10 and under, games, and coffee for the adults. All are welcome. You can also sign up to volunteer at <https://volunteersignup.org/A3X3L>.

UPDATES ON PALESTINE: The [Good Shepherd Collective](#) has a website and newsletter that gives information from Palestinians on the ground.

ECOLOGY TIP: If you want to make a difference for the earth with the next generation, check out [Classrooms for Climate Action](#). This is an initiative in Boulder Valley Schools, supported by volunteers, many of them retired teachers. Volunteers work with a small group of students in a grade from K-12 as they learn about climate resilience and justice, and ways to take action in their local community. Opportunities are flexible from September to May. Contact Tegan at tegan@classroomsforclimateaction.org or call 303-956-2481 for more information. One group of fourth graders invited their city council members to come see their models and hear their plans for flood mitigation!



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