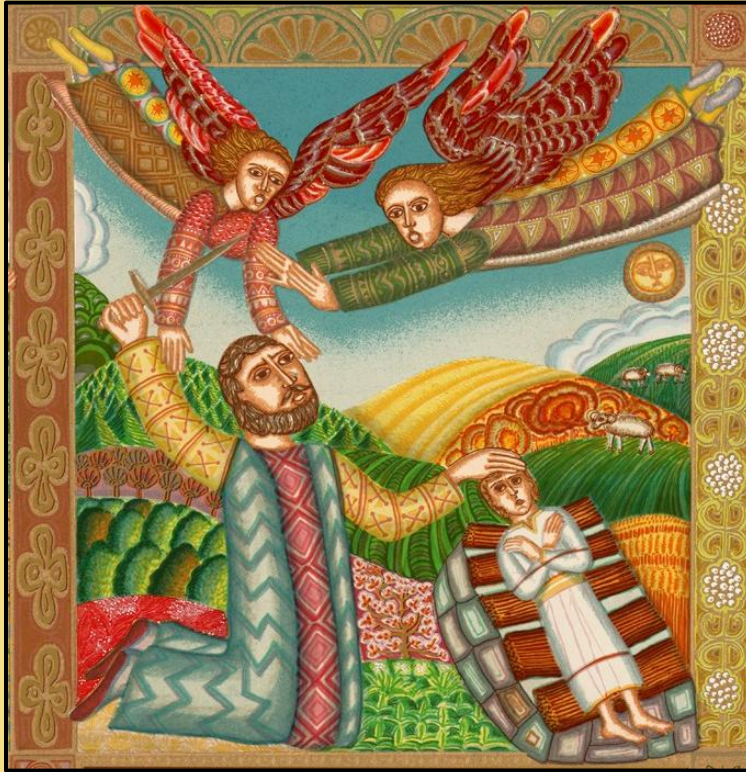




# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, June 28, 2026

## A Service of the Word



from *Abraham and Isaac* by John August Swanson

**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.*

## GATHERING

### Gathering Words & Prelude

#### Welcome

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: God of the Cosmos, You who dwell in the vastness and the dust,

**People: Remind us of our place in a world marked by systems of violence.**

Leader: Support us to grow our awareness and ability to choose Your way.

**People: Uncover in us the roles we play, and open our hearts to the work of unmaking what harms.**

Leader: Open our ears to hear Your will for us and open our minds to discern Your paths.

**All: We are here to listen, to learn, and to act with compassion and love.**

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

#### \*Singing

Come Let Us All Unite to Sing

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#### Centering Prayer

## HEARING

### Hebrew Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. “Abraham!” God called. “**Here I am,**” Abraham replied. “Take your son,” God said, “your only child, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt offering, on a mountain.”

Rising early the next morning, Abraham saddled a donkey and took along two workers and Isaac. Abraham chopped wood for the burnt offering, and started on the journey to the place God showed them. On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. Then Abraham said to the workers, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there; we will worship and come back to you.”

**Abraham took wood for the burnt offering and gave it to Isaac to carry. In his own hands he carried the fire and the knife. Then the two of them went on alone.** Isaac said, “Father!” “**Here I am, my child,**” Abraham replied. “Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” Abraham answered, “**My child, God will provide the lamb for the burnt offering.**”

Then the two of them went on together. **When they arrived at the place God had pointed out, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged wood on it. Then he tied up Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill the child.**

But the angel of God called to him from heaven: “Abraham! Abraham!” “**Here I am!**” he replied. “Do not raise your hand against the boy!” the angel said. “Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how deeply you revere God, since you did not refuse me your son, your only child.” Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush.

He went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his child.  
**Abraham called the place “God Provides,” and so it is said to this day: “On this mountain the Eternal One provides.”**

**Singing** The Love of God 162

**Gospel Scripture Reading** Luke 23:34

And Jesus said, “**Abba forgive them. They don’t know what they are doing.**”  
Then they divided his garments, rolling dice for them.

**Sermon** Killing Laughter

## RESPONDING

**\*Singing** Sometimes a Light Surprises 618

**Offering Invitation/Blessing**

*Please place prayer requests in the basket with your offering, or type them into the “Chat” column on Zoom.*

**Offertory**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

## SENDING

**Introductions**

**Passing the Peace**

**Announcements**

**\*Sending Song** God is Working His Purpose Out 770

**\*Benediction**

\*Please stand as you are able



### **Resources used in worship:**

Call to Worship adapted and expanded by Cheri Krause from *Liturgies for Resisting Empire : Seeking Community, Belonging, and Peace in a Dehumanizing World*, by Kat Armas.

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Boulder Mennonite is committed to making our worship space sacred for all. Please refrain from taking pictures of people during the service without their consent. Thank you for your sensitivity to everyone!

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

**Speaker:** Terry Zimmerly

**Worship**

**Leader:** Cheri Krause

**Readers:** Sandi Sanborn, Michelene Fast

**Music:** Susan Graber, Peter Ingram

**Tech:** Elleanna Voran, Steve Voran  
**Greeters:** Karl Ortman, Carole Suderman  
**Snacks:** Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn

## TODAY at BMC

9:30a      Worship

10:45a      Snacks and mingling *We are on our summer break, no regular Christian Ed hour until after Labor Day—enjoy the time to visit together!*

**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](mailto: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 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](mailto:info@bouldermennonite.org)) announcements by Thursday, 8:00am.*

**ECOLOGY TIP:** Ecosia (<https://www.ecosia.org/>) is a browser and/or a web search page that donates 80% of its ad revenue to nonprofits that help plant trees or do other environmental work. If you look them up online, you will see that they have planted over 1 million trees, and do other good work. This would be a good browser to check out to support them as they support the environment.

**THIS WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS** can be accessed [here](#) or via this QR code. They are also posted on the bulletin board in the sanctuary.



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**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for June 28, 2026

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**Sunday, June 21, 2026:**                      **Attendance:** 32, + 6 Online                      **Offering:** \$ 1,040

### THIS WEEK at BMC

- 6/30                      Annual reports for congregation due to Administrator
- Every Tues          Virtual Prayer Circle with Prayerstream, 7:00a [Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 890 7823 6512, Passcode: 260228 One tap mobile +17193594580,,89078236512#,,, \*260228# US
- 7/1                      Meditation Group, 11:00a, Contact: Sandi Sandborn
- 7/3                      *A Concert For Our Hours: Reflection, Grief, and Joy In Our Cultural Moment* First Mennonite Church of Denver, 7:00

### NEXT SUNDAY – July 5, 2026:

- 9:30a                      Worship
- 10:45a                      Snacks and mingling
- 4:00p                      Heresy, Heretics, and (dis)Harmony, Osborne-Gowey's backyard, Contact: Cheri Krause, 510-227-9712

<b>Speaker:</b>	Terry Zimmerly
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Sandi Sanborn
<b>Moment for All:</b>	Carole Suderman
<b>Readers:</b>	Becky Neumann, Bruce Wheeler
<b>Music:</b>	Bruce Fast, Elleanna Voran
<b>Tech Support:</b>	TBD
<b>Greeters:</b>	Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
<b>Snacks:</b>	Cindy Firmhaber

### COMING UP

- 7/9                      Church Council, 5:00p
- 7/11                      Walk and Wonder Group, 8:00a, Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689
- 7/12                      **Boulder Mennonite Church Annual Meeting**, after worship
- 7/12                      Hymn Sing at First Mennonite, Denver, 1:30p
- 7/15                      Meditation Group, 11:00a, Contact: Sandi Sandborn, 720-530-0659
- 7/18                      **Work Day** at BMC, 8:00a – noon – Please plan to help us do final cleaning to prepare for Assembly!
- 7/24-26                      **MSMC Annual Assembly, hosted by Boulder Menno!**
- 10/17                      Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, Douglas County Fairgrounds

<b>JUNE BIRTHDAYS</b>	<b>JUNE ANNIVERSARIES</b>
3 – Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey 10 – Paul McKay 13 – Ryan Sanders 23 – Paul Classen 29 – Iris Loewer	8 – Ezra & Joan Tice 15 – Mary & Paul McKay 19 – Michelene & Bruce Fast 22 – Cat & Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey

<b>JULY BIRTHDAYS</b>	
3 – Ezra Tice 6 – Elvira Glenn 7 – Teresa Troester Falk	10 – Terry Zimmerly 11 – Finn Osborne-Gowey

## ~PRAYERS~

- ~ for Barry Janzen’s mother (Marie Janzen) and mother-in-law (Fern Salmen). His mom is in hospice, and his mother-in-law broke her femur on Wednesday, and had surgery on Friday.
- ~ for Gus Guvas’s healing because he is ill again. He is in a lot of pain and wants no visitors. He has a nurse stopping twice a day. He appreciates prayers and anticipates not being able to attend church for a while.
- ~ for Tim & Susan Hundsdorfer’s friend, Larry and his family, for healing.
- ~ for the family and friends of baby Kohen Wiley, the 1-year-old boy who was fatally shot by Senatobia police on June 14 in Mississippi. And for Black and brown people in the United States who fear for their lives and for white people who are oblivious to or active perpetrators of racial violence to gain awareness and crises of conscious that promote change.
- ~ for healing and recovery for Liz Burr (a former BMC participant) who is hospitalized at Boulder Community Hospital undergoing tests.
- ~ for EPIC board members and staff who will be gathering at the Sisters of Guadalupe Retreat Center in Cuernavaca, Mexico for project visits and board meetings.
- ~ for [Mennonite Mission Network Christian leaders and workers, click here for specifics.](#)
- ~ for Bob Bates, pastor of the Garden City Church of the Brethren. Bob is hospitalized in Wichita following a heart catheterization, and awaiting surgery to have a pacemaker with a defibrillator installed. Please hold Bob and his medical team in your prayers for a successful procedure, and Bob's wife, Brenda, as she supports Bob now and through his recovery.
- ~ of gratitude for fathers, grandfathers, and all who have offered a loving and fatherly presence in our lives, while holding with compassion those who approach this day with grief, loss, or mixed emotions.
- ~ for all people in our nation as we celebrate America’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

**PLEASE HELP HOST ASSEMBLY:** We have opportunities for you to be involved in supporting our regional Mennonite conference and its annual Assembly gathering, here at BMC July 24 - 26! Please contact Susan if you are willing to help, have questions or suggestions, 303-249-8894. And, thanks to Karl, Carole, Brenda, Paul, and Judy who have already been helping!

- Sign up on the bulletin board to be at the church to help host the event. Shifts available for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- The youth leaders have asked if anyone here might have a van or a larger vehicle and could help transport youth to their activities on Saturday.
- We are still looking for a couple of people to do child care during the event. If you know of someone, or have a contact in another local church who might have a person, please let Susan know.
- Some of our brothers and sisters in our sister church in San Antonio, Roca de Refugio, would like to come to conference. They are trying to find a driver who could drive them here and back.
- Bring items for the silent auction!



At Assembly, Michael Danner, associate executive director for Church Vitality in Mennonite Church USA will host Q & A at several meals; Saturday worship will include three new conference pastors sharing about their lives in relation to our theme (including our own Pastor Terry!); Everence is hosting a Saturday morning breakfast and conversation. Plus it is a great chance to connect with wonderful people from around our conference. Last chance for a deal on [registration](#)--price goes up on July 1. See the event schedule on the bulletin board.

## ~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN RELIEF SALE:** Mark your calendars! The Relief Sale will be held on Saturday, October 17, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. We hope you'll join us for a day of fellowship, delicious food, auctions, shopping, and supporting the work of Mennonite Central Committee ([MCC](#)) around the world. Thanks to the generosity of our churches, volunteers, and supporters, we were able to send \$123,000 to MCC last year!

We have volunteer opportunities for a Communications Coordinator, a photographer to capture the day's activities, and to make handmade items to donate to the Homemade Items Booth. Whether you can volunteer your time, share your talents, or donate items, your support helps make a difference. Every contribution helps us continue supporting MCC's work of relief, development, and peace in communities around the world. Thank you!



**CONCERT FOR OUR HOURS:** Join us Friday, July 3, 7:00p – 8:00p at First Mennonite Church of Denver for *A Concert For Our Hours: Reflection, Grief, and Joy In Our Cultural*

*Moment.* Songs, readings, and prayers so that we may gather wholeheartedly, hearts broken open to the spirit of love.—Vern Rempel

**FROM MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK:** Read an [interesting article](#) about Mennonites who did alternate service during the Vietnam War and created life-long friendships.

**MCC U.S. NATIONAL PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRIES JUNE E-MEMO:** Let the church admin know if you would like to be forwarded a copy of the memo. Their [Spring/Summer Peace & Justice Journal](#) is [here](#).

**EASTERN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY UPDATE:** | Rev. Dr. Shannon W. Dycus has been named the 10th president of EMU. Read announcement [here](#).

**ON THIS FOURTH OF JULY:** Read a *Prayer for National Occasions* by Mennonite Pastor, Isaac Villegas [here](#). “Some trust in governments and some in borders, but we trust in God, who invites all people to live in peace....”

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**COLORADO HISTORY—ROCKY FLATS:** In a recent newsletter, our friends at the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center recommended [this article](#) that is a brief outline of the history of Rocky Flats, the former nuclear weapons site south of Boulder. Many peace activists, including local Mennonites, were active in witness and protest at the site.