



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, August 23, 2026

A Service of the Word

Six Practices that Grow Faith 6: Worship



*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

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to worship in spirit and in truth.

All: God meets us here and everywhere we go.

Leader: Our songs, our prayers, our lives are praise!

All: We shine God's light in all we do. God is spirit.

Let us worship together in spirit and in truth.

***Singing** Come Away from Rush and Hurry

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Passing the Peace

HEARING

Moment for All Ages

Young children can leave for the nurse with a parent after this time.

***Singing** Holy, Holy, Holy

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Centering Silence

Scripture Reading

John 7:19 - 26

"I can see you're a prophet," answered the woman. "Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you people claim that Jerusalem is the place where God ought to be worshiped."

Jesus told her, "Believe me, the hour is coming when you'll worship Abba God neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you don't understand; **we worship what we do understand—after all, salvation is from the Jewish people. Yet the hour is coming—and is already here—when real worshipers will worship Abba God in Spirit and truth. Indeed, it is just such worshipers whom Abba God seeks. God is Spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.**"

The woman said to Jesus, "I know that the Messiah—the Anointed One—is coming and will tell us everything." Jesus replied, "I who speak to you am the Messiah."

Sermon

Worship

RESPONDING

*Singing

Let Us Build a House

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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

Blessing the Gifts

1022

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

*Sending Song

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

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*Benediction

*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	Moment for All:	Karen Cox
Worship Leader:	Karen Cox	Prayers of the People:	Terry Zimmerly
Reader(s):	Paul & Mary McKay	Tech Support:	Steve Voran
Music:	Susan Graber, Peter Ingram	Greeters:	Joan & Ezra Tice
		Snacks:	Toni Diaz Bachus

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 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.*

NEXT SUNDAY – August 30, 2026:

9:30a Worship: Holy Humor Sunday – see Announcement
10:45a Snacks and mingling
11:00a Congregational Meeting – see Announcement

ECOLOGY TIP: The beginning of a new school year is a great time to establish new habits that will help preserve creation and avoid pollution. Whether you are going to school or work or just running errands, this can be a great time to decide to spend one day a week on a “vacation from your vehicle”! Check into bus schedules, carpool when possible, and walk or bike when the trips are reasonably short.

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 23, 2026

Sunday, August 16, 2026: **Attendance:** 23, + 4 Online **Offering:** \$1,000

THIS WEEK at BMC

8/26 Meditation Group, 11:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659

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Readers:	Laura Minter, Becky Neumann
Music:	Judy Classen, Susan Graber
Prayers of the People:	Douglas Minter
Tech Support:	Steve Voran
Greeters:	Karl Ortman, Lisa Voss
Snacks:	Susan Graber

COMING UP

9/2 Meditation Group, 11:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
9/10 Church Council, 5:00 at church and zoom
9/12 Walking Group, 8:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689
9/20 School Kit Sunday at BMC! Gwen has already been collecting supplies....
9/27 Farewell picnic for Joan and Ezra Tice
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 Workshop on the Doctrine of Discovery with Sarah Augustine at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church – see announcement.
11/15 NOTE that BMC's annual fundraising auction will be held a week earlier than usual due to the peace concert we are hosting on 11/20
11/20 Dinner potluck and peace concert at Boulder Mennonite—please plan to attend and help if you can.
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 Krahm 24 – Jill Minter	10 – Mai & Bruce Wheeler 11 – Cornelia Krahm & Kent Olson 12 – Judy & Paul Classen 19 – Ellen & Wayne Morrison

~PRAYERS~

- ~ for Mary Jungerman, that the growth in her eye can be healed.
- ~ for Kent and Cornelia, who are thankful to celebrate 51 years of marriage on August 11th in good health.
- ~ for Susan Graber and Tom Jirak, who had a great time at Roots Music Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp last week! The event has a great spirit. The camp is in good shape and well run—Mennonites came off really well to a diverse group of campers.
- ~ for Toni Diaz, who was an exchange student in Japan when she was 18. On the 30th year anniversary of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, we as American students were asked to stay off the streets. Thank you, God, for the forgiving hearts of the peace loving and kind Japanese people.
- ~ for the friends and family of Eric Israelson, Susan and Tom's friend, who passed away August 15 after a long decline.
- ~ for the family of Ray, Paul and Judy's neighbor. Ray passed away on Aug 8 at the age of 91.
- ~ for comfort for Troy, a single father, whose son age 16 died by suicide last Thursday.

~ IN OUR CONGREGATION~

HOLY HUMOR NEXT SUNDAY! Come share some joy together next Sunday! As has been our tradition, we will have time for you to share "holy humor"—tell a joke (maybe one that pokes fun at Mennonites) or share a short humorous story. Come for the punchline of this joke: How do we know that Adam and Eve were Mennonite?

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY AT 11:00a: Pastor Terry will lead a discussion on his report from his interviews with the people of our congregation. This will be an interesting time to reflect upon our congregation, and is part of the transitional pastor process. All are encouraged to read his report this week and attend the meeting.

DEACON DISCERNMENT: Thank you to those who have already turned in their deacon discernment forms. If you have not yet, please leave the form in the box in the sanctuary or email it to info@bouldermennonite.org by August 30. --Carole and Judy, Nominating Team

MY COINS COUNT: - Gather up your spare change (and bills also accepted)! We are collecting every Sunday through October 10 for the "My Coins Count" campaign to raise money for MCC. The coins will join a larger collection at the Rocky Mountain MCC Sale on 10/17.

QUILT FOR DISPLAY? Do you have a new, old, or heirloom quilt or other art that you would like to display on the back wall of the sanctuary for a few weeks? We would love to keep

these beautiful works of art rotating, so please let Carole (303.494.8527) know if you have something you're willing to bring to share for a month or so!

NOW HIRING ADMINISTRATOR! Boulder Mennonite is looking for a part-time church administrator. Flexible days and hours! Go to this [link](#) for more information.

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

DISMANTLING THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY: You are invited to join Glennon Heights Mennonite Church in Lakewood for a workshop with Sarah Augustine, a Pueblo (Tewa) descendant, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the [Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition](#). Sarah is a social scientist and professional conflict manager who has represented the interests of Indigenous community partners to their own governments, and to such organizations as the United Nations, The World Council of Churches, and the World Health Organization. We will explore the [Doctrine of Discovery](#) and how it affected history and is still active today, how the colonization mindset has affected the health of our planet, and how we can join in working toward economic justice, decolonization, and healing in our state, country, and world. [Register here](#). The cost of the weekend has been covered by a generous grant from the [Frontier Village Foundation](#). Opening session on Friday evening and the seminar sessions on Saturday. Friday dinner, Saturday light breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided. Sarah will preach Sunday morning at Glennon Heights. Audrey, Mil, & MaryBeth, Planning Committee

FROM THE MSMC YOUTH COMMITTEE: Attention all youth in grades 6-12! The Mountain States Mennonite Conference Youth Committee is planning an afternoon of fun at the Lakeside Amusement Park on **Saturday, September 5**, 2-6 PM. Join us for rides, food, and connection! The cost for all youth will be covered. Transportation is available upon request. Go to this [LINK](#) to register! The deadline to register is August 29. We look forward to seeing you there.

MENNONITE ACTION MASS CALL: Join our next Monthly Mass Call, Sept 17, 6:00p MT! We will introduce and welcome Mennonite Action's new Executive Director! Also hear political education, news from Palestine, and sharing from familiar faces at the helm of this movement. Register [here](#).

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: [September edition](#).

BOOK RESOURCE LISTS: Anabaptist Disabilities Network is excited to announce a new resource on our website—[book resource lists on a variety of topics!](#)

MENNONITE NEWSLETTERS AND INFORMATION:

- [Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale](#), October 17 in Castle Rock
- [Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: News and Stories from RMMC](#)
- [Mennonite Central Committee: August MCC In Touch Newsletter](#)
- [Mennonite Church USA: Fall Equipping Newsletter](#)
- [Mennonite Church USA: PeaceMail newsletter](#)
- [Mennonite Disaster Service: July "On the Level"](#)
- Everence Tool Kit: [Helping You Care for Your God-Given Gifts, Summer 2026](#)

- Mennonite Women USA: [August Grapevine](#)
- Mennonite Men: [August Engage](#)

PEACEMAKERS SUMMIT IN PA: Daniel Larson, from the Denver area, is going to the [Peacemakers Summit](#) with Red Letter Christians in Philly October 22 – 24. He has an extra room that he could share (probably for a guy only). RawTools is involved in this event. If you are interested, contact Daniel at me@danlarson.com.

MAYBE PEOPLE ARE NOT LEAVING JESUS: Interesting blog post from Mennonite Missions Network: The future of a church won't be secured by making it more attractive. It will be secured by making the church more honest, more courageous and more like Jesus in public.

WEBINAR ON JOURNALING: Join us as we explore the benefits of journaling-- as an avenue toward well-being with a focus on psycho-spiritual health and spiritual practice. Sep 10, 5:00p. Sponsored by the Corinthian Plan. Register [here](#).

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

PEACE FAIRE AND CELEBRATION OF PEACE: Saturday, Sept 19--♡ [ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!](#) 11:00a-3:00p, Boulder Creek Park (Next to the Farmer's Market): **Peace Faire**, an opportunity to meet local organizations, learn about their work, and discover ways to get involved. 5:00-9:00p Bandshell: **Celebration of Peace** with the [Boulder Peace Zone](#) with a Peace Feast, Peace Meditation & Award Ceremony, Peace Aid Concert, and Dancing for Peace. Celebrate the United Nations' International Day of Peace and the people of Boulder County working towards a more peaceful world.

HABITAT FAITH LUNCHEON: I am on the development committee for Flatirons Habitat. Habitat is hosting a Faith Luncheon for faith communities on Tuesday, September 22, at noon at Atonement Lutheran Church in Boulder. As BMC has supported Habitat both financially and volunteered in construction, we would love to have a BMC presence. I am looking for 1 or 2 people who would be interested in representing BMC at this event. This does not require anything from you except your presence. Please let me know if you are interested in attending and also rsvp [here](#). --Thank you, Cindy Firnhaber

CROP WALK: For many years, Boulder Mennonite has participated in the CROP walk, which raises money to address hunger in our community and in the world. This year's Boulder County walk will be held in Lafayette on the afternoon of October 18, the day after the MCC sale. We will have materials and online options in the coming weeks, so put it on your calendar and feel free to start raising pledges now! Even if you can't walk that day, you can gather funds from friends and neighbors.