



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, April 12, 2026

A Service of the Word
Ebenezer Sunday



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** God, be the love 43

Call to Worship adapted from, Psalm 133

Leader: Come and worship this bright morning in Eastertide!

People: The stone is rolled away and fear no longer holds us!

Leader: We call upon God for help,

People: You hear us, O Gracious One, and you deliver us!

Leader: Come, walk and worship in the Light of Love.

People: Blessed be our Rock, who leads us into harmony with all the Earth and one another!

All: Let us celebrate life. Let us worship God!

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

***Singing** Christ is alive! Let Christians Sing 359

Centering Prayer

Passing the Peace

Moment in Mission EPIC (Ecumenical Project for International Cooperation)

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

Hebrew Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 7:7-12

When the Philistines learned that the people of Israel had assembled at Mizpah, their rulers prepared to attack them. When the people of Israel learned of this, they said to the prophet Samuel, “Plead with God—the Eternal One—to rescue us from the power of the Philistines!”

Samuel took a lamb and sacrificed it as a burnt offering to God. Then Samuel cried out to the Eternal One on behalf of Israel, and the Eternal One heard Samuel’s prayers. As Samuel was offering the lamb, the Philistines advanced to attack. That day, however, God thundered mightily against the Philistines and created among them such confusion that they fled in panic before the people of Israel.

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up as a monument, naming it Ebenezer, “Stone of Help,” explaining, “The Eternal One has helped us to this point.”

Singing

Come Thou Fount

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Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36-48

While Jesus’ friends were still talking about how some of the disciples had met the risen Jesus on the Emmaus Road, Jesus actually stood in their midst and said to them, **“Peace be with you.”**

In their panic and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. Jesus said to them, **“Why are you disturbed? Why do such ideas cross your mind? Look at my hands and my feet; it is I, really. Touch me and see—a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones as I do.”** After saying this, Jesus showed them the wounds.

They were still incredulous for sheer joy and wonder, so Jesus said to them, **“Do you have anything here to eat?”** After being given a piece of cooked fish, the savior ate in their presence.

Then Jesus said to them, “Remember the words I spoke when I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets, and the psalms had to be fulfilled.”

Then Jesus opened their minds to the understanding of the scriptures, saying, **“That is why the scriptures say that the Anointed One must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. In the Anointed One’s name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of all this.**

Message in Story: Congregation sharing our stories:

Raising our Ebenezers!

RESPONDING

***Singing**

Come Thou Fount (reprise)

1. Come, thou Fount of every vision
lift our eyes to what may come.
See the lion and the young lamb
dwell together in thy home.
Hear the cries of war fall silent;
feel our love glow like the sun.
When we all serve one another,
then our heaven is begun!

2. Here we've raised our Ebenezers
giving thanks for all the year
with its hope and joys and sorrows,
knowing Love has led us here.
Guide us forward, Helping Spirit,
in the days and years to come,
as we journey all together,
full of healing light and love!

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

We've Come This Far by Faith

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*Please stand as you are able

Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality; Come thou fount reprise text: v1 Eugene Navias, v2 Randy Spaulding

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Worship Leader:	Susan Graber
Readers:	Paul & Mary McKay
Music:	Susan Graber, Jean McPherson
Mission Moment:	Paul & Mary McKay
Tech Support:	The Tice Family
Greeters:	Toni Diaz Bachus, Carole Suderman
Snacks:	Judy Classen, Gus Gouvas
Worship Coordinator:	Toni Diaz Bachus

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

4/14	Prayer Circle with Prayerstream, 7:00a – see announcement
4/15	Meditation Group, 11:00a

NEXT SUNDAY – April 19, 20206:

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

Speaker: Dr. Paul Johnson
Worship Leader: Ezra Tice
Moment for All: TBD
Readers: Sandi Sanborn, Becky Neumann
Music: Susan Graber, Peter Ingram
Tech Support: Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters: Paul Classen, Michelene Fast
Snacks: Toni Diaz Bachus, Gus Gouvas
Worship Coordinator Toni Diaz Bachus

COMING UP

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! See announcement.

~PRAYERS~

~Come together in prayer for peace, healing and hope. “Learn, Pray, Join: Conflict Transformation” provides [tools and resources](#) to help MC USA church communities peacefully engage in dialog around difficult and divisive topics. By embracing restorative justice and modeling healthy communication, we seek to witness to God’s peace as we build diverse communities to serve and follow Jesus.

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 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~

THANK YOU! Thank you to all who helped with our Holy Week activities. Especially to Sandi Sanborn, who has planned worship these past weeks, including the Maundy Thursday service; Paul and Judy Classen who coordinated the Easter potluck last Sunday; Toni Diaz Bachus for printing the Easter color bulletin; and the decorating crew (Gwen Grasse, Sandi Sanborn, Susan Graber, led by Elleanna Voran).

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER CIRCLE: You are invited to join the WEEKLY TUESDAY PRAYER ZOOM CIRCLE, which starts promptly at 7:00a Mountain and concludes 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

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~ 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.

UPDATES FROM OUR CAMP: Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp (RMMC) is our area conference's beautiful camp program—Your place of retreat in the Colorado Rockies at 9,260' on Pike's Peak's Massive! Catch up on the latest about the camp [here](#). Also, did you know you can [rent a cabin there](#) for yourself or your group?

PLAN TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY! Assembly is the annual gathering for our area conference, Mountain States Mennonite Church. This year's assembly is being held at Boulder Mennonite

July 24-26. The theme is *When We Pray, We Move Our Feet*. Prayerstream will be our special resource for this event. There will be a choir singing in worship on Sunday morning! Plan now to attend—Early Bird registration, which runs through May 15, is a great savings!

JUST PEACE PILGRIMAGES — SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

PILGRIMAGE: You and your community are invited to engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. What might it mean for your community to stand in [solidarity with Indigenous Peoples](#) and actively contribute to the work of truth telling and repair? Dates: September 22-26. Registration deadline: July 15 Contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace to learn more!

ENGAGE: [Mennonite Men’s March 30, 2026 Newsletter is here!](#) They have three main ways to get involved: JoinHands, JoinMen, JoinTrees.

GIRL NAMED TOM: The beloved singing group, Girl Named Tom, composed of Mennonite siblings, ended up in a “political firestorm” around their planned concert with the National Symphony Orchestra. Read the [report in Anabaptist World](#) to hear how they navigated the intersection of their faith and politics.

MENNONITE MEDIA DEAL OF THE MONTH: Enjoy 40% off a wide range of devotionals available through the end of the month. Shop [here](#).

MENNO SNAPSHOTS: From Mennonite Church USA, [this snapshot](#), “Faith that multiplies, a reflection on Hope for the Future,” is by Pedro A. Ramos-Goycolea



DONATE TO MENNONITE ACTION FOR A CHANCE TO WIN ARTWORK!

As a disabled artist, I have very little power in this world. I don’t have much money or influence, but I’ve been thinking a lot about how I want to be remembered. If I’m lucky, my art may outlast me, and when that day comes, **I want to be remembered as someone who stood on the right side of history.** Someone who spoke out against genocide, someone who didn’t dehumanize people, and someone who refused to hide in silence. More importantly, I believe it’s something Jesus would do. This new painting was created in response to the evil, dehumanizing actions of ICE and the Christians cheering them on. It’s titled “You Did It To Me,” a reference to Matthew 25:40: “Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you

did it to me.” No matter where you stand on immigration, I hope we can agree that **every person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.** My hope for the Church is that we become more Christlike and empathetic, that our words match our deeds, and that we truly begin caring for the marginalized. Which is why I’m excited to announce that I’m partnering with [Mennonite](#)

[Action](#) again. Our previous partnership raised \$30,000 by raffling off two paintings, and I'm hoping this one will be just as impactful. To enter the raffle, make any [donation to Mennonite Action](#) throughout the month of April, and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win. In May, we'll choose a random winner from the pool of donors. In peace, Dorrin Gingerich ([you can check out Dorrin's art here](#))

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

DROUGHT AND WATER USE: After our very dry winter and spring, [many communities are or will be putting into place watering restrictions](#). Recommended conservation measures include delaying lawn watering until May, limiting sprinkler use, transitioning to waterwise landscaping and fixing leaks. Check out your city's restrictions and recommendations.

ECOLOGY TIP: Did you know that yesterday was National Pet Day? Let's keep celebrating the joy that pets bring to so many people! Consider volunteering to walk dogs or otherwise help out at a local animal shelter, or donate money to your local Humane Society. As the hymn goes, "All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all!" [Thank you to Carole Suderman who faithfully supplies our Ecology Tips!]



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