



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, August 2, 2026

A Service of the Word

Six Practices that Grow Faith 4: Serve



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

GATHERING

Prelude

***Singing** Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 778

*Call to Worship

Leader: When did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?

People: We serve God when we serve others.

Leader: When did we welcome you in?

People: We serve God when we serve others.

Leader: When did you need clothes or when did we see you sick?

People: We serve God when we serve others.

Leader: God meets us in every act of love.

People: When we welcome others, we welcome Christ.

All: Come, let us worship with hearts ready to serve!

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

***Singing** Je louerai l'Eternel (Praise, I will praise you, Lord) 131

Centering Prayer

Passing the Peace

A Moment for All

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

Gospel Readings Matthew 25:31-40

"At the appointed time the Promised One will come in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, and will sit upon the royal throne, with all the nations assembled below. **Then the Promised One will separate them from one another, as a shepherd**

divides the sheep from the goats. The sheep will be placed on the right hand, the goats on the left.

“The ruler will say to those on the right, “Come, you blessed of my Abba God! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world! For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me.” Then these just will ask, **“When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you?”** The ruler will answer them, “The truth is, every time you did this for the least of my sisters or brothers, you did it for me.”

Matthew 25:41-46

“Then the ruler will say to those on the left, ‘Out of my sight, you accursed ones! Into that everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and the fallen angels! I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger and you gave me no welcome; naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to visit me.’ Then they in turn will ask, **‘When did we see you hungry or thirsty, or homeless or naked, or ill or in prison, and not take care of you?’** The answer will come, ‘The truth is, as often as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.’ **They will go off to eternal punishment, and the just will go off to eternal life.”**

Sermon

Serve

RESPONDING

***Singing**

We are People of God’s Peace

797

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

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

Rain Down

703

**Please stand as you are able*

Resources used in worship:

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	Music: Bruce Fast, Susan Graber
Worship Leader/	Tech Support: Alfred Sawatzky
Cordinator: Toni Diaz Bachus	Greeters: Elvira Glenn, Laura
Moment for All: Susan Graber	Minter
Readers: Joanna Harrison,	Snacks: Cindy Firnhaber
Lisa Voss	

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; Douglass Minter: 303-819-5248

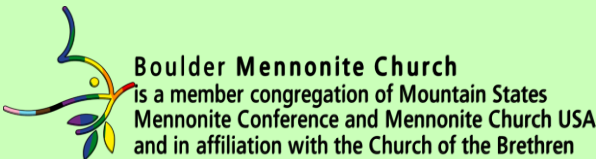
CHURCH ADMINSTRATORS: Susan Graber and Cheri Krause – someone is usually in the office part of the day Tuesday through Thursday. *Please call in or email (info@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Thursday, 8:00am.*

ECOLOGY TIP: Though the Denver area composting service currently only accepts yard and food waste in its compost, it is still much more ecological to buy compostable supplies rather than plastic or Styrofoam. These containers are made of plant-based materials, such as sugarcane fibers, bamboo, palm leaves, and wheat straw. Though they ultimately go in the landfill, they are not derived from petroleum or plastic. Of course, using washable plates and silverware is always preferable, with disposables being a lesser alternative ecologically.

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 August 2, 2026

Sunday, July 26, 2026: **Attendance:** 145, + at least 35 Online **Offering:** \$ 3515

THIS WEEK at BMC

8/8 Walking Group, 8:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689

NEXT SUNDAY – August 9, 2026:

9:30a Worship
10:45a Snacks and mingling
11:00 **Congregational meeting after worship** to discuss next steps for seeking new pastoral leadership
4:00p Heresy, Heretics, and (dis)Harmony, Contact: Cheri Krause, 510-227-9712

Speaker:	Terry Zimmerly
Worship	
Leader/Coordinator:	Susan Graber
Moment for All:	Karen Cox
Readers:	Cindy Firmhaber
Music:	Susan Graber, Jean McPherson
Prayers of the People:	Douglas Minter
Tech Support:	Steve Voran
Greeters:	Toni Diaz Bachus, Carole Suderman
Snacks:	Judy Classen

COMING UP

8/12 (tentative) Meditation Group, 11:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
8/13 Church Council, 5:00, at church and Zoom
8/22 Walking Group, 8:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689
8/30 Our annual Holy Humor Sunday! Start thinking about humorous bits you can share so we can laugh together!
9/20 School Kit Sunday at BMC! Gwen has already been collecting supplies....
10/13 Red Cross Blood Drive at BMC. We will need a few volunteers to help.
10/17 Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, Douglas County Fairgrounds
10/25 Hold this date for an afternoon hymn sing at First Mennonite in Denver!
11/6-8 Glennon Heights Mennonite Church will host a weekend of learning about the lasting impact of the Doctrine of Discovery with Sarah Augustine.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS		AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES
13 – Anita Jantz 18 – Bonnie Lavelle 21 – Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey	24 – Cornelia Krahn 24 – Jill Minter	10 – Mai & Bruce Wheeler 11 – Cornelia Krahn & Kent Olson 12 – Judy & Paul Classen 19 – Ellen & Wayne Morrison

~PRAYERS~

- ~ of thanksgiving for the lovely Mountain States Mennonite Conference Assembly held at Boulder Mennonite last weekend. The Spirit felt alive at the event!
- ~ for the people of the Ukraine. According to available information, Russian forces have amassed a significant number of missiles, including both cruise and ballistic missiles, as well as a large number of attack drones.

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP: Please join us next Sunday for an hour at 11:00 for an important congregational meeting. We will meet in a circle with a microphone in the church sanctuary and discuss your ideas related to our pastoral search. 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.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! My dear Boulder Menno folks, **thank you so much** for your lovely hosting of Assembly last weekend! Many of the attendees expressed appreciation for our facility and their experience here. So many of you chipped in to help before, during and after the event. It was a real high for me to see how it all came together. Each one who helped is appreciated, with special kudos to Karl, Bruce F, Steve, Paul C, Judy, and Matt, and our dear Prayerstreamers, Brenda and Carole. –Susan Graber

OFFICIAL THANK YOU FROM MSMC: From the MSMC Annual Assembly Planning Committee: We are so grateful that over 120 folks registered and joined us for the Annual Assembly from around the conference last weekend! We had a wonderful time of fellowship, music, prayer, art, updates from churches and passion ministries, tasty food, decision-making meetings, and more. Over 180 people participated in worship on Sunday. We even officially welcomed [Wayfarers Chapel](#), a church in Colorado Springs, to join our conference! Thanks to everyone who made it happen, and to Boulder Mennonite for hosting!

Next year, we'll see you for Assembly in Albuquerque, NM, July 23-25, 2027!

WATER CONFLICT REPORT FROM MORGAN: Some of you will remember Morgan Shimabuku, who attended BMC with her husband and baby before they moved to CA. Read a [sobering report on water-related violence](#)--incidents where water has served as a trigger, a weapon, or a casualty of conflict. Great to see how her work combines her concern for violence with her environmental expertise!

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MDS NEEDS YOUR HELP: Survivors and evacuees of the Aspen Acres fire have started returning to their homes. 870 structures have burned; almost 400 homes are lost. 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. Third, 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!

MCUSA BIENNIAL GATHERING: Save the dates, July 6 – 10, 2027, to attend MennoCon in Cincinnati. The theme has been announced:



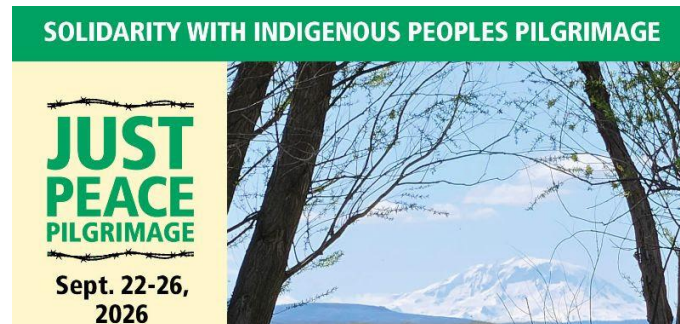
SUPPORT BETHEL COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: The International Students Club at Bethel College is asking for help to welcome international students to Bethel by providing them with essential items that are difficult or impossible to bring in their luggage. The club has created a [registry](#) of these items. Purchased items can be shipped to: Bethel College, 300 E. 27th St., North Newton, KS 67117, ATTN: Karin Kaufman Wall, International Students Club Adviser. If you would prefer to give financially, donations may be made to Bethel College with “International Students Fund” in the memo line. Thank you.

ACTION ALERTS FROM MCC U.S. NATIONAL PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRIES:

- **SUPPORT PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA:** July 27 marks the seventy-third year since the signing of the armistice between the United States, North Korea, and China. Joint U.S.-South Korea military drills continue, regional tension is increasing, and strategic ties between Russia and North Korea are strengthening. Advocating for a formal peace agreement through the Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act (PKPA, H.R. 1841) continues to be critical. [Encourage your representative to support the bill today. Make peace possible!](#)
- **SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS FOR MINING:** Urge Congress to oppose the Mining Regulatory Clarity Act (MRCA) and pass the Mining Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Prevention Act. More info and an action form [here](#).
- In June, the Supreme Court removed the final barrier to the termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians and Syrians living in the U.S. This week, approximately 350,000 Haitians with TPS are slated to lose the legal status that protects them from detention and deportation. Over 90% of the capital, Port-au-Prince, is controlled by armed gangs and about 6 million Haitians experience food insecurity or hunger. [Urge the Senate to extend Haiti TPS.](#)

WAGING PEACE: A MILITARISM SUMMIT: Nov. 6-7 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is designed to create space for conversations through an Anabaptist lens. Young people are encouraged to attend! Learn about the conference from a [Mennonite Church USA](#) newsletter and the [registration website](#).

FROM MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK (MMN): [Network News and Beyond](#), new [Mobilize for Peace video](#), and [announcements](#). Learn more about the Just Peace Pilgrimage [here](#).



~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

DEFEAT HATEFUL BALLOT INITIATIVES: Rocky Mountain Equality and Rocky Mountain Equality Action Fund have launched a joint campaign, [Hands Off Colorado](#), to educate our community about the importance of voting and to make voters aware of three misleading ballot initiatives that will be on Colorado ballots for the November 2026 election. These measures target transgender youth, their families, and the immigrant community. Please note that each initiative will be assigned a new number for the ballot, and we will share those as soon as they are assigned in late August.

- **Initiative #95** would overturn existing state law and mandate that law enforcement notify ICE about a person's immigration status. This would require local and state law enforcement officers to report to ICE when anyone is arrested for a violent crime or any crime if the person has a prior felony conviction.
- **Initiative #109** would ban transgender youth of any age from playing sports with their classmates and friends. It singles out one small group of students and tells them they don't belong.
- **Initiative #110** would block parents from getting their own kids the healthcare they need. It would prevent parents from accessing age-appropriate, medically necessary healthcare for their children that is closely monitored by licensed medical professionals.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: You're invited to join the City of Boulder's National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4, from 5:00–8:00 PM at the Equality Center of the Rocky Mountains. National Night Out is an annual, family-friendly event that brings neighbors and public safety professionals together to build relationships, strengthen community connections, and foster trust in a welcoming environment. Stop by anytime between 5:00–8:00 PM to meet local public safety professionals and community partners, learn more about Rocky Mountain Equality's Safety in Pride initiative, and connect with neighbors and community members. [RSVP](#).

