



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, August 16, 2026

A Service of the Word

A visit to Hiroshima

[Hiroshima Peace
Memorial Park](#)



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

Prelude

If the War Goes On

Welcome

*Singing

Here in this Place

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*Call to Worship

Leader: Presence Who Holds Sky and Sea,

People: Remind us that we belong to one another

Leader: In the breath of the wind and the pull of the tides,

People: Remind us that we are here to care for one another.

Leader: We are creatures of soil, dust, and spirit.

People: We are woven into the sacred web of the earth.

Leader: We acknowledge our place in the balance of life.

ALL: *We acknowledge our place in the balance of life.*

Centering Prayer

INHALE: How long O God?

EXHALE: *This is too much to hold.*

INHALE: I am not okay.

EXHALE: *God, with you, I am safe.*

INHALE: I don't have to hold every pain at once.

EXHALE: *I can feel and not be consumed.*

INHALE: God, restore me to myself.

EXHALE: *Let this breathing be a mending.*

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

*Singing

We are people of God's peace

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*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

Jesu, du mein liebstes Leben by Bach

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Hebrew Scripture Reading
Seek peace and pursue it.

Psalm 34:14b

Gospel Reading
Blessed are those who work for peace: **they will be called children of God.** Matthew 5:9

Sermon
A Visit to Hiroshima

RESPONDING

*Singing Put peace into each other’s hands 485

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

*Sending Song Go now in peace, worship continues 829

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality. Call to worship modified from *Liturgies for Resisting Empire: Seeking Community, Belonging, and Peace in a Dehumanizing World* by Kat Armas. Centering Prayer modified from *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human* by Cole Arthur Riley

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: Karen Cox	Prayers of the People: Cheri Krause
Worship Leader/Planner: Cheri Krause	Tech Support: Steve Voran
Moment for All: Karen Cox	Greeters: Paul Classen, Micheline Fast
Reader: Joanna Harrison	Snacks: Sandi Sanborn
Music: Judy Classen, Susan Graber	

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. **NOTE:** *Terry will be away August 14-18.* 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 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) announcements by Thursday, 8:00am.*



Today's Speaker: Karen Cox has been a part of BMC since moving to Colorado in 1999, and served as Pastor 2005-2017. She has an undergraduate Chemistry BS degree and a Seminary master's degree from Bethany Theological Seminary (Church of the Brethren). She is semi-retired, spending some time supporting SkyRun Vacation Rentals as co-owner. She enjoys hikes, attending concerts, reading, sipping tea, supporting good causes, traveling, card games, and spending time with friends and family. *Thank you for blessing us today, Karen!*

ECOLOGY TIP: Saving energy is a way to use less of the world's resources and put out less pollution, and it also saves money. If you have a power strip, that makes it easier to unplug a number of electronics at one time. By doing this, you can save up to \$100 a year. You can save another \$30 a year by leaving your computer in "sleep" mode when not in use. Saving money while helping to save the Earth seems like a good Mennonite value!

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 16, 2026

Sunday, August 9, 2026: **Attendance:** 44, + 4 Online **Offering:** \$1652

THIS WEEK at BMC

8/22 Walking Group, 8:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689

NEXT SUNDAY – August 23, 2026:

9:30a Worship
10:45a Snacks and mingling

Speaker: Terry Zimmerly
Worship Leader: Karen Cox
Moment for All: TBD
Readers: Paul & Mary McKay
Music: Susan Graber, Peter Ingram
Prayers of the People: Terry Zimmerly
Tech Support: Steve Voran
Greeters: Joan & Ezra Tice
Snacks: Toni Diaz Bachus, Elvira Glenn

COMING UP

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.
7/6-10, '27 MC USA's **MennoCon**, the national convention, is July 6-10, 2027, Cincinnati, Ohio

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~

- ~ for [Columbia](#): Colombia was struck by a 7.4-magnitude earthquake 10 August 2026. It struck the Choco region with effects felt from Bogotá to parts of Ecuador.
- ~ for the survivors and evacuees from the Aspen Acres Fire who have started returning to their homes. 870 structures have burned; almost 400 homes are lost. It has been horribly hot and difficult (see the announcement for other ways to help Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)).

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Thanks to attendees and leaders! As stated, no decisions were made, but we are closer to having a sense of how we want to advertise for a new pastor.

MCC SCHOOL KIT SUNDAY COMING SOON: It's that time of year again when we purchase supplies to assemble school kits, for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), to be shipped to children in countries of special need. We'll assemble the kits during worship on September 20th. Such a simple way to make a difference in the education and future of children worldwide! Your generous donations last year made 1,022 school kits (and have made a total of 17,319 school kits over the past 21 years!) We would like to complete 1,000 school kits again this year at a cost of about \$4 to \$5 per kit. To do so, we need EVERYONE's HELP! How Donate money toward the purchase of school supplies by giving a check made payable to BMC with "MCC School Kits" written on the memo line. You may place your check in the Sunday morning offering; you may give your check directly to Bruce Fast, our treasurer; or donate online by clicking [MCC School Kits | Boulder Mennonite Church](#).

MY COINS COUNT! Each year, spare change collected by children, families and churches adds up to more than \$600,000 toward MCC's work around the world. Your coins count! Bring your loose change and bills and add them to our change jar. They'll be delivered to the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in October. Thank you!

JOIN US FOR "FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND"! This Thanksgiving season, First Mennonite Church of Denver is partnering with Mennonite Disaster Service and faith communities across the Denver metro area for Feeding the Five Thousand, an initiative to prepare and distribute thousands of Thanksgiving meals for neighbors experiencing homelessness, low-income seniors, and people transitioning back into the community after incarceration. On Saturday morning, November 21, FMC will serve as one of the meal-preparation and packaging sites, and we invite our friends from Anabaptist/Mennonite congregations throughout the Denver area to join us! Volunteers will help cook, bake, carve turkeys, prepare side dishes, assemble to-go meals, and get them ready for distribution. There will be ways for people of many ages and abilities to participate. Come share in a wonderful opportunity to put our Anabaptist commitment to service, community, and hospitality into action together! [Feeding the Five Thousand - Volunteer Interest Form – Fill out form](#). For more information, contact [Rev. Paul Johnson](#) or [Pastor Randy Spaulding](#) at First Mennonite Church of Denver.



PLEASE SHARE THE ADMINISTRATOR JOB POSTING! The [job posting for our administrator position](#) is now up.

Please share this link with your socials, especially LinkedIn! Mention it to friends and family to pass along the opportunity. Word-of-mouth and connections are likely the best way to find someone. <https://tinyurl.com/Admin4BMC> or this QR code:



TERRY AWAY AUG 14-18: After discussion with the Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee (Becky Neuman and Paul McKay), I will be traveling to Winnipeg to visit a granddaughter who recently had surgery. I will resume my regular work schedule beginning on Wednesday, August 19. Thank you for your understanding. -Terry Zimmerly, Transitional Minister

CASA DE PAZ: Their August newsletter contains [July figures for who from the GEO](#) Detention Center in Aurora was released and housed at Casa De Paz.

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNO DISASTER SERVICE (MDS): The Rocky Mountain unit needs your help. Survivors and evacuees from the Aspen Acres Fire have started returning to their homes. 870 structures have burned; almost 400 homes are lost. To help: 1. Contact your congregational MDS representative, Carole Suderman, 303-494-8527 for more information on how to help. The volunteer coordinator is Mary Johnson; text her at 303-726-9890. 2. Pray for the survivors and the evacuees. 3. Consider volunteering in either Beulah or Rye, Colorado, to help with the cleanup of burned-out homes. 4. Consider a monetary gift. Clothes and food cannot be used by homeless survivors. Your funds will directly go to their support. Write a check to either The United Way of Colorado or Mennonite Disaster Service, “for Rocky Mountain unit” in the memo line. You’ll receive a tax-deductible donation.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RELIEF SALE: The 51st [Rocky Mountain Relief Sale](#) is Saturday, October 17, at the Fairgrounds in Castle Rock! Mark your calendars! We hope you will plan to join us for a day of fellowship, delicious food, auctions, shopping, and supporting the work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) around the world. ~**All quiltmakers and admirers** - we are looking forward to the Quilt Auction again this year and welcome your handcrafted new or excellent-condition second-owner quilt donations: [submissions form, dates, and details](#). We are hoping to have 100 quilts in the auction again this year. The deadline for the online submissions is September 1st. For support, please reach out to Katrina Schrock at eschrockefs@yahoo.com or 303-549-5882. ~**We Need Your Help!** The Relief Sale is looking for a person or group to lead **Quilter’s Corner**. This has long been a popular booth at the sale, and we’d love to continue offering it—but we need your help to make that happen! If you are looking for a way to contribute to the sale, this could be it! Contact Darcey VanWagner at 720-635-4852 or mdvw@comcast.net. Thank you for considering how you can help make this year’s Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale a success!

WAGING PEACE WEBINAR: Join [MC USA](#)’s Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 5:00p MT as she hosts a panel discussion on the importance of pursuing peace in the face of war, polarization and nationalism, [info here](#). This discussion will be a preview of November’s [Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit](#) in Pennsylvania.

ADVOCATE FOR LESS MILITARY SPENDING: The U.S. has the largest military budget in the world, accounting for more than half of global military [spending since 1949](#). **Take action:** [Encourage your senators to co-sponsor the Slash the Pentagon Act](#)

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH: Mountain States Mennonite Conference (MSMC) Youth Committee is planning an afternoon of fun at the Lakeside Amusement Park for all youth in grades 6-12. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 5th, and join us at 2 PM for rides, food, and connection! Go to this [LINK](#) to register! We look forward to seeing you there.

PUERTO RICO LEARNING TOUR: June 13-19, 2027, First Mennonite Denver's MYF will be traveling to Puerto Rico for an MCC Learning Tour. We currently have 6 youth from registered from FMC Denver, and we are looking for 3 more youth to join our group! We will have 3 adult sponsors from FMC Denver coming on the trip. MCC has been working in Puerto Rico since the early 1930's and continues to work there today. Come with us to learn about the impactful work that they are doing with the community and how you can be involved. If you are interested in attending this trip, please contact Rachel Barnes, Faith Formation Administrator, First Mennonite Church (FMC) Denver at rachelb@fmcdenver.org or 720-231-6657.

MENNO SNAPSHOT: [The cost of conscience: My father's peace witness](#) by Devon Miller, the archives coordinator for the Mennonite Church USA Archives. [Subscribe to be a prayer partner.](#)

WEBINAR, JOURNALING: WRITING TOWARDS WELLNESS: [The Corinthian Plan newsletter](#) sent out by Mennonite Church USA is generally for pastors, but includes a unique opportunity: a free [Journaling: Writing Toward Wellness webinar](#), Sep 10, 2026, 5:00p.



MENNONITE VOLUNTARY SERVICE: Are you a young adult age 20+ (or know a young adult) who is wondering “what’s next?” after college? Do you want space, time, and support to further discern the path of your life? Do you wonder what it means to live your values in the world? Are you interested in building intentional community as you actively seek equity and justice for those you serve? Exploring [Mennonite Voluntary Service](#) may be right for you! Each Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) site partners with area nonprofits and community-based organizations to serve the community’s needs and work toward social justice by pairing full-time volunteers with community-centered work experiences for 1-2 years of service. This transformative program is designed to challenge and support you during this time of societal change and uncertainty, as you discern your vocational journey by challenging social inequities, environmental degradation, or lack of access to legal and educational resources. Current sites: Alamosa, CO; Chicago; San Francisco; and Tucson. No pressure, though — after applying, we’ll work alongside you to determine which placement is your perfect fit. You don’t have to be Mennonite or have a faith background! Ready to learn more? Contact Alice M. Price, Local Coordinator for the Alamosa MVS site at aliceprice1950@gmail.com or visit the [MVS website](#). [See other ways to serve.](#)

MENNONITE WOMEN USA: August Grapevine about Ministry to Hindi-speaking folks and the recent Coffee and Conversation topic, an “incredibly personal and expansively collective” book, [White Women Get Ready: How Healing Post-Traumatic Mistress Syndrome Leads to Antiracist Change](#) by Amanda K. Gross, which pinpoints patriarchy as foundational but not inevitable, then describes how racism is the knot on top, enabling greed- and power-driven systems through division.

SCHOOL KIT BAGS NEEDED! It's school kit season which means thousands of kit bags are needed to hold the school supplies and serve as backpacks for the recipients. The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Material Resources Center in North Newton is running critically low on these sewn bags. Consider hosting a kit bag making event with your family or church; you sew them and MCC will add the strings to tie them. Don't know how to sew? Please contact Brocia Mueller at brociamueller@mcc.org for instructions and questions.

MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE (MWC) COURIER: [Solidarity in action: Anabaptist activists in dialogue and tenacious solidarity](#)

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: [Service programs](#)

- [Youth Venture, Ages 15-22](#); The program is taking a hiatus for 2026. Watch this space for news about Summer 2027! Consider a pilgrimage alternative! [youth infographic](#), [gap year poster](#)
- [Service Opportunities with Our Partners \(SOOP\), Ages 25+](#), Work alongside others and participate in flexible service terms at 60 locations for individuals ages 25+ and families of all ages. Housing and meals are sometimes provided.
- [Service Adventure, Ages 17-20](#), Explore your faith and get real-world experience through placements with grassroots agencies and church ministries. Live in community with other young adults and engage in what God is doing in cities across the country.
- [Mennonite Voluntary Service \(MVS\), Ages 20+](#), see announcement directly on page 4).
- [Just Peace Pilgrimages, Ages 15+](#), Mission Network invites you to embark on one of the following pilgrimages: [Christ at the Borders \(Arizona\)](#), [US Civil Rights](#), [Underground Railroad](#), [Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Pilgrimage](#), and others.
- [International Ministries, Ages 18+](#), Walk together in mission with our partners around the world, utilizing your unique gifts and skills. Whether it's a sabbatical, internship, or a multi-year commitment, explore the opportunities with us.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP DREAMER SCHOLARS: ["I Have A Dream" Foundation of Boulder County](#) is looking for volunteer Learning Partners. Contact the Volunteer Department at 303-444-3636, ex 119 or outreach@ihaveadreamboulder.org.

QUAKER SPEAKER AT BOULDER BOOKSTORE: Quaker author and activist who will be [speaking at Boulder Bookstore](#) (link to register), 1107 Pearl St, Boulder, CO, Monday, August 17, 6:30pm. [Common Ground: How the Crisis of the Earth is Saving Us from Our Illusion of Separation](#), explores the ways people of all ages, races, and political stripes can come together in the face of a government hijacked by special interests. More than technology or even elections, it is acting in solidarity with all life that is humanity's best hope for survival. Please attend! Warmly, Eileen Flanagan, Author