



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, September 27, 2026

A Service of the Word

The Season of Creation: Walking in Wonder

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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: Through rain and air, sunshine and soil,

People: God is steadfastly working for the flourishing of all.

Leader: As God cares for us, so God calls us

People: to observe and trust earth's processes and to align our human activities with God's intended purpose for our common home.

Leader: Together, let us embrace God's vision as our own.

ALL: Let our worship lead us to a new purpose, to an ancient promise, to lasting shalom.

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

***Singing**

Morning Has Broken

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Centering Prayer

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

A Moment for All Ages

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:10–11

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the sower and bread for food, so will my word be that goes forth from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will carry out my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6:25–34

That's why I tell you not to worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. **Isn't life more than just food? Isn't the body more than just clothes?**

Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet our God in heaven feeds them. Aren't you more important than they are? Which of you by worrying can add a moment to your lifespan? **And why be anxious about clothing? Learn a lesson from the way the wildflowers grow. They don't work; they don't spin.** Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in full splendor was arrayed like one of these. **If God can clothe in such splendor the grasses of the field, which bloom today and are thrown on the fire tomorrow, won't God do so much more for you—you who have so little faith?**

Stop worrying, then, over questions such as, 'What are we to eat,' or 'what are we to drink,' or 'what are we to wear?' Those without faith are always running after these things. **God knows everything you need. Seek first God's reign, and God's justice, and all these things will be given to you besides. Enough of worrying about tomorrow! Let tomorrow take care of itself. Today has troubles enough of its own.**

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Sermon	Consider the Plants
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Blessing for Ezra and Joan Tice
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

***Passing the Peace**

SENDING

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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	Blessing:	Douglas Minter
Worship Leader:	Cheri Krause	Tech Support:	Alfred Sawatzky
Moment for All:	Judy Classen	Greeters:	Paul Classen, Lisa Voss
Reader:	Joyce Penner	Cake and Ice Cream:	Sandi Sanborn, Elvira Glenn
Music:	Susan Graber, Peter Ingram		
Prayers of the People:	Cheri Krause		

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship
After worship Farewell picnic for the Tices, at Harlow Platts Community Park at the South Boulder Rec Center, 1360 Gillaspie Dr. All are welcome! Bring your bag lunch, or stop to buy food on your way! Cake and ice cream will be provided!

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.*

ECOLOGY TIP: Are you still buying paper towels? Not only do they come from trees, but in our area, they can no longer be composted so they end up in the landfill. To clean up messes, using rags is much more ecological. If you do need something with which to wipe out grease from pans, save napkins from restaurants for this purpose.

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 27, 2026

Sunday, September 20, 2026:

Attendance: 36, + 3 Online

Offering: \$3,240

NEXT SUNDAY – October 4, 2026: Blessing the Animals -- plan to bring your well-behaved pets to worship or bring their picture!

9:30a Worship

10:45a Snacks and mingling

Speaker/Prayers:	Terry Zimmerly
Worship Leader:	Becky Neumann
Moment for All:	Becky Neumann
Readers:	Susan Graber, Douglas Minter
Music:	Bruce Fast, Susan Graber, Joyce Penner
Tech Support:	Steve Voran
Greeters:	Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
Snacks:	Cindy Firnhaber

COMING UP

10/11	Congregational Meeting to discuss transitional minister interviews report, Part 3
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	Congregational Meeting to discuss missional church and brainstorm ideas
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 in Lakewood – 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	
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS		OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Toni McClain	21 – Karen Cox	4 – Cheri Krause & Justin Mathis
3 – Judy Classen	28 – Joanna Harrison	6 – Jill & Douglas Minter
3 – Joyce Penner	29 – Steve Ruby	10 – Becky & Alfred Sawatzky
10 – Carole Suderman	30 – Cat Osborne-Gowey	16 – Gwen Grasse & Steve Voran
19 – Chris Friedman	30 – Eden Harrison	17 – Elvira & Ed Glenn

~PRAYERS~

- ~ for Judy Classen who is having a shoulder replacement on Wednesday, 9/30. May the procedure go well and may she heal well!
- ~ for healing for our former pastor, Marilyn Miller, who broke some ribs and will be going to rehab.
- ~ for Emery Sage McKay, Mary and Paul McKay's first great grandchild! She and her mother, Alana McKay, are doing well.
- ~ for good travels for Mary and Paul McKay who are traveling to Kansas for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Land Institute, and to give a lecture on 9/30 at Bethel College.
- ~ for the family of Rick Schrag, who passed away on September 19 in McPherson, KS. Rick was ordained with the Church of the Brethren, and worked as a chaplain and spiritual coordinator, and served the McPherson congregation in various capacities.

~ IN OUR CONGREGATION~

THANK YOU! Thanks to everyone who helped assemble 1,000 school kits for MCC last Sunday! Special thanks to Gwen Grasse for coordinating our build of 1,000 kits!

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. **Bring your loose change and bills and add them to our change jar during our offering time.** You have two more Sundays after today to contribute! *Thank you!*

FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: Here is an updated 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 transitional minister interviews report, Part 3
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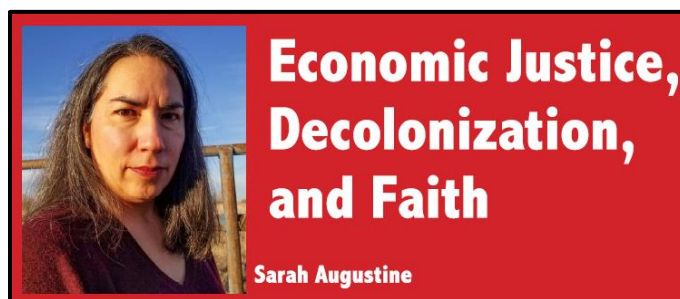
TBD	Congregational survey to determine congregational and pastoral priorities
TBD	Ad released for pastor--all aspects of pastoral role must be defined when the ad is released so Amy Zimbleman, our conference minister, can advise potential candidates.

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

FROM MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE: The September Issue of our monthly newsletter, Zing!, is available [here](#). It includes an Assembly Recap and articles about Glennon Heights supporting Second Chance Center, and MSMC Youth.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE: It's coming up on Saturday, October 17, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock! Enjoy a fun day of community, food, auctions, quilts, and fellowship — while supporting the important work of Mennonite Central Committee. Bring your friends, neighbors, and family! Check out this year's beautiful quilts on our website! We're also still looking for volunteers to help make the day a success. Visit <https://rmmsale.org> for quilts, volunteer opportunities, and more! We can't wait to see you!

FROM GLENNON HEIGHTS MENNONITE: Our weekend with Sarah Augustine, Nov 6 – 8, is coming soon! Have you registered? If not, please add your name to the list as soon as possible. Registrations received after October 1 will include a \$30 fee to cover the cost of adjustments to the planned meals. [Register for a Weekend with Sarah Augustine](#) [Schedule](#) Please contact Audrey Ruth if you have any questions. ruthajt@gmail.com



CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION WEBINAR: Sign up to participate in the **Conscientious Objection: Understanding the Legacy and What it Means Today** webinar, Tuesday, October 6 at 6 p.m. MDT. This webinar will provide space to reflect on what it means to be a Conscientious Objector (CO), remember its history, learn about how to declare CO status, and how to connect with MCC Central States and other churches around the topic of CO. Register and info at mcc.org/co-today or contact beckyteiwes@mcc.org for more information.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE: Are you a young adult age 20+ wondering “what’s next?” and looking for support, and intentional community to explore your values, vocation, and commitment to equity and justice? Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) offers full-time volunteers one- to two year service opportunities with nonprofits and community-based organizations. Current MVS sites include Alamosa, CO; Chicago; San Francisco; and Tucson. To learn more, contact Alice M. Price, Local Coordinator for the Alamosa MVS site, at aliceprice1950@gmail.com or visit the [Alamosa MVS site](#).

MENNONITE MISSIONS NETWORK BLOG: Thought-provoking blog by Chris Scott, Facilitator for Emerging Faith Communities, *Justice is where Jesus keeps wandering off to*. “We want a clean spiritual life; Jesus keeps introducing us to our neighbors. We want worship; Jesus keeps talking about hungry people. . . . Justice is not a distraction from Jesus.”

MENNONITE WOMEN USA NEWSLETTER: Read updates [here](#), including a reflection from Erica Lea-Simka, the former pastor at Albuquerque Mennonite.

JOIN ANABAPTIST WORLD FRIENDS: *Anabaptist World* has roots in three previous publications, *Mennonite World Review*, *The Mennonite*, and *Gospel Herald*. Since our founding in September 2020 as the flagship Anabaptist publication, *Anabaptist World* has pursued a digital-first philosophy. On our website we publish all content without a paywall, as well as other digital offerings including podcasts, YouTube video recaps, and social media content. In order to keep our reporting and perspectives open to all readers, we need your support. By [joining our membership program, *Anabaptist World Friends*](#), you can help us continue to innovate and honor our mission of serving the global Anabaptist movement.

FROM MENNO ACTION: If you missed our last mass call, you can [watch the recording here](#). Like each month when we gather, our time in community anchors us amidst the complexity of truths we hold. For our call companion, [click here](#). Lina Blount, our new Mennonite Action Executive Director, shared more about her background and the road that led her here.

FROM MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE: Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia, the largest member of Mennonite World Conference, announced its withdrawal from MWC in early September to distance itself from a handful of MWC member churches that accept same-sex relationships. MWC general secretary César García reports, “This has been a very sad situation for us. . . .” Read more [here](#).

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

CROP WALK, OCTOBER 18! Laura Minter has already set up our Boulder Mennonite team online, so you can go there to register and begin raising funds. We also have paper envelopes available for checks and cash on the welcome table. If you 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. Let’s join with our sister churches in this ecumenical effort to “pray with our feet”!

ELECTION INTEGRITY EVENT: Christ the Servant Church (CTS) invites you to talk about voting and voting protections! Join Us for: **Faith in 2026 Election Integrity** with Molly Fitzpatrick, Boulder County Clerk & Recorder. CTS is joining faith communities and neighbors from across Boulder County for a Faith in Our Elections Public Meeting on October 4, which will be hosted at CTS from 6:00p to 7:30p. We’ll learn how our local elections are administered, hear from our County Clerk & Recorder, and explore how we can help strengthen participation and protect our democracy. Learn [more and RSVP](#)

HISPANIC AND LATINX HERITAGE MONTH: Sept. 15 – Oct. 15 is Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month in Boulder County. Info on events and resources is available [here](#).