



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, July 19, 2026

A Service of the Word

Six Practices that Grow Faith 3: Celebrate

*From Shine
Everywhere
Resources from
Menno Media*



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 Ojibwe Peoples. We affirm that settlers have specific responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: The joy of Our God is our strength!

All: We come with tears and with joy.

Leader: The joy of The Holy One is our strength!

All: We rejoice and celebrate together.

Leader: Let our gathering be filled with joy and with love.

All: The joy of The Divine shines through us!

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

***Singing** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 103

*Passing the Peace

A Moment for All Ages

Singing For the Fruit 124 (sung to tune of 830)

Offertory

HEARING

Centering Silence

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.](#)

Hebrew Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8:9-12

Then Nehemiah the governor and Ezra the priest and scribe, along with the Levites, instructed the people, saying to all of them, **“This day is holy to the Most High, your God. Do not mourn. Do not weep”**—for the people all had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

Nehemiah continued, “Go now and enjoy rich food and sweet wine, and be certain that you send a share to those who cannot provide for themselves, for this

day is holy to the Eternal One. Let no one be sad, for the Eternal One’s joy is your strength.” The Levites continued to quiet the crowd, saying, “**Be calm. Today is holy; let there be no sorrow.**” **So every one of them went to eat and drink, and to send a portion of their food to the hungry, and to rejoice. For they understood the words that had been given to them.**

Sermon Celebrate!

RESPONDING

*Singing Great is Thy Faithfulness 419

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

*Sending Song We, Your People, Sing Your Praises 849

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able



Resources used in worship:

Call to Worship adapted from Shine Everywhere Resources from Menno Media. 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, BMC Church Council.

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker: Terry Zimmerly	Prayers of the
Worship Leader: Karen Cox	People: Cheri Krause
Moment for All: Cheri Krause	Tech Support: Alfred Sawatzky
Reader: Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey	Greeters: Paul Classen, Lisa Voss
Music: Judy Classen, Susan Graber	Snacks: Michelene Fast

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 / 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.*

TODAY'S PRACTICE TO GROW FAITH: *Celebrate together.* Think of ways to mark the moments and milestones in your family's life. Create traditions and rituals for daily moments and special milestones—children *love* them! Celebrating Christian holidays at home nurtures Christian identity.



ECOLOGY TIP: As you know, this Friday through Sunday is the Mountain States Mennonite Conference assembly at Boulder Mennonite. Please come, and bring your reusable water bottle and coffee mug along! Also feel free to bring a few lawn chairs, so you can enjoy nature and the activities that will happen in the back yard of the church. If you live a bit of a distance away, plan to carpool with others to save on gas, pollution, and to build community with your fellow church members!

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 Sunday, July 19, 2026

Sunday, July 12, 2026: **Attendance:** 30, + 3 Online **Offering:** \$1,890

THIS WEEK at BMC

7/24-26 **Friday – Sunday, MSMC Annual Assembly, hosted by Boulder Menno!**
See announcement.

NEXT SUNDAY – July 26, 2026:

9:30a Worship with Assembly – usual Zoom info if you join remotely
11:00a Lunch together—plan to stay and meet folks from other congregations in our conference. Miss Hana's food truck will be available for you to purchase your lunch.

Speaker: Brenda Fox
Tech Support: Steve & Elleanna Voran
Greeters: Karl Ortman, Ezra & Joan Tice
Snacks: Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn

COMING UP

7/30 Ideas due for congregational meeting on 8/9—see announcement
8/5 Meditation Group, 11:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
8/8 Walking Group, 8:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689
8/9 Congregational meeting after worship to discuss next steps for seeking new pastoral leadership, 11:00a
8/30 Our annual Holy Humor Sunday! Start thinking about humorous bits you can share so we can laugh together!
10/17 Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, Douglas County Fairgrounds

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

~PRAYERS~

~ Please remember Gus in your prayers—he continues in good spirits as he battles his ongoing health issues. He gives a hearty hello to everyone.

- ~ for the healing of Toni Diaz's husband's leg. He tried to cut it off with the chainsaw last Thursday; so far it is healing well.
- ~ pray for the survivors and the evacuees of the numerous fires burning in our country.
- ~ for Gwen Hix-Fausel: Her father is not doing well. Give her and her family strength to handle whatever comes next (he's 90 years young).
- ~ for Anthony Raemaekers healing and comfort for the loss of his best friend.
- ~ for Tonya Starnier and her mission work in Mongolia – see announcement.
- ~ for

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

ASSEMBLY: Mountain States Mennonite Conference annual **Assembly will be here at BMC next weekend, July 24 – 26!** Find out more about all the happenings [here](#). There are lots of ways you can support this awesome event.

Bring:

- **Lawn games**—we'd love to have them going in the backyard during the weekend. Please label them with your name!
- **Camp style chairs** that could be set up by the Prayerstreams. Please label them with your name!
- We could also use a couple of **card table type tables**. Please label them with your name!
- **Donate items** to the silent auction which will be held on Saturday.

Come:

- **Sign up to help host** on the bulletin board in the sanctuary. Shifts are available for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Thanks to all who have already volunteered!
- **Sing in the choir!** Carole's brother, Mark Suderman, will be conducting a choir for Sunday worship. You do not need to register to participate. Rehearsals Sat at 11:00a and Sun at 8:30a.
- **Attend worship and lunch on Sunday.** All are invited to attend our Sunday morning worship, no registration is required! Please join us and plan to stay after worship, purchase lunch at Ms Hana's food truck which will be on site, and enjoy conversation and fellowship.

Please contact Susan if you have questions, 303-249-8894.

ANNUAL MEETING: Thanks to all who attended our meeting, provided reports and input, and our church chair, Barry Janzen, for his leadership. The minutes and the final (Rev 4) Annual Report have been distributed.

LOOKING FOR MOVING HELP: Xelda Spaulding has taken a new job in Denver and has decided to move to Denver. She is looking for help moving this Thursday, July 23. Please contact her if you can help, 419-769-1572. Thanks!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 8/9: As we continue on the transitional journey you are invited to write proposals for how you would like the congregation to move forward with

pastoral search or perhaps some other model of leadership. In Terry's annual report to the congregation, he included five possibilities, but they were not meant to be exhaustive in any way! Please write your ideas and send them to churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org by July 30, and we will distribute them to the congregation. In the spirit of brainstorming, all ideas are accepted and will be anonymous, unless you say otherwise. On August 9 at 11am for an hour following worship, we will meet in a circle with a microphone in the church sanctuary and discuss your ideas. NO decisions will be made at this meeting as it will be a time to brainstorm together next steps towards getting an advertisement for a pastor discerned for Fall.

CALENDAR FOR EZRA AND JOAN: There is a calendar on the back table in the sanctuary that we will give to Ezra and Joan when they leave BMC. Please add your wishes and greetings on a few dates!

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE NEWS:

- Hello all **Quiltmakers and admirers** - we are looking forward to the Sale and Quilt Auction again this year at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on October 17 and welcome your handcrafted new or excellent condition second owner quilt donations. The [quilt submission form](#) is open on the Relief Sale Website, <http://www.rmmcsale.org>. We are hoping to have 100 quilts in the auction again this year. If you have questions, please reach out to eschrockefs@yahoo.com or 303-549-5882. --Katrina Schrock, Quilt Auction Chair
- The Sale is looking for a person or group to lead **Quilter's Corner**. This is a popular booth at the sale, and we'd love to continue offering it—but we need your help! For more information, please contact Darcey VanWagner at 720-635-4852 or mdvw@comcast.net. Thank you for considering how you can help make this year's Sale a success!

FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE: Aspen Acre Wildfire update: The largest wildfire currently burning in the United States is west of Pueblo, Colorado. It is only 40% contained and has burned 100,000 acres. 870 structures have burned; almost 400 homes are lost. 150 1st responders are fighting the fire, and 11,000 people have been evacuated. Mennonite Disaster Service has been on site for 2 1/2 weeks.

The Rocky Mountain unit needs your help. Survivors and evacuees started returning to their homes last Friday. Contact Carole, our congregational MDS representative, who has more information on how you can help. Here are three things we need immediately: First, pray for the survivors and the evacuees. Second, consider volunteering in either Bueller or Rye, Colorado, to help with the cleanup of burned-out homes. We'll start asking for volunteers two weekends from now. Third, if you can't physically be there, consider a monetary gift. Clothes and food cannot be used by homeless survivors. Your funds will directly go to their support. You may write a check to United Way of Colorado or to Mennonite Disaster Service. If you send it to MDS in Lititz, Pennsylvania, please write in the memo line "for Rocky Mountain unit". You'll receive a tax-deductible donation. The volunteer coordinator is Mary Johnson; text her at 303-726-9890. Thank you so much for your care and prayers.

MCC CLIMATE ACTION REPORT: The future viability of our planet will largely depend on the UN Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP). In 2025, MCC staff Mulanda Jimmy Juma

attended this unique gathering of global leaders, scientists, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders, where bold decisions were taken to tackle the climate crisis. [Read more.](#)

PLANTING FOR PEACE: Believing peace begins with small acts of solidarity, a delegation plants olive trees — symbols of resilience in Palestine. [Read more.](#)

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK (MMN): [Jesus called us to be peacemakers — will you answer?](#) Click the link to read about ways to engage in peacemaking. Also, your faithful support of our peacebuilding work in Africa — home to the largest Anabaptist population in the world — has already [produced powerful impact](#). Read more in the MMN's [newsletter](#).

FROM MENNONITE ACTION:

- **INTERFAITH ACTION FOR PALESTINE (IAP):** Recently Mennonite Action participants, Christians for Free Palestine, Rabbis for Ceasefire, Jewish Voice for Peace, and many others joined together to counter Christians United for Israel (CUFI) during their annual summit in D.C. Join us for our [July Mass Call](#) on 7/30, at 7:00p MT to hear a report.
- **STOP THE U.S./ISRAEL MILITARY MERGER!** Over 500 of us wrote members of Congress, and now, we urgently turn our attention to the Senate. Senators Van Hollen, Sanders, Merkley, Welch, Markey, and Warren are working to oppose moving forward on the Senate NDAA to allow time for section 1217 (the Israel Tech Merger) to be removed. [Please contact your Senators](#) to urge them to: 1. Support the efforts of these Senators to oppose cloture on the Senate NDAA, to allow debate on further military integration with Israel. 2. Oppose Section 1217 of the NDAA, and Section 619 of the Intelligence Authorization Act.

WAGING PEACE: A MILITARISM SUMMIT: Nov. 6-7, Leola, Pennsylvania. [This conference](#) seeks to bring Christians together to explore faithful responses to war, political polarization, nationalism and violence. Opening keynote speaker is speaker, activist and best-selling author Shane Claiborne.

PEACEMAIL: [Mennonite Church USA's Peace Mail](#)

MENNONITE CHURCH USA [announcements by week for July.](#)

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

UPDATE ON MONGOLIAN MISSION: We received an update newsletter from Tonya Starnner, who spoke here a few years ago about her mission work in Mongolia. Let Susan know if you'd like to see it. She will be returning for her 30th year of work there in September. She asks for prayers for their team that mentors women and their training program.

FROM CASA DE PAZ in AURORA: For several weeks, we had been trying to confirm alleged reports of a Tuberculosis (TB) outbreak at the Aurora GEO facility. While we heard first-hand allegations from our guests, we did not have concrete evidence to openly speak about it. Today, several trusted outlets reported that up to at least 12 individuals have been confirmed to have tested positive for TB at the Aurora GEO facility within the last week. Read article in the Denver Post [here](#).