



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, October 25, 2026

A Service of the Word



View from Pasha Park, modern day Thessaloniki, Greece, from [Greece Moments website](#)

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 & CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Prelude *Impromptu in B flat, Variation 2* Schubert

Singing Come Away from Rush and Hurry 9

Welcome

Introductions & Announcements

***Call to Worship** 868

CONFESSING

***Singing** The Love of God 162

Centering Prayer

HEARING

New Testament Readings Acts 17:1-7

When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,” he said. Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

“You know very well, the sort of life we led when we were with you, which was for your sake. **You, in turn, followed the example set by us, and by Jesus – receiving the word, despite great trials, with the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit.** In this way, you have become a model for all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

They themselves report to us what kind of reception we had among you, **how you turned from idols to God, to be faithful witnesses of the living and true God, and to await the appearance from heaven of Jesus, the only begotten, whom God raised from the dead and who will deliver us from the wrath to come."**

Message **Christ Resounding Through You**
*What do you most hope to contribute to the ongoing vibrancy of our
 Boulder Mennonite Church congregation?*

*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.](#)*

*Please stand as you are able



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Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker: Terry Zimmerly	Prayers of the
Worship Leader: Douglas Minter	People: Douglas Minter
Reader: Becky Neumann	Greeters: Laura Minter, Matt Spiller
Music: Susan Graber, Jean McPherson	Elvira Glenn,
Tech Support: Steve Voran	Snacks: Sandi Sanborn

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship
10:45a Snacks and mingling
1:30p Hymn Sing at First Mennonite Church, 430 W 9th Ave, Denver. Come early if you'd like some pizza!

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: Let's carpool to the hymn sing at First Mennonite this afternoon! Sharing a ride not only saves energy, money, and pollution, but also builds community as we converse on the way! Daily commuters are also encouraged to carpool, as there is no toll in most express lanes for cars with 3 or more people.

THIS WEEK'S 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 October 25, 2026

Sunday, October 18, 2026: **Attendance:** 30, + 7 Online **Offering:** \$660

NEXT SUNDAY – November 1, 2026, All Souls Day: Remembering our Dead

9:30a Worship—see announcement
 10:45a Snacks and mingling
 11:00 Congregational Meeting to kick off congregational and pastoral priorities survey—see announcement

Speaker: Terry Zimmerly
Worship Leader: Susan Graber
Moment for All: Carole Suderman
Readers: Paul & Mary McKay
Music: Bruce Fast, Joanna Harrison, Joyce Penner
Prayers of the People: TBD
Tech Support: Steve Voran
Greeters: Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
Snacks: Toni Diaz Bachus

COMING UP

11/4 Meditation Group, 10:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
 11/6-8 Workshop on the Doctrine of Discovery with Sarah Augustine in Lakewood – Register and info [here](#).
 11/8 Christian Ed session with Beverly Brown, a Senior Care Consultant, on how to approach difficult conversations related to caregiving. See info on bulletin board.
 11/15 **BMC's annual fundraising auction!** See announcement!
 11/21 Dinner potluck and peace concert at Boulder Mennonite—please plan to attend and help if you can. See announcement.
 7/6-10, '27 MC USA's **MennoCon**, the national convention, Cincinnati, Ohio

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
1 – Suzanne Classen 4 – Frances Tice	22 – Mike Tice

~PRAYERS~

- ~ of gratitude for a successful 49th Annual Meeting of EPIC on 10/17 with 55 people attending in 46 little Zoom boxes.
- ~ of thanksgiving for all who helped at the Rocky Mountain Relief Sale!
- ~ Continue to pray for Dianne Garcia, pastor of Roca de Refugio (our sister congregation in San Antonio), and for everyone in the church. See announcement.
- ~ for displaced Palestinians in East Jerusalem and the West Bank; Israeli demolitions have displaced 2,019 Palestinians so far this year, 931 of them children. Across 389 incidents, authorities demolished or seized 1,358 structures.

~ IN OUR CONGREGATION~

ALL SOULS DAY NEXT SUNDAY: Join us next Sunday as we remember people we have lost in the last year. You will be able to add their names into our Book of Life as a way to honor their memory.

CONGREGATIONAL AND PASTORAL SURVEY MEETING NEXT SUNDAY: Last Sunday we started to discuss the Congregational and Pastoral Survey, which we will each fill out as an important part of our pastoral search process in MCUSA. Next Sunday we are asking you to **come ready to discuss the six priorities you think are most important**. The survey will be opened online after this meeting.

Here is an updated list of some events and milestones in the pastoral search process.
(Completed items are struck out.)

You can find documents related to our pastoral search and congregational meetings in the [Members area of the website](#). Contact the church office if you need the password. – Douglas, Joanna, Steve, Susan, Toni

8/30	~~Congregational Meeting to discuss Part 1 of the transitional minister interviews~~
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~~
10/18	~~Congregational Meeting to introduce the survey on congregational and pastoral priorities, and to clarify “missional church”~~
11/1	Congregational Meeting to kick off the survey and talk together about our thoughts on the priorities. Please come ready to share your priorities.
11/15	Survey responses due
12/6	Congregational Meeting to review survey results and try to reach a decision on whether we will seek a full-time or ¾-time pastor
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.

AUCTION ITEMS: Our annual fundraising auction is coming up **Sunday, November 15** after worship! It's time to get creative and contribute items to this important part of our church's annual income. **Please start thinking about what you can donate!** We want smaller items that will be sold via a silent auction. Larger (more costly) items will be auctioned off live.

Please enter your live auction contributions into the spreadsheet now so others can plan their bidding! The spreadsheet is located [on our website](#), under Events.



EXTRA COPIES OF ANABAPTIST WORLD: The church has purchased some extra copies of the October issue of *Anabaptist World*. This issue deals with faith and politics, and you may find it helpful as you prepare for the upcoming election. Copies on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

CONCERT AND POTLUCK AT BMC: Join us on **November 21**, for a Peace Concert featuring “*Minab Lullaby*” a composition by Moji Agha. On February 28, the first day of the U.S. bombing of Iran, an elementary school was struck in the city of Minab, killing 168 people, mostly children. Half of all donations for the evening will benefit the Minab School Memorial Monument for Peace, a project of the Peace-Seeking Iranian Veterans. \$12 donation requested (not required). Children under 12 are free. [Link](#) for more information and to donate: Here is the schedule—please plan to help if you can and to attend the potluck and concert!

- 5 PM Welcome, setup
- 5:30-6:30 PM Potluck
- 6:30-8 PM Concert

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

FROM ROCA DE REFUGIO (our sister congregation in San Antonio): If you are inclined to help this dear congregation, here is a [direct link](#) to support the church (the spiritual community) and a link to the organization (for direct support of food, housing, clothing, etc. for immigrant families in crisis) [here](#). This congregation has an amazing ministry with immigrants, and it is hard, but rewarding, work.

FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE: We still need volunteers **November 6-8** to help do demolition and renovation at the Aspen Camp for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing near Snowmass, Colorado. This camp serves young people and adults who are often marginalized by society. Please prayerfully consider sharing your skills and inviting your friends and neighbors to help with this kitchen renovation. Contact Beuford Aeschliman if you are interested or have questions. Beuford47@hotmail.com, 941-592-7028.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE, DECOLONIZATION, AND FAITH: A WEEKEND WITH SARAH AUGUSTINE, NOV. 6-8. Join Glennon Heights Mennonite Church for a special weekend with Sarah Augustine, Pueblo (Tewa) descendant and Co-Founder of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. Together, we will explore how colonization and economic injustice continue to affect Indigenous communities and the health of our planet, and how people of faith can work toward justice, healing, and meaningful change. Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. features dinner and an opening presentation, followed by Saturday workshops from 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., both at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. Meals and refreshments are

provided, and the event is free thanks to a generous grant from the Frontier Village Foundation. Donations to the Coalition are welcome. Registration and more info [here](#).

MENNONITE ACTION'S ELECTION PROTECTION SOLIDARITY TOOLKIT IS NOW

AVAILABLE! The [election protection solidarity toolkit](#) will help you to know how you might be able to contribute. You may need to provide accompaniment at a polling place right in your own city. Or, you may be able to help with logistics—scheduling transportation or finding places for people to stay. And your prayer support will be invaluable. We resonate with election protection as a form of accompaniment: being present and watchful as witnesses, video recorders, and companions as our neighbors seek to exercise their right to vote.

CULTIVATING GOOD TROUBLE & CREATING COMMUNITY: [Blog by Mary Lou Weaver](#)

[Houser for Mennonite Women](#) USA -- This is the developing story of what happened when two women wondered how the women on their block could sustain one another. They decided to deliberately act together. Diverse and creative neighbors study, express, and speak up together; they pray for one another; and they cultivate good trouble.

CAN I AFFORD A GAP YEAR? A year of service can actually cost less than living on your own.

[Service Adventure and Mennonite Voluntary Service](#) cover housing, food, transportation — and provide a modest stipend. Find out what a gap year really costs, how to afford a gap year, what to do about student loans and which questions to ask before you commit.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA NEWS: [PeaceMail](#) with articles including [Equipped, united and connected: Leaders set three priorities for Reimagining MC USA](#). [Equipping](#) with content including information about [two new podcasts from Goshen College's More Than Just Stories initiative: conversations and stories that invite reflection, challenge assumptions and connect us to one another in meaningful ways](#).

FROM ANABAPTIST DISABILITIES NETWORK: A blog, [A Couch for Miriam, A Couch for All of Us](#): Madison Mennonite Church (Wisconsin) created a new written expression of our Core Values, including one on expansive inclusion: “We affirm and celebrate the image of God in all people. We strive to create a community of welcome, belonging, and accessibility for all, including people who identify as LGBTQIA+, and people of all races, ethnicities, classes, abilities, genders, faith journeys, and ages.” Also, ADN offers a [Fundraising opportunity](#) for ADN . and a video, [Blessed Is the Body](#).

NEXT QUARTERLY COALITION TO DISMANTLE THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY

REPAIR NETWORK CALL: Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our next Quarterly Repair Network call on November 10th! 5-6:30pm MT [Zoom registration](#). Thank you again for all the ways you show up for this movement for liberation and justice, for our Indigenous relatives and for all Life on Earth.

STOP THE WAR AGAINST IRAN: If a peace deal isn't reached ahead of the U.S. midterm election, we are at risk of the war against Iran becoming a forever war. We need decisive action by our members of Congress to stop the war. In this key moment, MCC U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries calls us to call on your members of Congress to:

- Pledge to oppose any defense appropriation or authorization spending that fails to end the war against Iran.
- Release a statement affirming the legally binding nature of the Iran War Powers Resolutions and support future war powers resolutions.

- Publicly push for the full release of the Department of Defense’s investigation into the U.S. bombing of the Minab Elementary School.
- Publicly call for and support a peace agreement, which will require lifting sanctions and unfreezing assets
- Also, **attend the Peace Potluck Dinner & Concert at Boulder Mennonite November 21 to raise funds for the Minab School Memorial Monument for Peace!**

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

FLATIRONS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AWARD: At the 2026 Ivory Prize Summit in Tempe, Arizona, Flatirons Habitat's BoulderMOD, was named the [2026 Ivory Prize First Runner-Up](#) in Construction and Design. The Ivory Prize recognizes promising solutions to housing affordability. This recognition belongs to our entire community (including BMCers who have volunteered there!). Special congratulations to our own Kurt Firnhaber, who is a city leader in this project.

FROM THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF COLORADO: THE VOTE IS SACRED CAMPAIGN: Learn more [here](#). They promote the sacredness of our vote and why across different faiths, backgrounds, and traditions they are proclaiming that The Vote Is Sacred. At the 250th anniversary of our nation in July, they stated firmly that faith must be a shield, not a sword. Religious and other forms of bigotry undeniably appear in the election landscape. When bigotry becomes the strategy, it is more than an attack on specific groups – it is an assault on our core values and the core of our multifaith, multiracial democracy. Let’s remind others that across our differences, we show up because of our love for our neighbors, in solidarity with people who pray, believe, and live differently than us. [Listen to Colorado faith leaders](#) talk about why The Vote Is Sacred and a way we show up for our neighbors.