



Welcome to  
**Boulder Mennonite Church**  
Sunday, April 26, 2026

**A Service of the Word**

*Fourth Sunday of Eastertide*

*At the US Capitol,  
Jan 6, 2021  
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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

**Pre-service music**

**Prelude**

**\*Singing**

In Thee Is Gladness

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**Call to Worship**

Let the rain come and wash away  
The ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds  
Held and nurtured over generations.  
Let the rain wash away the memory  
Of the hurt, the neglect.

**Then let the sun come out and  
Fill the sky with rainbows.  
Let the warmth of the sun heal us  
Wherever we are broken.**

**Welcome**

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**\*Singing**

Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us

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**Centering Prayer**

**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

**Mission Moment**

## Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

“I assure you that whoever doesn’t enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

**Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. They won’t follow a stranger but will run away because they don’t know the stranger’s voice.” Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn’t understand what he was saying.**

So Jesus spoke again, “I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn’t listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that you could have life—indeed, so that you could have life to the fullest.”

## New Testament Readings

Acts 2:42-47

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the community, to their shared meals and to their prayers. **A sense of awe came over everyone.** God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. **All the believers were united and shared everything.** They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them.

**Every day, they met together in the temple and in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God’s goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.**

1 Peter 2:13-17

For the sake of the Lord submit to every human institution. Do this whether it means submitting to the emperor as supreme ruler, or to governors as those sent by the emperor. They are sent to punish those doing evil and to praise those doing good. Submit to them because it’s God’s will that by doing good you will silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Do this as God’s slaves, and yet also as free people, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil. Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Have respectful fear of God. Honor the emperor.

## Message

## Reflections on a difficult subject

## RESPONDING

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

**SENDING**

**Introductions & Announcements**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song**

Peace to You, v 1

\*Please stand as you are able



**Resources used in worship:**

Scripture adapted from The Common English Bible. Call to worship by Rabbi Harold Kushner.

**About Our Guest Speaker:**



We welcome **Jeni Hiatt Umble** today! Jeni found the Mennonites while at Kansas State Univ. She joined Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship there, where she met her husband, Art. Active in worship roles, she was encouraged to attend seminary. While attending Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Jeni was called to pastor at Southside Fellowship in Elkhart. In 2011 Jeni and Art moved to Broomfield and participated in several congregations, including BMC! Jeni pastored Living Light of Peace in Arvada for ten years before joining Art as a member of Glennon Heights Menno. They travel with their dog and two cats to Houston each winter to visit their two adorable grandchildren and their parents. (PS: Jeni and Susan Graber go way back, to high school!)

*Thank you for blessing us today, Jeni!*

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

- Speaker:** Jeni Hiatt Umble
- Worship Leader:** Douglas Minter
- Readers:** Michelene Fast, Bruce Wheeler
- Music:** Judy Classen, Susan Graber, Art Umble
- Mission Moment:** Mary & Paul McKay for EPIC
- Tech Support:** Elleanna Voran, Steve Voran
- Greeters:** Ezra & Joan Tice
- Snacks:** Elvira Glenn, Gus Gouvas
- Christian Education:** Ezra Tice
- Worship Coordinator:** Judy Classen

April 19, 2026:

Attendance: 30, +4 online

Offering: \$ 2,695

**TODAY at BMC**

9:30a Worship  
10:45a Snacks and Connecting Time  
11:00a Christian Ed time led by Ezra Tice on Isaiah, final session

**NEXT SUNDAY – May 3, 2026:**

9:30a Worship and mingling  
11:00a No Christian Ed – Connecting Sunday (extended social time!)

**Speaker:** Hannah Martin  
**Worship Leader:** Judy Classen  
**Moment for All:** Carole Suderman  
**Readers:** Toni Diaz Bachus  
**Music:** Jean McPherson  
**Tech Support:** Tice Family  
**Greeters:** Elvira Glenn  
**Snacks:** Michelene Fast, Gus Gouvas  
**Worship Coordinator:** Judy Classen

**COMING UP**

Every Tues Virtual Prayer Circle with Prayerstream, 7:00a [Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 890  
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5/6 Meditation Group, 11:00a  
5/9 Walking Small Group, 9:00a  
5/10 First Sunday our Transitional Minister, Terry Zimmerly preaches—get to  
know him more during the Christian Ed hour!  
5/15 Deadline for early bird registration for Assembly—see announcement  
5/16 RAWtools toy gun buyback at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church  
5/17 Overview of Transitional Minister process with Pastor Terry during Christian  
Ed hour

7/24-26 MSMC Annual Assembly, hosted by Boulder Menno!  
11/6-8 **\*\*NEW DATES\*\*** Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery with  
Sarah Augustine, Glennon Heights Mennonite Church

**~PRAYERS~**

~for Tim Hunsdorder, who had surgery on 4/24 and will have another surgery on 5/6 for kidney stones.

- ~for healing for Adrienne De Forrest's back
- ~for [Mennonite Action](#)—last Sunday was Mennonite Action Sunday. They are looking for monthly supporters, and also seeking a new executive director.
- ~for Hassan, an Afghan asylum seeker, who is being detained, and his release remains unpredictable.
- ~for Palestinian Prisoners: April 17, was Palestinian Prisoners' Day. The date was chosen to commemorate the first prisoner exchange between Israel and Palestinians on April 17, 1971. The day itself is about remembering prisoners and aligning our actions and visions of justice with their interests. Israel has instituted a new death-penalty bill aimed squarely at Palestinians, and tortures more than 9,600 Palestinians currently held in occupation prisons.

May Birthdays		May Anniversaries
1 – Kurt Furnhaber	12 – Hannah Dudenhefer	1 – Susan Graber & Tom Jirak
4 – Erin Dudenhefer	12 – Kelcie Dudenhefer	13 – Duane & Joanna Harrison
7 – Sandi Sanborn	12 – Sheng Wheeler	19 – Linda Hardesty & Chris Friedman
10 – Gwen Grasse	20 – Linda Hardesty	26 – Jen & David Dudenhefer
10 – Cindy Reeves Janzen	22 – Cheri Krause	
10 – Olive Loewer	28 – Duane Harrison	
10 – Douglas Minter		
<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](mailto:info@bouldermennonite.org)) announcements by Thursday, 8:00am.*

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

**WEST DOOR SECURITY:** The west door will be rekeyed on Wednesday, and the lockbox code will be updated. If you need the new lockbox code, please email the admins at [info@bouldermennonite.org](mailto:info@bouldermennonite.org).

**OUR GUEST SPEAKER NEXT SUNDAY:** Hannah Martin, Associate Pastor for Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs, will bring our message. She is also an author of a children's book that we've shared during our Moment for All. Come hear her!

**UPDATE ON OUR TRANSITIONAL MINISTER:** Terry Zimmerly, our transitional minister, will start his work on May 1. He will join us for worship on May 3. He will plan worship and preach starting on May 10. Please plan to join us for these Christian Ed sessions in May! Contact Susan Graber if you have questions.

- On **Sunday, May 10**, we will have an informal time together to get to know Terry. What questions do you have about him? What do you want him to know about us as he starts his work?
- On **Sunday, May 17**, Terry will give us an overview of the transitional minister process and what we can expect during his time with us.

**ROOMS FOR RENT FOR MENNONITE STUDENTS!** Recently BMC has received two requests for possible housing for CU students with Mennonite connections. Please offer your house as you can.

- **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 here. Contact her at 720-487-7579. Thank you!

**GRADUATES:** On Sunday, May 24, we will honor our two high school graduates. Please let the church admin know if there are other graduates that we can recognize!

## ~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

**ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION IS OPEN:** Early-bird rates (save \$30!) for the annual Mountain States Mennonite Conference Assembly last until May 15! Assembly is July 24-26 here at our church. Contact Susan Graber if you have questions. [Register soon!](#)

**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

**MENNONITE CHURCH USA (MCUSA) PEACE ARTICLE:** In "[Making peace in your town](#)," Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA's denominational minister of Peace & Justice, shares how **two congregations model Anabaptist peacemaking** through disaster response, immigrant solidarity and hands-on community ministry rooted in Jesus' call to justice-centered peace.

**JUST PEACE PILGRIMAGES — SOUTH AFRICA RACIAL JUSTICE PILGRIMAGE:** This solidarity learning pilgrimage sponsored by Mennonite Mission Network will explore the long history and legacy of settler colonialism and apartheid, which was an unjust socio-political policy that fostered racial segregation. The [pilgrimage](#) will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dispossession and how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society. September 9-22; optional safari extends the trip by 3 days. Registration deadline: July 15

**ONLINE NONVOLENCE TRAINING:** The Church of the Brethren is offering a 16-hr Core Training in Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, on Wednesdays, May 6 - 13 - 20 - 27, 3pm-7pm Mountain. [More info and registration.](#)

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**MAY DAY:** Workers Over Billionaires is a national day of action with 600 actions currently planned across the country. As Ezra Levin, co-founder of Indivisible said, May Day is a “tactical escalation – an economic show of force.” In advance of May Day, we’re asking our members to not only show up on May 1, but to [pledge to personally commit](#) to a day of “No School, No Work, No Shopping.”

**NEW ANTI-RACIST BOOK!** [Song For a Hard-Hit People: A Memoir of Antiracist Solidarity From a Coal Miner’s Daughter](#) from Haymarket Books. It is a memoir and a strategy book for how we organize the white working class. But above all, it’s a declaration of love for working-class Appalachians, Southerners, and rural folks — rooted in a deep political understanding that we have a critical role to play in how we all get free.

**ECOLOGY TIP:** EPIC (Empowering Projects for International Cooperation), which we’ll hear more about today, is a USA-based, non-profit organization strengthening local groups, primarily located in Mexico, Central and South America, to promote and sustain effective change. Their mission is to create linkages between people and groups devoted to solving global challenges of poverty, food insecurity, environmental degradation, health inequity, human rights, and peacemaking. EPIC works with agriculture partners on the daily challenges of environmental degradation. The mounting effects of climate change have left our agricultural projects with an urgent need to adapt quickly - and more creatively. To learn more and to support this organization with deep ties to Boulder Menno: [About EPIC • EPIC](#)



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