

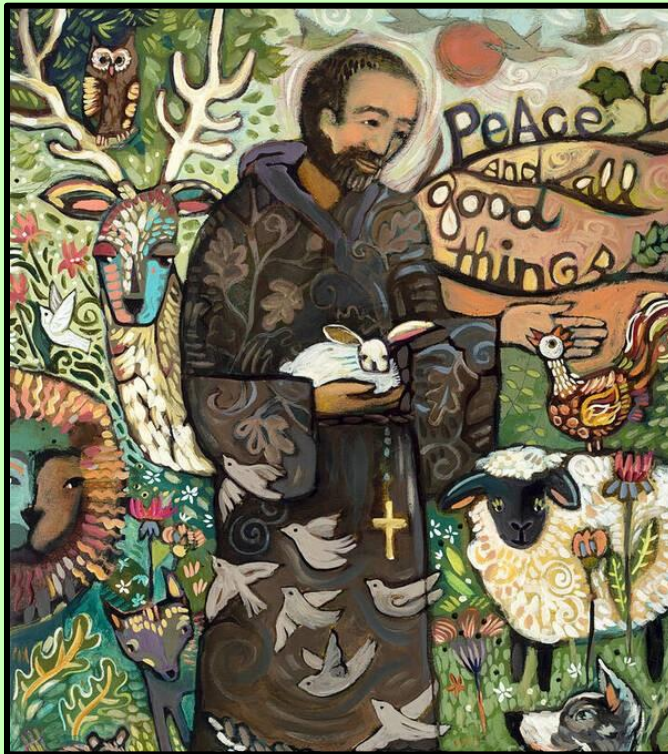


Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, September 13, 2026

A Service of the Word

The Season of Creation: Living in Relationship



Saint Francis
by Jen Norton

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	Arabesque # 1, part 1 -- Debussy	
*Singing	Summoned by the God Who Made Us	1
*Call to Worship		864
Welcome		

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

*Singing	God of the Fertile Fields	750
Centering Prayer		
*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	Allegro -- Bach
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HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Hebrew Scripture Reading Psalm 104:10-23

You set springs gushing in ravines, running down between the mountains, supplying water for wild animals and attracting the thirsty wild donkeys; **the birds of the air make their nests by these waters and sing among the branches.** From your palace you water the highlands until the ground is sated by the fruit of your work; **you make fresh grass grow for cattle and plants for us to cultivate to get food from the soil—wine to cheer our hearts, oil to make our faces shine, and bread to sustain our life.**

The trees of the Eternal One drink their fill— those cedars of Lebanon, where birds build their nests and, on the highest branches, the stork makes its home. **For the wild goats there are the high mountains, and in the crags the rock badgers hide.** You made the moon to tell the seasons, and the sun knows when to set: you bring darkness on, night falls, and all the forest animals come out—savage lions roaring for their prey, claiming their food from God. **The sun rises, they retire,**

going back to lie down in their lairs, and people go out to work, to labor again until evening.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 5:17–20

“Don’t think I’ve come to abolish the Law and the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. The truth is, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter of the Law, not even the smallest part of a letter, will be done away with until it is all fulfilled. That’s why whoever breaks the least significant of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. “I tell you, unless your sense of justice surpasses that of the religious scholars and the Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Singing

Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God

653

Sermon

Living in Relationship

RESPONDING

*Singing

Touch the Earth Lightly

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Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

Draw the Circle Wide

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*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	Prayers of the
Worship Leader: Douglas Minter	People: Douglas Minter

Moment for All:	Cheri Krause	Tech Support:	Steve Voran
Readers:	Michelene Fast, Bruce Wheeler	Greeters:	Toni Diaz Bachus, Carole Suderman
Music:	Susan Graber, Jean McPherson	Snacks:	Jill Minter

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!*
- 11:00 Congregational Meeting to review Part 2A of Terry’s interview report

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.*

SEASON OF CREATION ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK:

There will be opportunity to share briefly during the sermon this morning. You could explain your nature picture or describe an experience communing with nature. These questions might guide you: “What in creation is special to you that reflects your covenant with nature?” “What stories, traditions or experiences have you had in nature?”

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 September 13, 2026

Sunday, September 6, 2026: **Attendance:** 32, + 1 Online **Offering:** \$1,545

NEXT SUNDAY – September 20, 2026: School Kit Sunday at BMC!

9:30a Worship and School Kit Assembly
10:45a Snacks and mingling

Speaker/Worship Leader: Terry Zimmerly
Moment for All: Carole Suderman
Readers: Toni Diaz Bachus, Elvira Glenn
Music: Judy Classen, Peter Ingram
Prayers of the People: Toni Diaz Bachus
Tech Support: Steve Voran
Greeters: Paul Classen, Lisa Voss
Snacks: Cindy Firnhaber

COMING UP

9/23 Meditation Group, 10:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
9/26 Walking Group, 8:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689
9/27 Farewell picnic for Joan and Ezra Tice after worship
10/4 Blessing of the Animals—plan to bring your well-behaved pets to worship or bring their picture!
10/11 Congregational Meeting to discuss transitional minister interviews
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
10/18 CROP walk, 1:30 in Lafayette
10/18 Heretics Group, 4:00p. Contact: Cheri Krause, 510-227-9712
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 – Register [here](#).
11/15 **BMC's annual fundraising auction!** NOTE that this is a week earlier than usual due to the peace concert we are hosting on 11/21.
11/21 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, Cincinnati, Ohio

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS		SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
8 – Lisa Voss	12 – Miles Mathis	1 – Suzanne Classen & Ryan Loewer

8 – Maureen Friesen	16 – Susan Graber	
9 – Brenda Fox	20 – Alfred Sawatzky	
12 – Jen Dudenhefer	30 – Willburn Taylor	

~PRAYERS~

- ~ for Mary Jungerman, who has another eye appointment this week. Prayers for healing.
- ~ for Christopher Stites (a visitor last week). He is thankful that God is in his life and continues to guide him. He is in a happy place now, but still struggling. He is thankful for the Boulder community!
- ~ Join with others in prayer. Join the [Online Prayer Hour](#) 8:00 am MDT, Friday, September 18, 2026, organized by Mennonite World Conference.
- ~ for the 2.5 million people of Honduras living in the Dry Corridor where rain has not come and crops have failed. May the rain come.
- ~ for the family of Pierre Damas Bel, a young Haitian college student from Springfield, OH, who committed suicide this past week due to humiliation from wearing an ICE ankle shackle.

~ IN OUR CONGREGATION~

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY: Please join us today to continue to discuss Terry's report on the interviews he conducted with our congregation as part of the transitional minister process.

MCC SCHOOL KITS NEXT SUNDAY! It's that time of year again when we purchase supplies to assemble school kits for Mennonite Central Committee, to be shipped to children in countries of special need. We'll assemble the kits during worship next week. 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](#).

YOUR 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. Bring your loose change and bills and add them to our change jar during our offering time. They'll be delivered to the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in October. Thank you!

SUSTAINING BMC'S SMALL GROUP MINISTRY: Many of you know that our small groups have been an important part of who we are as a faith community. BMC's Deacons are responsible for facilitating the creation of and sustaining these groups and want to remind everyone that if you are interested in joining one, please let us know. If you have an idea for starting a new small group, we would love to talk with you about that as well. Thanks,

Douglas Minter, Toni Diaz, and Cheri Krause.

FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: Our committee met recently and we are helping to plan the steps for finding our next settled pastor. We'll keep you updated as we can--here is a list of some events and milestones. (Completed items are striked out.)

Also, Bruce Fast (thanks!) created a section for documents related to our pastoral search and congregational meetings, which you'll find in the Members area of the website. Contact the church office if you need the password. – Douglas, Joanna, Steve, Susan, Toni

8/27	Committee meeting—organize and start to plan for next steps
8/30	Congregational Meeting to discuss Part 1 of the transitional minister interviews
9/8	Search committee meets with Terry
9/13	Congregational Meeting to discuss Part 2A of the transitional minister interviews
10/11	Congregational Meeting to discuss the transitional minister interviews
TBD	Congregational survey to determine congregational and pastoral priorities
TBD	Ad released for pastor--all aspects of pastoral role must be defined when the ad is released so Amy Zimbleman, our conference minister, can advise potential candidates.

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE: Join us for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale on Saturday, October 17th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds! **We still need volunteers!** Different options and shifts available. Please visit our website, <https://rmmcsale.org>, and sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Darcey VanWagner at mdvw@comcast.net. Go to our website for additional information: <https://rmmcsale.org>

COALITION TO DISMANTLE THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY PLANNING

COMMITTEE: You are invited to join Glennon Heights Mennonite Church in Lakewood Nov 6-8 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, the United Nations, The World Council of Churches, the World Health Organization, and a host of other international actors. [Register](#).

FROM MENNONITE WOMEN: BEING THE MIRACLE TOGETHER: Are you willing to offer your part, even if it seems too small to matter? [Today's Women's Voices reflection is a call to rally our moral voice. Pat shares how she felt overwhelmed naming what is happening until a multifaith clergy cohort changed that.](#) Faith communities have long driven justice movements and are being asked to meet this moment. What if your part is all that's needed?

MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE UPDATES: [Special Edition - September 2026](#). And an [article about the joy of kids receiving new notebooks!](#)

DISASTERS: Mennonite Central Committee is evaluating, working with local partners, and responding to recent disasters, please join us in supporting:

Nepal flooding response: MCC is responding to the impact of deadly flooding in Nepal. Please pray for the people who have been affected by this disaster. MCC is working with local partners to provide food, supplies and trauma support to those in need. We welcome your donations.

Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/nepal-flooding

Colombia earthquake: MCC is also providing emergency relief in Colombia following the 7.4-magnitude earthquake. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/colombia-earthquake

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC) UPDATES AND INFORMATION: [In Touch newsletter with personal accounts, upcoming opportunities, and lots more!](#)

EXPLORE SEMINARY? [Exploring what's next in your faith and leadership with Eastern Mennonite Seminary.](#)

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

CROP WALK! Mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, October 18 to join others from Boulder County in the annual CROP walk to help alleviate hunger. Laura Minter has already set up our Boulder Mennonite team online, so you can go there to register and begin raising funds. We will also have paper envelopes available for checks and cash. If you won't be here that weekend, or can't walk, you can still collect contributions or support one of our walkers. 75% of the money raised goes to Church World Service (international work), 24% to Community Food Share (local), and 1% to Bread for the World, which advocates for legislation to assist hungry people. Last year, Boulder County raised over \$55,000, and Boulder Mennonite was a huge part of that. Let's join with our sister churches in this ecumenical effort to "pray with our feet"!

CASA DE PAZ COULD USE OUR HELP: For the month of August, our volunteers handed out 538 snack bags to families, and we had 18 pizza donations. We welcomed 192 individuals being released from Aurora GEO, with 122 coming to Casa! Among the releases there were 45 countries represented: Afghanistan, Argentina, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Russia, Senegal, Serbia, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, Vietnam, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe! [Complete August Welcome Team Monthly Report.](#) [Types of donations needed.](#) You could also pick up or order needed supplies: [Target list](#) and [Amazon list.](#)

MOBILITY FOR ALL: [September Newsletter](#)

WEBINAR ON YOUTH GAMBLING: The Interfaith Network on Mental Illness is hosting a free Zoom panel presentation on the legalized sports gambling's impact upon youth (teens, college-aged, and young adults): **What Are The Odds? Sports Gambling's Grip On Our Youth.** This presentation is important and timely, as the scale of the sports betting industry combined with the pull of smartphones, social media, and sports culture places many young people at risk of gambling addiction and financial ruin. Wednesday, 9/30, 6:00p. Register and info [here.](#)

ECOLOGY TIP: On these hot days, very few people want to take a hot shower, so think about turning down the temperature on your hot water heater. Did you know that turning it down from the factory set 140° to 120° can save up to 10% of your energy? It also prolongs the life of the tank because less mineral deposits will form. A lower temperature also reduces the chance of getting burned.