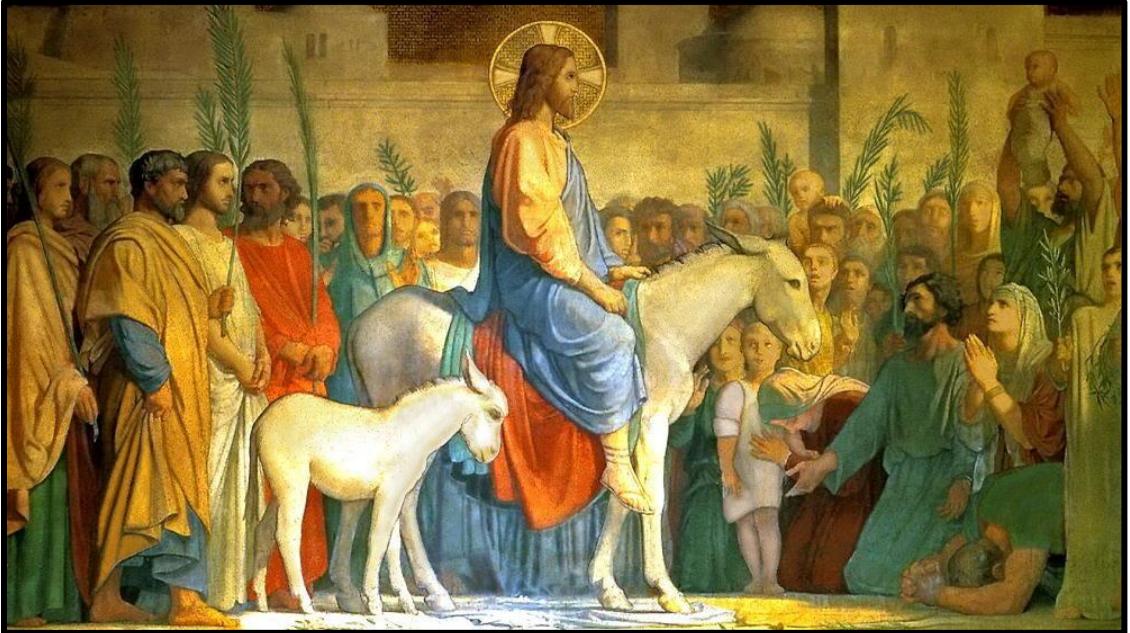




Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, March 29, 2026

A Service of the Word

Palm Sunday



Fresco by Jean-Hippolyte Flandrin

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** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, v1,2 313

Call to Worship 874

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

***Singing** All Glory, Laud, and Honor, v1,3 315

Centering Prayer Psalms 118:1-9

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

Old Testament Reading Psalms 118:19-29

Open the gates of justice for me, let me come in and thank you, the Eternal One!
This is the gate of the Eternal One, and only the upright can enter. Thank you for hearing me, for saving me. It was the stone which the builders rejected that became the keystone; this is the Eternal One's doing, and it is wonderful to see. **This is the day the Eternal One has made— let us celebrate with joy!** Please, Eternal One, please save us! Please, Eternal One, give us prosperity now! Blessings on the one who comes in the Name of the Eternal One! **We bless you from the Eternal One's Temple! The Eternal One is God and God has enlightened us.** Join the festal procession! With

palm fronds in hand, go up to the horns of the altar! You are my God, and I thank you; you are my God, and I exalt you. Thank you for hearing me, for saving me. **Thank you, Eternal One, for your goodness! Your love is everlasting!**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-17

As they approached Jerusalem, entering Beth-Phage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent off two disciples with the instructions, “Go into the village straight ahead of you, and immediately you will find a tethered donkey with her colt standing beside her. Untie them and lead them back to me. If anyone questions you, say, ‘The Rabbi needs them.’ Then they will let them go at once.” This came about to fulfill what was said through the prophet: “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Your Sovereign comes to you without display, riding on a donkey, on a colt—the foal of a beast of burden.’” So, the disciples went off and did what Jesus had ordered. They brought the donkey and her colt, and after they laid their cloaks on the animals, Jesus mounted and rode toward the city.

Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while some began to cut branches from the trees and lay them along the path. The crowds—those who went in front of Jesus and those who followed—were all shouting, **“Hosanna to the Heir to the House of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Most High! Hosanna in the highest!”** As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred to its depths, demanding, **“Who is this?”** And the crowd kept answering, **“This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee!”**

When Jesus entered the Temple, he drove out all those who were selling and buying there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling doves. He said to them, “Scripture says, ‘My house is called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of thieves!” Those who were blind or couldn’t walk came to him in the Temple, and he healed them. When the chief priests and teachers of the Law saw the wonderful things Jesus did, and heard the children shouting **“Hosanna to the Heir to the House of David!”** throughout the Temple area, they became indignant. “Do you hear what the children are shouting?” they asked him. “Yes,” Jesus replied. “Have you never read, ‘From the mouths of children and nursing babies, you have brought forth praise’?” After leaving them, he went out to Bethany to spend the night.

Now Testament

Leonard Cohen

You Want it Darker -- [\(Official Lyric Video\)](#)

Reflection

What Makes a King?

RESPONDING

Singing

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, v1,3

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**Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People**

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, v2

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

About Our Speaker:



We welcome **Brenda Fox** as our speaker today. A member of Boulder Mennonite since 1996, Brenda is still learning the value of community, truth, peace, and justice. Mother of two remarkable young adults, she knows the great joy and satisfaction of a loving family. Brenda graduated from Chicago Theological Seminary, where her heart for public ministry took shape working alongside survivors of torture. She has served as a hospice chaplain, and is the Founder and Vision Carrier for [Prayerstream](#), a unique portable ministry that offers spiritual and emotional care to people in crisis via two refurbished Airstreams. Her combined passions and expertise in spiritual care, trauma recovery, grief work, and mindfulness have led to her life's mission to "pray without ceasing."

Thank you for blessing us today, Brenda!

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

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| Speaker: | Brenda Fox |
| Worship Leader: | Judy Classen |
| 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 |

Education Hour
Worship Coordinator

Dr. Donna Minter
Sandi Sanborn

March 22, 2026: **Attendance:** 35 in person, 10 online **Offering:** \$3,608

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship
10:45a Snacks and Connecting time
11:00a Christian Ed hour with Dr. Donna Minter—see details below

THIS WEEK at BMC

4/1 Meditation Group, 11:00a
4/2 **Maundy Thursday** service, 6:00p

NEXT SUNDAY – April 5, 2026 EASTER SUNDAY!

9:30a Easter Breakfast/Brunch Potluck
10:30a Easter Worship

Speaker: Mike Tice
Worship Leader: Toni Diaz Bachus
Moment for All: TBD
Readers: Joan & Ezra Tice
Music: Bruce Fast, Elleanna Voran
Tech Support: Steve Voran
Greeters: Elvira Glen, Laura Minter
Worship Coordinator Sandi Sanborn

COMING UP

4/12 **Ebenezer Sunday**—Per our tradition, you are all invited to share in worship how God has been with you this past year.
4/15 Meditation Group, 11:00a
4/25 MDS Tree Planting Event for Mountain States Menno churches' youth and adults
5/16 RAWtools toy gun buyback at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church
7/24-26 MSMC Annual Assembly, hosted by Boulder Menno!

~PRAYERS~

~for healing of **Becky Neumann** who is recovering from a double pneumonia.

- ~for **Tim Hunsdorfer** who has kidney stones, one of which is blocking the way out. And for his **brother, Larry**, who had surgery to remove a large tumor on his leg; they found 2 new spots on his liver and his spine.
- ~for **Cindy Fausel** who is dealing with an infected tooth, and has an upcoming medical procedure in early April.
- ~for **Paul and Mary McKay** who travelled home from Central America this week and for their **EPIC programs** in Guatemala.
- ~for **Elvira Glenn and Ed**: Ed is home after spending a few days in the hospital. Prayers for resiliency during this aging time.

April Birthdays

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| 9 – Becky McKay Epp | 27 – Matt Spiller |
| 24 – Barry Janzen | 28 – Becky Neumann |
| 26 – Joan Tice | 30 – Bruce Fast |

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: 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) announcements by Thursday, 8:00am.*

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TODAY: Faith Community Resilience in Response to Twin Cities ICE Raids: Our adult education hour will be a conversation (via Zoom) 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 FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: Cornelia Krahn and Kent Olson delivered 51 lbs of food to Harvest of Hope this week on behalf of the congregation. We continue to collect donations in the blue donation tub in the back of the sanctuary. [List](#) of most needed items.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, 4/2: Please join us this Thursday for a Maundy Thursday service at BMC at 6:00p. We'll reflect on scriptures and sing hymns, care for each other with foot/hand-washing, and enjoy fellowship with a simple "Love Feast" meal. All are welcome!

EASTER POTLUCK! Our Easter Potluck is a beloved BMC tradition! Please plan to join us next Sunday at 9:30a for the meal, and then worship at 10:30a. **Please bring a breakfast or brunch dish or two**, as we want to welcome guests who may join us. Susan will be away, so Paul and Judy Classen will coordinate that morning (thanks!). Please sign up to help them!

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, 4/12: Cheri and Susan will both be away the week after Easter. So, the bulletin for Sunday, 4/12, will be finalized this Friday, 4/3.

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 ~

URGENT REQUESTS FROM MCC:

TO ADVOCATE FOR PEACE: The House is expected to vote on the War Powers Resolution H.Con.Res.61 as early as Friday, March 27. MCC urges you to email your representatives in support. More info [here](#).

TO ADVOCATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: The U.S. Senate will vote soon on two permitting reform bills (the SPEED Act and the PERMIT Act) which would weaken the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), expose water sources to pollution, and create barriers to building climate resiliency. MCC urges you to contact your senators to oppose. More info [here](#).

FROM MSMC YOUTH COMMITTEE: Reserve your spot before Wednesday, April 1!

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](#).

MDS also encourages adults to come and help. Since this is a one day, relatively local project, we encourage Boulder Mennonite folks to consider it! Let Carole Suderman know if you can go.

ENGAGING OUR GRIEF AND FINDING RESILIENCE VIDEO: In [“Engaging Our Grief and Finding Resilience,”](#) hosts [Ann Blackwood and Ruth Johnston](#) explore how grief shows up in our lives and in the world, providing tools and practices to move through it with honesty, care and spiritual resilience. This recorded webinar was sponsored by The Corinthian Plan, MC USA’s health care and wellbeing plan for pastors and church workers.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

FROM FLATIRONS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: In the last 18 months, we have completed 16 homes, more than many of our previous years combined. More homes are underway right now. More families are opening the doors to stability, opportunity, and hope. This is not incremental progress. It is a demonstration of what is possible.

INVITATION TO SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (SURJ) WEBINAR: Join us on April 7 at 3:45 pm MT for a [SURJ webinar with Graham and our Executive Director, Erin Heaney](#), in conversation about racial justice, combating the far-right racialization pipeline, and standing up to the billionaire agenda. Graham Platner, a Marine veteran and oyster farmer, who is running in the Maine Democratic Senate primary, calling out the divide-and-conquer tactics of the billionaire class and the despicable actions of ICE, standing up for Palestinians, trans people, and the working class.

ECOLOGY TIP: Happy Spring! You don’t have to be a gardener to delight in all the green, growing things as the Earth comes alive anew at this time of year. Take time to observe as you go for a short hike in the foothills or even in a local park. See how many surprises you can find, whether they be weeds, insects, blooming perennials, or flowers that have reseeded from last year! May our souls be renewed as we see these vibrant signs of God’s growth!



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