



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, April 5, 2026

A Service of the Word
Easter Sunday



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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** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded v1,3 325

***Unison Call to Worship/Invocation**

**Living God,
By the power of your Spirit,
help us to hear your holy word, that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe;
and believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do,
through the Risen Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

***Singing** Now the Green Blade Rises v1,3,4 353

***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

Reflection A Holy Week

Jesus Enters Jerusalem John 12:12-15

Five days before Passover the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, so they got palm branches and went out to meet him. They shouted

joyfully: “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in God’s name – the ruler of Israel!” Jesus rode in sitting upon a donkey, in accord with scripture: “No fear, O people of Zion: Your ruler comes to you sitting on a donkey’s colt.”

At Jesus’ Last Supper

Luke 22:14, 21-23

Jesus said, “You’ve no idea how much I have looked forward to eating this Passover meal with you before I enter my time of suffering. I will not eat it again until everything is fulfilled in the reign of God... Look! The hand of my betrayer is at this table with me. The Chosen One is following the appointed course. But woe to the person by whom that One is betrayed!” Then they began to argue among themselves as to which of them would do such a deed.

The Arrest of Jesus

Selected verses from Mark 14

After the meal, they walked to a place named Gethsemane. While Jesus was speaking, Judas came up accompanied by a crowd carrying swords and clubs; they had been sent by the chief priests, the religious scholars and the elders. The betrayer had arranged this signal for them: “Whomever I embrace is the one; arrest him and take him away under guard.” Judas went directly to Jesus, embraced him and said, “Rabbi!” At this, they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

Jesus in front of Caiaphas and then Pilate

Selected verses from Mark 14-15, John 18

The high priest interrogated him: “Are you the Messiah, the Only Begotten of the Blessed One?” Jesus replied, “I am! And you will see the Chosen One seated at the right hand of the Eternal One.” At that, the high priest tore his robes and said, “What further need do we have of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What is your verdict?” They all said Jesus was guilty. As soon as it was daybreak they led him away and handed him over to Pilate, who interrogated him. “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus responded, “You are the one who is saying it.” After further questioning, Pilate went outside and spoke to the people. “I find no guilt in him,” he said. “But according to your custom, I always release a prisoner at the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the King of the Jews?’” They shouted, “Not him! We want Barabbas. Crucify him! Crucify him!” And Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

Jesus’ Crucifixion, Death, and Burial

Selected verses from John 19

So they took Jesus, carrying his own cross, to what is called the Place of the Skull. There they crucified him, along with two others. After a time, Jesus knew that now all was completed. He said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple of Jesus – but a secret one, for fear of the Temple authorities – asked Pilate for permission to remove the body of Jesus, and Pilate granted it. Joseph and Nicodemus took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with spices in linen cloths, according to the Jewish burial custom. There was a garden in the place where Jesus had

been crucified, and in the garden was a new tomb where no one had ever been buried. They buried Jesus there.

Singing

Were You There v1,6

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The Empty Tomb

Matthew 23:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary of Magdala came with Mary to inspect the tomb. Suddenly, there was a severe earthquake, and an angel of God descended from heaven, rolled back the stone, and sat on it. The angel's appearance was like lightning, with garments white as snow. The guards shook with fear and fell down as though they were dead. Then the angel spoke, addressing the women: "Don't be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus the crucified, who is no longer here. Jesus has been raised, exactly as it was foretold. Come and see the burial place. Then go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus has risen from the dead and now goes ahead of you to Galilee. You will see Jesus there. That is the message I have for you." The women hurried away from the tomb with awe and great joy and ran to carry the good news to the disciples. Suddenly Jesus stood before them and said, "Shalom!" The women came up, embraced Jesus' feet and worshiped. At this, Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell the disciples to go to Galilee, where they will see me."

***Pronouncement**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen, indeed!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen, indeed!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen, Indeed!

***Singing**

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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Reflection

Brokenness, Bewilderment, Blessing

RESPONDING

Celebration of Communion

Prayers of the Community

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

***Sending Song**

In the Bulb

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***Benediction**

*Please stand as you are able



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality. Community Prayer adapted from Annabel Shilson-Thomas in Celebrating One World: A Worship Resource Book on Social Justice, ed. Linda Jones, Annabel Shilson-Thomas, and Bernadette Farrell. London:HarperCollins, 1998, pp7-8, found in “Resources for Preaching and Worship, Year B, WJK”

About Our Speaker:



We welcome **Karen Cox** today! Karen has been a part of BMC since moving to Colorado in 1999. She served as BMC's Pastor 2005-2017. She has an undergraduate Chemistry BS degree and a Seminary master's degree from Bethany Theological Seminary (Church of the Brethren). She is semi-retired, spending some time supporting SkyRun Vacation Rentals as co-owner. She enjoys hikes, attending concerts, reading, sipping tea, supporting good causes, traveling, card games, and spending time with friends and family.

Thank you for blessing us today, Karen!

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Karen Cox
Worship Leader:	Toni Diaz Bachus
Moment for All:	Karen Cox
Readers:	Joan & Ezra Tice, Sandi Sanborn, Elleanna Voran, Toni Diaz Bachus, Judy Classen
Music:	Bruce Fast, Kent Olson, Elleanna Voran
Communion Servers:	Karen Cox, Paul Classen, Toni Diaz Bachus, Elvira Glenn
Tech Support:	Steve Voran
Greeters:	Elvira Glen, Karl Ortman
Worship Coordinator:	Sandi Sanborn

Sunday, March 29: **Attendance:** 33 in person, 4 online

TODAY at BMC EASTER SUNDAY!

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

THIS WEEK at BMC

4/7 Prayer Circle with Prayerstream, 7:00a – see announcement
4/9 Church Council meets at church/Zoom, 5:00p

NEXT SUNDAY – April 12, 2026:

9:30am Ebenezer Sunday Worship and mingling
11:00am Christian Ed, study of Isaiah, led by Ezra Tice

4:00pm Heresy, Heretics, and (dis)Harmony Small Group, 800 E 64th Ave, Denver

Speakers: All from the congregation are invited to share!
Worship Leader: Susan Graber
Readers: Paul & Mary McKay
Music: Susan Graber, Jean McPherson
Tech Support: Tice Family
Greeters: Toni Diaz Bachus, Carole Suderman
Snacks: Judy Classen, Gus Gouvas
Worship Coordinator Toni Diaz Bachus

COMING UP

4/11 Walking Group, 9:00a
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! Registration will open soon!

~PRAYERS~

~for **Paul & Mary McKay's** safe travels back to Colorado and thanks for the hope expressed in **EPIC's Guatemala projects.**
~for the concerns of our siblings across the globe, from the [Mennonite World Conference](#), including in **Malawi, Colombia, and Cuba.**

April Birthdays

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 ADMINSTRATORS: Susan Graber and Cheri Krause. *Susan and Cheri are both travelling this week. The bulletin for April 12 has already been created. Email/voicemail will be checked occasionally. Susan will be back for worship on April 12.*

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

EBENEZER SUNDAY: Next week is a meaningful tradition for Boulder Mennonite, our Ebenezer Sunday. In the spirit of Samuel, who took a stone and set it up as a monument, naming it *Ebenezer*, “Stone of Help,” you are invited to share how The Eternal One has helped you to this point. Please plan to describe briefly during worship how God has been with you during this past year.

NEW BOOK FROM JOHN PAUL LEDERACH: John Paul, one of the founding members of Boulder Mennonite, has gifted us a copy of his new book, *the centuries wrap round us*. It contains a thousand ponderings on beauty, bridging and being in an age of fear, fragmentation, and fragility. He sends it “With deep appreciation for your light and love.”

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER CIRCLE: You are invited to join the WEEKLY TUESDAY PRAYER ZOOM CIRCLE. Prayerstream Meditation Moments will begin Tuesday, April 7, and start promptly at 7:00a Mountain and conclude by 7:45a. The purpose of this circle is to gather our hearts, calm our minds, refresh our spirits and embolden our living in the Presence of a Loving and Lavish God. Contact Brenda Fox 720-252-7939 for more information. [Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 890 7823 6512, Passcode: 260228 One tap mobile +17193594580,,89078236512#,,, *260228# US

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

TREE PLANTING WITH MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE (MDS): April 25, tree planting in the Big Thompson Canyon near Drake, Colorado. We hope to plant at least 150 to 200 small seedlings from about 9:00 to 3:00 or 4:00 that day, so we really encourage adults to sign up and support the youth who will be there. [Please fill out this form so we know how many plan to attend!](#) Or email Mary Johnson at mjmanyik@gmail.com or call her at 303-726-9890.

PROTEST PHOTOS WANTED: Cheryl Beachey is working on the next Zing! for the Mountain States Mennonite Conference and would like to include photos/information from groups that were involved in protest events last weekend. If you have photos or know someone in your congregation who does, please email them to administrator@mountainstatesmc.org. Please include the church the group the photo was with, names (if possible), location, and, if willing, a short write-up about the event. Thank you, and as always, consider Zing! when you have events. It’s great to make our churches aware of all that is happening and to celebrate together!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA PRAYER: [Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA denominational minister](#) for Peace and Justice, [prays for lasting peace](#) in response to the U.S.-Israeli strikes on Iran that started Feb. 28, 2026, and Iran’s retaliation that have led to the loss of hundreds of lives.

MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE (MWC) NEWSLETTER: [March Info](#) including an article about singing together over the years called Unity You Can Hear, a joint ecumenical statement on the widening conflict in the Middle East, and an article about five MWC leaders past and present who spoke at the intergenerational panel during [MWC's 100-year anniversary](#) event in Germany.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

BOOK READING, TRANS YOUTH: My name is Nico Lang, and I'm a longtime LGBTQ+ journalist, and the author of the recent book, *American Teenager*, which documents the lives of trans kids and their loved ones. I'll be in Boulder on Tuesday, April 14 — for a reading/Q&A at Pine Street Church, 6:30pm. I would love for folks from Boulder Mennonite to join us. Contact **Nico Lang** (*They/them*) Founder, *Queer News Daily*, queernewsdaily@gmail.com

CAMP INDIGO: is the summer day camp for trans and gender expansive youth ages 5-17!

With 6 sites across the country, we provide a safe and affirming space for trans youth to *just be a kid*. [Click here to get signed up!](#) Use discount codes Indigo25, Indigo50, Indigo75, or Indigo100 at checkout to get 25-100% off registration fees. See their website for more info, including volunteer opportunities.

MAY DAY -- NO BUSINESS AS USUAL: From Ezra Levin, one of the lead national organizers of No Kings, “The next major national action of this movement is a tactical escalation.” May Day is our next big move as a movement (Wednesday, May 1). Alongside our national partners, we're calling for **no business as usual: no work, no school, no shopping**. We're hitting the streets— and hitting the billionaires where it hurts: their bottom line. This year's May Day actions will be an economic show of force inspired by the Day of Truth and Freedom in Minnesota, when people across the state came together for a general strike in response to the ICE occupation in the Twin Cities area. [More info](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: Did you ever wonder why Easter falls on a different date every year? The date is very connected with the Earth, as Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon following the spring equinox. It seems appropriate that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus in connection with the rebirth of spring, since Jesus experienced life on this planet. Many of his parables were about very earthy things, such as flowers, birds, and seeds.



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