



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, 17, 2026

A Service of the Word

Ascension 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** Brethren, we have met to worship 25

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen and ascended, seated at the right hand of God

People: We lift our eyes to the heavens, yet Christ calls us to serve on earth.

Leader: Why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This same Jesus calls you to be witnesses.

People: We will go in the power of the Spirit, to love, to serve, and to proclaim peace.

Leader: Christ reigns – not with force, but with mercy; not with domination, but with grace.

People: We follow our risen Lord, seeking justice, walking humbly, and loving deeply.

Leader: Come, let us worship the ascended Christ, who is present with us always.

All: Alleluia! Christ is Lord of heaven and earth! Amen.

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

***Singing** All Hail the power of Jesus' Name 364

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

New Testament Scripture Reading Acts 1:1-22

In my earlier account, Theophilus, I dealt with everything that Jesus had done and taught, from the beginning until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After the Passion, Jesus appeared alive to the apostles—confirmed through many convincing proofs—over the course of forty days and spoke to them about the reign of God. On one occasion, Jesus told them not to leave Jerusalem. **“Wait, rather, for what God has promised, of which you have heard me speak,”** Jesus said, **“John baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”**

While meeting together they asked, **“Has the time come, Rabbi? Are you going to restore sovereignty to Israel?”** Jesus replied, **“It’s not for you to know times or dates that Abba God has decided. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; then you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”**

Having said this, Jesus was lifted up in a cloud before their eyes and taken from their sight. They were still gazing up into the heavens when two messengers dressed in white stood beside them. **“You Galileans—why are you standing here looking up at the skies?”** they asked. **“Jesus, who has been taken from you—this same Jesus will return, in the same way you watched him go into heaven.”** The apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a mere Sabbath’s walk away. Entering the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying—Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James ben-Alphaeus; Simon, a member of the Zealot sect; and Judah ben-Jacob. Also in their company were some of the women who followed Jesus, his mother Mary, and some of Jesus’ sisters and brothers. With one mind, they devoted themselves to constant prayer.

One day Peter stood up in the midst of the believers, a gathering of perhaps a hundred and twenty. **“Sisters and brothers,”** he said, **“the saying in scripture, uttered long ago by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of David, was destined to be fulfilled in Judas, the one who guided those who arrested Jesus.** He was one of our number and had been given a share in this ministry. He bought a field with the money he received for his injustice. He collapsed there, his body burst open, and his guts poured out. Everyone in Jerusalem heard about it, and the field became known as ‘Akeldama,’ the Field of Blood. But David wrote in the book of Psalms, **‘Let his encampment be desolate; may no one dwell on it.’ And, ‘Let another take his office.’** It is necessary, therefore, that one of those who accompanied us all the time that Jesus moved among us, from the baptism of John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, should be named as witness with us to the Resurrection.”

Meditation

What are we waiting for?

RESPONDING

***Singing**

Move in our Midst

827

Litany of Installation

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

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*Please stand as you are able



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

- Speaker:** Amy Zimbelman
- Worship Leader:** Sandi Sanborn
- Readers:** Toni Diaz Bachus, Barry Janzen, Douglas Minter, Sandi Sanborn
- Music:** Judy Classen, Susan Graber
- Tech Support:** Alfred Sawatzky
- Greeters:** Paul Classen, Lisa Voss
- Snacks:** Cindy Firnhaber, Gus Gouvas
- Worship Coordinator:** Toni Diaz Bachus

May 10, 2026: Offering: \$4,625

TODAY at BMC

- 9:30a Worship
- 10:45a Snacks and Connecting time, no Christian Ed

THIS WEEK at BMC

Every Tues Virtual Prayer Circle with Prayerstream, 7:00a [Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 890
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5/23 Walking Group, 8:00a

NEXT SUNDAY – May 24, 2026:

9:30am Worship—Pentecost--wear your fiery colors, and Honoring our Graduates

10:45a Snacks and Connecting time

We are on our summer break, no regular Christian Ed hour until after Labor Day—enjoy the time to visit together!

Speaker:	Terry Zimmerly
Worship Leader:	Ezra Tice
Moment for All:	Karen Cox
Readers:	Lisa Voss, Joanna Harrison
Music:	Susan Graber, Terry Zimmerly
Tech Support:	Steve Voran, Elleanna Voran
Greeters:	Ezra & Joan Tice
Snacks:	Elvira Glenn, Gus Gouvas, Sandi Sanborn

COMING UP

5/27 Meditation Group, 11:00a

5/31 Heresy, Heretics, and (dis)Harmony small group, 4:00p, location tbd

7/12 Hymn Sing at First Mennonite, Denver, 1:30p

7/24-26 MSMC Annual Assembly, hosted by Boulder Menno!

11/6-8 Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery with Sarah Augustine,
Glennon Heights Mennonite Church

7/6-10/2027 MennoCon, annual gathering for MC USA, in Cincinnati, Ohio

~PRAYERS~

~from the Minters: Prayers of gratitude that Jill and her siblings and extended family could gather last weekend in NH to celebrate the life of Jill's mother, Sally, who passed away in November.

~from Susan Hunsdorfer: Thank you for your loving support and prayers for Tim the last few months. He had his second surgery last week to remove the kidney stones and thankfully he has no more pain. However, the annual visit to another specialist brought us news that he will need to start a new medication which has side effects that are likely to disrupt daily life. So, I ask your continued prayers for Tim and me because we are feeling weary. Merci.

~Toni Diaz asks for prayers for her husband, Filipe, who has travelled to his homeland of Cuba for a month. Pray for his safety—last week both of our guard dogs were poisoned and killed so that

the farm could be robbed. Toni has decided not to travel with him, as Cuba is not welcoming to Americans during these hard times.

~for indigenous communities who are impacted by mining on their lands and broken treaties—see announcement.

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		

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

PASTOR: Terry Zimmerly, our transitional minister, is generally in the office 9:30 – 2:30, Tuesday – Friday. Appointments/call-aheads are encouraged. Pastor Terry normally takes Monday as a Sabbath. Contact Terry at: terry@bouldermennonite.org / 319-512-8625 (cell)

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~

WEAR YOUR PENTECOST COLORS NEXT WEEK! Next Sunday is Pentecost, when we celebrate the Holy Spirit appearing to the early church, “Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit....” As is our tradition, we invite you to wear your fiery colors—red, orange, yellow—to worship!

ANABAPTIST WORLD MAGAZINE: Anabaptist World is an independent journalistic ministry serving the global Anabaptist movement--to inform, inspire and provide a forum where Mennonites and anyone interested in Anabaptism can explore faith and culture. A subscription for the coming year (8 issues) is \$54 through BMC's group rate. Contact Bruce Fast by May 25 if you are interested.

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

MAY ISSUE OF ZING: There are lots of things happening around our dear regional conference, Mountain State Mennonite Conference! Read up on things in the [Zing newsletter](#).

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE HIRING: MSMC is seeking a part-time Treasurer to manage daily cash flow, reconcile bank accounts, and handle financial reporting. Key Responsibilities: Managing accounts payable/receivable, preparing monthly reports, and working with the moderator to prepare the annual budgets. Qualifications: 1+ years of bookkeeping or treasury experience. Familiarity with accounting software. Send your resume and the names and contact info for 2 references to Amy Zimbelman, amyz@mountainstatesmc.org. [lick HERE](#) to see the full job description.

FUND CARE, NOT ICE: MCC U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries is asking that you urge your members of Congress to vote no on the reconciliation bill. It proposes increases for immigration enforcement and fails to impose reforms or safeguards. This bill also comes at a time when many in the U.S. are struggling with the high costs of housing, food and energy and while federal funding for food, health care and other basic needs is being cut. Their [website](#) has more information and makes it easy to contact your senators and representative.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA (MC USA) REPORTS:

- More than 50 leaders from across MC USA gathered in Chicago, April 16–18, for a **Constituency Leaders Council** meeting – a time of worship, learning and shared discernment, facilitated by Moderator-elect Todd Lehman. You can read a report [here](#) and see some pictures with faces you may recognize from our Mountain States Conference. . . .
- **Mennonite Women USA** | Coffee and Conversation: Behold the Beauty | Zoom meeting | Thursday, May 28 at 4:00p MT | Learn more and RSVP [here](#).
- From **Mennonite Men**: "[Reflecting on My Work with Mennonite Men as I Retire](#)" by Steve Thomas
- [Read about the work](#) of **Mennonite Mission Network** in Guatemala.

CREATING INCLUSIVE SPACES: Read the Opening Doors blog post from the Anabaptist Disabilities Network [here](#).

FAITH IN ACTION PEACE CAMP: Join MCC in partnership with Mennonite Action September 3-7 in Chicago for this young adult Peace Camp. Apply by June 21! [Info here](#).

MORE FROM MENNONITE ACTION: Our latest training series, Solidarity School, will dive into how coalition building fits into Mennonite Action's power analysis and strategy towards public action. Learn tactics for building relationships in our local communities, rooted in our vision of beloved community modeled by Christ (preview the [toolkit here!](#)). Participants will hear case studies from across the U.S., and leave with tangible tools to

implement locally. Join us virtually, showing up individually or with a group, for four weeks in June as we build these skills together through Solidarity School.

FROM MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE: Give thanks for the [MWC Creation Care Fund](#). This initiative of the Creation Care Working groups assists member churches on projects to improve and restore God’s creation in their regions. May people see God’s love for all creation through this initiative. Read prayer requests from around the world [here](#).

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

MINING IN INDIGENOUS LANDS: Bruce Wheeler, who keeps us informed on indigenous issues, reports: I have sad news regarding the Oak Flat mining situation in Arizona. After twelve years of litigation attempting to preserve this sacred land, mining has begun. Boulder Menno did participate by approving Pastor Randy to sign the amicus brief circulating last year.

I am planning for our fourth year of providing comfort kits for children at the Haven Program shelter in Oklahoma.

TOUR BOULDERMOD-BUILT DUPLEX AT PONDEROSA OPEN HOUSE: The City of Boulder, Boulder Valley School District, and Flatirons Habitat for Humanity are excited to invite the community to the Ponderosa Duplex Open House. The open house will be held today, Sunday, May 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the [Ponderosa Community](#). See important directions and parking information [here](#). This is one of Kurt Firnhaber’s projects with the City, and a number of BMCers have helped build these homes!

ECOLOGY TIP: By now, you have probably heard about the wonderful project a few weeks ago up in Drake, Colorado, which was a joint effort between Mennonite Disaster Service and youth and adults from a number of Mennonite churches in the Mountain States Conference. Besides creating community among us, we were able to impact a community that has experienced four wildfires. The group of 40 volunteers planted 480 trees, fulfilling the “Restore” portion of MDS’s mission. Let’s continue to encourage our young people to join such projects, which connect all of us more deeply with the Earth.



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