

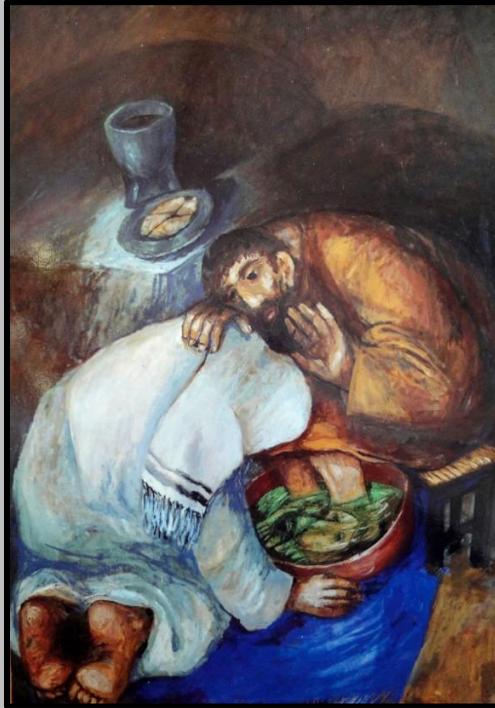


Welcome to  
**Boulder Mennonite Church**  
Sunday, March 22, 2026

**A Service of the Word**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*Jesus washing Peter's  
Feet by Sieger Koder*



**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.*



**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** Help Us to Help Each Other 722

**Call to Worship** 851

**Welcome**

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**\*Singing** Brothers and Sisters of Mine are the Hungry HWB 142

**Centering Prayer** Ps 131

**Singing** Be Still, My Soul v1,2 664

**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**

**Gospel Reading** John 13:12-17

After washing their feet, Jesus put his clothes back on and returned to the table. He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me 'Teacher,' and 'Sovereign'—and rightly, for so I am. If I, then—your Teacher and Sovereign—have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. The truth of the matter is, no subordinate is greater than the superior; no messenger outranks the sender.

Once you know all these things, you'll be blessed if you put them into practice."



**Resources used in worship:**

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

**March 15, 2026:**                      **Attendance:** 25 in person, 3 online                      **Offering:** \$405

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

- Speaker:** Kurt Firnhaber
- Worship Leader:** Cheri Krause
- Moment for All:** Judy Classen
- Readers:** Joanna Harrison, Lisa Voss
- Music:** Susan Graber, Peter Ingram
- Tech Support:** Elleanna Voran, Steve Voran
- Greeters:** Ezra and Joan Tice
- Snacks:** Elvira Glenn, Gus Gouvas, Sandi Sanborn
- Christian Education:** Ezra Tice
- Worship Coordinator** Sandi Sanborn

**TODAY at BMC**

- 9:30a              Worship
- 10:45a            Snacks and Connecting time
- 11:00a            Christian Ed time led by Ezra Tice on Isaiah
- 4:00p              Heresy, Heretics, (dis)Harmony Small Group, location to be announced

**THIS WEEK at BMC**

- 3/28                No Kings Rallies

**NEXT SUNDAY – March 29, 2026, Palm Sunday:**

- 9:30am            Worship and mingling
- 11:00am           Dr. Donna Minter—see announcement below

- Speaker:** Brenda Fox
- Worship Leader:** Becky Neumann
- Moment for All:** Susan Graber
- Readers:** Frances & Mike Tice
- Music:** Bruce Fast, Elleanna Voran
- Tech Support:** Tice Family
- Greeters:** Karl Ortman, Lisa Voss
- Snacks:** Gus Gouvas, Susan Graber
- Worship Coordinator** Sandi Sanborn

**COMING UP**

- 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
- 4/15          Meditation Group, 11:00a
- 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~

- ~Prayers of thanks that **Mai Vi Wheeler** was able to come home last Friday after five days in the hospital.
- ~Healing prayers for Paul's hiking buddy and friend **Gregg Dye** who had a heart attack last Friday night and is recovering in the hospital. Also for his wife **Evelyn** who was in the hospital two weeks ago.
- ~Today is the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the shooting at the King Soopers across the street from the church. Prayers of comfort for those affected and prayers for less violence in the world.
- ~for **Hassan Bahram**, an Afghan asylum seeker who has been in ICE detention for over a year, and is now awaiting a bond hearing.
- ~We pray for **all those affected by violence** to find peace. We pray for those who believe war is the answer to have their hearts opened to reimagining. And we pray for the strength, hope and boldness required in this moment to contribute to building a world that more closely resembles God's loving vision for humanity. (from an [MCC Public Statement on Peace](#))
- ~Prayers for **Anabaptist-Mennonites around the world** through [Mennonite World Conference](#).

<b>March Birthdays</b>	
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 ADMINISTRATORS:** Susan Graber and Cheri Krause – someone is usually in the office part of the day Tuesday through Thursday. *Please call in or email ([info@bouldermennonite.org](mailto:info@bouldermennonite.org)) announcements by Thursday, 8:00am.*

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

### **JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY:**

- Our speaker will be our own **Brenda Fox**. The Spirit speaks through Brenda!
- **Faith Community Resilience in Response to Twin Cities ICE Raids:** Our adult education hour will be a conversation with **Dr Donna Minter**, a member of Faith Mennonite Church in Minneapolis 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.

**THANK YOU TO BMC:** From our former pastor Randy: **Thank the wonderful folks at BMC** for their generosity! Gary and I will have fun at the Denver Market! [Part of the donations for Randy's farewell went toward a gift card for the Denver Market in downtown Denver.]

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, 4/2:** In commemoration of the Last Supper, we'll have a Maundy Thursday service at BMC at 6:00p 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 set up and clean up**. Call/text (720-530-0659) or email ([sandra.sanborn@comcast.net](mailto:sandra.sanborn@comcast.net)) her to offer your support.

**WE ARE HOSTING ASSEMBLY!** July 24 – 26 we will be welcoming 100 – 125 or so of our friends from around the Mountain States Mennonite Conference to gather at our church. We'll worship and eat together, have experiential learning opportunities, and offer fun and enriching activities for children and youth. We'll need to use most of the spaces in our building, and will probably set up a tent in the parking lot! And both Prayerstream campers should be here!

While the Assembly committee will do most of the planning, we will need people from our church to help with logistics and then hosting that weekend. **I would like to have a small team of people from our church who can help coordinate our support of this great event.** Please let me know if you are willing. –Susan Graber, Assembly planning team chair, [susan\\_g\\_16@yahoo.com](mailto:susan_g_16@yahoo.com)

**TWO DELEGATES NEEDED:** We are looking for **two people to serve as our delegates** for the Mountain States Menno Conf Assembly. The delegate meeting will be around supertime/evening on Friday, July 24 here at our church. Delegates make decisions on routine matters, like the budget, and any special proposals. Carole was one of our delegates

last year and can tell you more. We hope to have delegates in place by the end of April so they can register at the early bird rate. Please [email the church admin](#) if you are willing!

## ~ 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

**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](mailto:mdvw@comcast.net), for more information and a job description. Thank you for your support of the Sale.

**MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK (MMN) VIDEO:** Justice and peace for migrating people message of hope and compassion from [Sibonokuhle Ncube, Mission Network's Regional Co-director for Africa and Europe](#). She shares about how Mennonite Mission Network's partners join the holy work of reflecting Christ's love to people who are seeking safety and shelter from strife in their home countries. And [Extending Beyond Newsletter](#) which includes updates on work in Guatemala, Colombia, Ecuador, other parts of Latin America, France, and Switzerland.

### **FROM MCC US NATIONAL PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRIES:**

- **PROTECTING PEOPLE, PEACE AND PLANET!** Join us in Washington, D.C., April 20–22, 2026 for [Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2026](#).
- **RESOURCES AVAILABLE:** There are many situations in the world that feel unjust and can lead us to feel stressed. We offer resources and perspectives that you may find helpful. Sign up for our newsletter and find other resources [here](#).



**MENNONITE WOMEN USA NEWSLETTER:** [Grapevine](#) including a [Speakers Bureau](#) of talented women who have a message to share.

**60% OFF SELECT HERALD PRESS BOOKS!** [Shop here](#). Offer ends March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**COMPETENT PASTOR PODCAST:** “What is the most important skill of a competent pastor?” This is the central question answered by pastors across Mennonite Church USA during “The

Competent Pastor” podcast, hosted by MC USA’s Michael Danner and Rachel Ringenberg Miller. [Listen to new episodes every month.](#)

**EASTERN MENNONITE SEMINARY NEWS - MARCH 2026:** Some new things include a [\\$10M collaborative grant](#) for pastoral leadership, [“Thriving in Ministry”](#) a May conference, [Transitional Ministry Training](#) in May, EMS Associate Dean’s book release [“Damned Whiteness,”](#) and a DMin in [Peacemaking and Social Change.](#)

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**NO KINGS RALLIES:** The "No Kings" nationwide rallies on March 28 are a series of nonviolent protests targeting authoritarian actions and abuses of power by the Trump administration. [Events are planned in many local communities.](#) **Some members of the Walking Group will be joining the rally in Louisville, McCaslin Blvd & Dillon Rd, 10:00a – noon.** Others locations include Boulder at 1:00p, Lafayette at noon, Broomfield at 10:00a, and Erie at 10:00a.

**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>.

**WHY IS IRAN STRIKING THE ARAB GULF COUNTRIES?** [Read The Call](#) from the Good Shepherd Collective.

**ECOLOGY TIP:** [Together Colorado](#) is a coalition of people of faith, working on various issues, including climate change. If you look up their website, there are intriguing fact sheets on subjects such as Eco-theology and [Nature Near You](#). They organize actions to address current events, including immigration and environmental degradation. It’s a great place to find information on protests, actions, and contacting our elected officials.



*Donate to BMC*



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