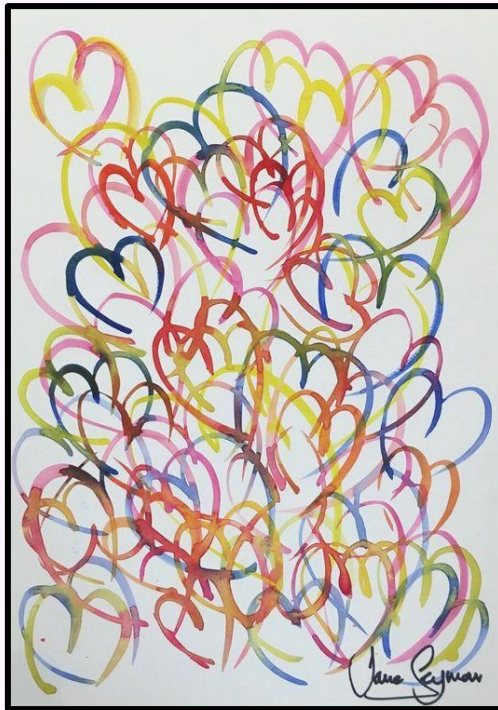




Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, April 19, 2026

A Service of the Word

Fourth Sunday of Eastertide



*A Multitude of
Open Hearts I.*
by [Jane Seymour](#)

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.

“Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. **How long will you people turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?** Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent. Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the Lord. Many, Lord, are asking **“Who will bring us prosperity?”** Let the light of your face shine on us. Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound. **In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.”**

Gospel Readings

John 3:1-7

“Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” Jesus replied, **“Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” “How can someone be born when they are old?”** Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, **“Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’**

Luke 24:36-48

The disciples were assembled in Jerusalem. While they were talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, **“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”** When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, **“Do you have anything here to eat?”** They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. **He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”** Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, **“This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.**

Meditation

Open Minds, Open Hearts

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

RESPONDING

***Singing**

The Church's One Foundation

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

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

For the Beauty of the Earth, v 1,4

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*Please stand as you are able

Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from NIV

About Our Guest Speaker:

We welcome **Dr. Paul Johnson** this morning. He was born in Denver and raised in Idaho Springs. He lives in Centennial with his wife and has two children and two amazing grandsons. Paul has served as a family counselor, an educator, and adjunct professor at Metro State and Adams State. He serves on a number of change-focused boards, including Taos Intentional Living Together (TILT), and as Board chair of Rocky Mountain Unit of Mennonite Disaster Services. His passion is service and peacemaking to those in disaster--both natural and human, in churches and on the streets. Most recently, Paul has served as a pastor to several Mennonite congregations, Mountain Community and Western Slope Mennonite Fellowship, and is currently a partner pastor at Mean Street Worship Center.

Thank you for blessing us today, Paul!

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker: Dr. Paul Johnson
Worship Leader: Ezra Tice
Readers: Becky Neumann, Lisa Voss
Music: Susan Graber, Peter Ingram
Tech Support: Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters: Michelene Fast, Carole Suderman
Snacks: Toni Diaz Bachus, Gus Gouvas
Worship Coordinator: Toni Diaz Bachus

Sunday, April 12, 2026: **Attendance:** 20 in person, 4 online **Offering:** \$3,340
Sunday, April 5, 2026: **Attendance:** 35 in person, 4 online **Offering:** \$ 3,765

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

4/21 Prayer Circle with Prayerstream, 7:00a [Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 890 7823
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4/25 Walking Small Group, 9:00a

NEXT SUNDAY – April 26, 2026:

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

Speaker: Jeni Umble
Worship Leader: Douglas Minter
Moment for All: Cheri Krause
Readers: Michelene Fast, Bruce Wheeler
Music: Judy Classen, Susan Graber, Art Umble
Mission Moment: Mary & Paul McKay
Tech Support: Elleanna Voran, Steve Voran
Greeters: Ezra & Joan Tice
Snacks: Elvira Glenn, Gus Gouvas
Worship Coordinator Toni Diaz Bachus

COMING UP

4/25 MDS Tree Planting Event for youth and adults in the big Thompson Canyon near Drake, Colorado—see Carole if you want to participate!

- 5/10 First Sunday with our Transitional Minister, Terry Zimmerly!
- 5/16 RAWtools toy gun buyback at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church
- 7/24-26 MSMC Annual Assembly, hosted by Boulder Menno!
- 9/18-20 Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery with Sarah Augustine, Glennon Heights Mennonite Church

~PRAYERS~

- ~Toni Diaz asks for prayers for her dear friend, **Scott Spiegel**, who has decided to end his life by not eating or drinking, after years of living with untreatable pain.
- ~for the women in our congregation (Sandi, Mary...) and others who are at the **Church of the Brethren Women's Retreat** in Allenspark this weekend.
- ~for safe travels for **Sandi Sanborn** as she travels to Allenspark, and then to South Carolina for 11 days to visit (former BMCers) Ellen and Wayne Morrison.
- ~for **Palestinians**. Since February 28, checkpoint violations in the West Bank have increased **132%**. Entire cities have been reduced to single entry points. [More info on The Call](#).

April Birthdays	
9 – Becky McKay Epp	27 – Matt Spiller
24 – Barry Janzen	28 – Becky Neumann
26 – Joan Tice	30 – Bruce Fast
<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: 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~

HARVEST OF HOPE DONATION: Cornelia Krahn and Kent Olson delivered 20 lbs of food collected by BMC folks to Harvest of Hope. Thank you for your giving, and please continue to fill our blue bin with donations during this time when people are struggling.

ROOMS FOR RENT FOR MENNONITE STUDENTS? Recently BMC has received two requests for possible housing for CU students with Mennonite connections.

- **Emmi Scott** will be moving to Boulder in the fall to attend law school at CU. She is a longtime Mennonite and wonders if BMC could connect her to any community members renting rooms. She grew up in Hope Fellowship in Waco, part of the Mennonite Church USA. She has spent this year in San Francisco participating in the Mennonite Voluntary Service as a legal assistant, and has hopes of pursuing a career in public interest law. She is hoping perhaps the Mennonite network might help her find affordable housing options :). Contact her via [email](#), or by phone 254-292-9795. Thank you for your consideration!
- **Violet Larson**, whose father, Daniel, is connected to RAW Tools in Colorado Springs, is looking for a room to rent for the school year, as she attends CU Boulder in the fall. She is looking to rent for a semester or longer. She's looking for a Christian environment that can support her while she's in CU Boulder. Contact her at 720-487-7579. Thank you so much!

GUEST SPEAKER NEXT SUNDAY: Our guest speaker next Sunday is Jeni Umble. Jeni is a retired Mennonite pastor, and active in social justice issues and as a grandmother. Her husband, Art, will provide the prelude and offering.

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE (MSMC) APRIL NEWSLETTER: [Zing!](#) with pictures of churches protesting (No Kings), a message from our Conference Minister, Amy Zimbelman, and other news.

MENNO ACTION UPDATE: [During our next mass call](#) on Thursday, April 23, 6:00p, we will share more details about a leadership transition and much more.

MENNONITE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES (MEDA) GATHERING: Join us Friday, May 1 in Denver for an evening of connections and inspiration with rooftop views and mouth-watering food! [RSVP by: April 29, 2026. Date: May 1, 2026.](#) Location: Vīb Hotel, 3560 Brighton Boulevard, Denver, Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

DISMANTLING THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY WEEKEND: Glennon Heights Menno Church is hosting a weekend with Sarah Augustine, September 18-20. Join us for a transformative weekend of learning, reflection, and visioning as we explore the lasting impact of the Doctrine of Discovery and Indigenous rights. Details to follow.

MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE LETTER: [Message from César García, General Secretary, Mennonite World Conference \(MWC\)](#) about how people respond to suffering.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA ANNOUNCEMENTS: MCUSA joined hundreds of faith leaders to [sign letter rejecting demonization of migrants, erosion of human and Constitutional rights](#). In "[Widen the circle of our heart and our awareness](#)," Mennonite Church USA's Glen Guyton reflects on his trip to Minneapolis and challenges the church to expand its compassion and

actively embody Christ-centered love in a divided world. And the [Corinthian Plan Newsletter](#) includes a wellness reflection by Iris de Leon-Hartshorn entitled [Listening Through Our Bodies](#).

MENNONITE VOLUNTARY SERVICE: What moves someone to step up and serve? Often, it's someone planting a seed. Micah 6:8 reminds us “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” More than 600 current pastors and church leaders first answered their call through voluntary service. Who in your family and congregation might be ready for that experience? Applications are open to individuals age 20+, for the VS 2026-27 term — a one-year experience with option to extend. Placements are available in: Alamosa, CO; Chicago, IL; San Francisco, CA; and Tucson, AZ. [Learn more](#).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP EVENTS: Visit rmmc.org to learn more.

- Memorial Day Work and Play May 22-25: The weekend focuses on getting ready for the coming summer camp season by helping with food service, cleaning and moving camp out of Winter mode, while also offering a free day on Sunday to enjoy the holiday weekend.
- Summer Camps at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Kids and Youth, come to Resident Camps, or if you're feeling more adventurous, join us for our Wilderness program. This year's theme is Job 12:7 “But ask the animals and they will teach you; ask the birds and they will tell you.” There are lots of memories to be made, whether trying new activities, meeting new friends, singing camp songs as part of worship or exploring the mountains! Adults can also join in the fun as part of Family Camps or Colorado Roots Music Camp.

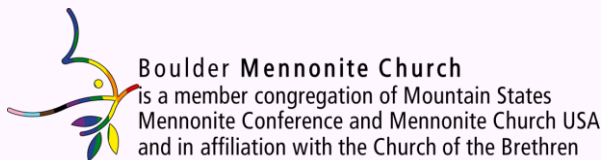
~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

APRIL IS ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN BOULDER COUNTY: Residents are urged to actively raise their own awareness of the contributions of Arab Americans and Arab immigrants, to take action to combat anti-Arab bigotry, and to work to create a fully inclusive Boulder County. [More info](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: Colorado is one of 12 states that has banned the production and use of polystyrene, better known as Styrofoam. Pollutants are released into the air when it is manufactured, and toxic carcinogens can seep into our bodies and those of animals and fish who come into contact with it. If you will be attending a conference or other gathering in another state, check to see if they have banned this product. If not, be proactive and ask the conference organizers to use reusable or recyclable materials for serving food and coffee.



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