Welcome to

Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, November 1, 2026

A Service of the Word

All Saints Day



Thou Art With Me
by Jeffrey Penn Johnson

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 AND PRAISING

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Everlasting God, you are our refuge and strength,
People: A shelter in our times of need.
Leader: Console us with your presence today,
People: Ease our loneliness, dispel our fears, and revive our hope.
Leader: Send your Holy Spirit to carry us through our challenges and into the comfort of your love,
People: Now and forevermore through Jesus Christ.
ALL: God you were, God you are, God you will be!

***Singing** The Lord is My Light 437

***Passing the Peace**

Welcome

CENTERING

Singing Gentle Shepherd 718

Centering Prayer

HEARING

Moment for All

Hebrew Scripture Reading Psalms 23

Lord, you are my shepherd; I shall not want.
You make me to lie down in green pastures; You lead me beside the still waters.
You restore my soul; You lead me in the paths of righteousness
For Your name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Now Testament Ps. 23: A Poetic Interpretation, By Marilyn Nelson

Adonai, my shepherd:
I know no need.
In lush meadows
you invite my soul to rest and recline; together
we walk beside the dance of light on quiet waters.
You give me back myself,
point me to the road toward justice,
one of your sacred names.
Even when I walk in a valley
dark as the shadow of death,
I know no fear, for you are near me
with your staff and crook, and I am safe.
You spread out a feast before me
with those who were my enemies.
You touch my head with fragrant oil;
my thanks overflow.
May goodness and mercy
follow me all the days of my life,
and may I make my home
in the house of the Lord forever.

Sermon **All Saints Day**

RESPONDING

Communion and Anointing

***Singing** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 640

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

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

***Sending Song** God Be With You Till We Meet Again, v1,3 840

***Benediction**

*Please stand as you are able

Resources used in worship:
Call to Worship adapted from 884 and 981. Scripture adapted from The New King James Bible

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 People:**	Cheri Krause
Worship Leader:	Susan Graber	**Tech Support:**	Steve Voran
Reader:	Maureen Friesen	**Greeters:**	Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
Music:	Bruce Fast, Joanna Harrison, Joyce Penner	**Snacks:**	Jill Minter

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship
10:45a	Snacks and mingling
11:00a	Congregational and Pastoral Survey Kickoff Meeting

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: If you have not yet voted, remember to do so on Tuesday, with God's creation in mind. Our voices matter, as climate change continues to impact all aspects of our world. The way we vote affects many issues, and certainly which candidates are elected will determine how well animals, plants, and humans thrive in the coming decades.

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 November 1, 2026

Sunday, October 25, 2026: **Attendance:** 32, + 1 Online **Offering:** $2,615

THIS WEEK at BMC

11/4	Meditation Group, 10:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659

NEXT SUNDAY – November 8, 2026:

9:30a	Worship
10:45a	Snacks and mingling
11:00a	Christian Ed session with Beverly Brown, a Senior Care Consultant, on how to approach difficult conversations related to caregiving. See announcement.
3:00p	Heretics Group. Contact Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey, 541-207-8105

Speaker:	Terry Zimmerly
Worship Leader:	Sandi Sanborn
Moment for All:	Cheri Krause
Readers:	Toni Diaz Bachus, Judy Classen
Music:	Susan Graber, Jean McPerson
Prayers of the People:	TBD
Tech Support:	Steve Voran
Greeters:	Toni Diaz Bachus, Carole Suderman
Snacks:	Toni Diaz Bachus

COMING UP

11/6-8	Workshop on the Doctrine of Discovery with Sarah Augustine in Lakewood – Register and info here.
11/14	Walking Group, 9:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689
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.
11/25	Meditation Group, 10:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
11/28	Walking Group, 9:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689
12/12	Heretics Group, 11a. Brunch. Contact Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey, 541-207-8105
7/6-10, '27	MC USA's **MennoCon**, the national convention, Cincinnati, Ohio

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
1 – Suzanne Classen	22 – Mike Tice

4 – Frances Tice	

~PRAYERS~

~ for Paul & Mary McKay's trip to Guatemala – leaving Nov 10 and returning Dec 3. We will be joined there by Carole Suderman, Kathy Noe, and Todd Wynward visiting the EPIC projects.

~ for Chris Friedman, who is out of the hospital and is now in Life Care Rehabilitation Center in Longmont where he will be for a month, and for Linda Hardesty, his main care giver.

~ Pray for peaceful elections this week, regardless of the outcome. See announcement for a Shalom prayer from MC USA.

~ for the people of Palestine and Israel, may leaders make decisions that can help to lead to peace and security for all.

~ IN OUR CONGREGATION~

CONGREGATIONAL AND PASTORAL SURVEY KICKOFF MEETING TODAY: Please join us at the meeting today at 11:00. To help us visualize what we are thinking so far, you will have the opportunity to place dots on your top 6 priorities and share briefly. So, please come to the meeting with those 6 identified! The online survey will be opened 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

~~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 top 6 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.

CELEBRATE JILL'S RETIREMENT! After over 35 years of service through the Peace Corps and with the USEPA protecting water quality and drinking water resources in the West, Jill Minter retired at the end of October. The Minters have provided a cake to help everyone celebrate with her after worship today!

CHRISTIAN ED SESSION NEXT SUNDAY, 11/8: Our Christian Ed time next Sunday, 11/8, will be led by Beverly Brown. Beverly is a Certified Senior Advisor® (CSA) with 11.5 years in the senior industry. She holds an MA in Biblical Studies and a BA in Psychology. She is also a Certified Mental Health Coach and a certified speaker. She'll be speaking on *The Caregiving Conversation — How to approach difficult conversations with dignity and compassion*.

HARVEST OF HOPE DONATIONS: Our congregation donated 34 pounds of food to the Harvest of Hope food pantry last week. Thanks to Kent Olson and Cornelia Krahn for delivering our donation. Please keep donating – list of most-needed items is here.

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.





PICTURE COLLAGE/DISPLAY HELP: For our church birthday/auction Sunday, 11/15, it would be nice to have a display and/or PowerPoint with pictures of the congregation through the years. If you would be willing to take on this small project, please contact the church office. Thanks for considering!

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

HELP FEED THE MULTITUDES—WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR KITCHEN! You can contribute to a Mennonite Disaster Service project without leaving home. Rev. Paul Johnson reminds us that while MDS responds to natural disasters, homelessness is a human disaster—one that calls for the same compassion, urgency, and willingness to help. For several years, we've partnered with others in Denver to respond by providing a Thanksgiving meal for neighbors experiencing poverty and homelessness.

We need volunteers to roast and carve a turkey or prepare large batches of instant mashed potatoes or stuffing at home, to be ready by Saturday morning, November 21. We can provide the food and containers! We also need a few people to transport prepared food from Boulder Mennonite to First Mennonite in Denver. Or, you can join us that Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to

noon to help cook and serve. Last year, 12 Boulder Mennonite volunteers, including youth, had a wonderful time working together!

Please sign up at the back table, indicating how you'd like to help. Thank you for responding with generosity and compassion to this human disaster, and for putting Jesus' call to care for "the least of these" into action!

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY~

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. Contact Beuford Aeschliman if you are interested or have questions. Beuford47@hotmail.com, 941-592-7028.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP WINTER EVENTS:

Young Adult Snow Camps (Jan. 15-17) and (Feb. 13-15) join the Jr. and Sr. High Snow Camp activities and fellowship with participants serving as program assistants AND participants at just the right young adult price . . . free! Sign up and more info here.

Scrapbook Retreat (Jan. 29-31 Thur-Sun) is your opportunity to create paper or digital photo books and share ideas and good conversation with other scrapbook participants. Lisa Longacher will return as our program resource for the retreat and help facilitate a variety of activities. Register and more info here.

AN ELECTION DAY PRAYER FOR SHALOM: "Lord, have mercy: A prayer for shalom" is a binational prayer for and by the members of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada during the weeks surrounding the 2026 U.S. midterm elections. Read the prayer here.

FROM ANABAPTIST WORLD NEWS: Several recent articles dealing with political issues: As global militarism rises, automatic U.S. draft registration may have stalled, Actions Speak Louder: When leaders fail us, we roll up our sleeves

SUCCESSFUL APPEAL FOR MC USA LAWSUIT: Mennonite Church USA and its 26 co-plaintiffs won an important ruling on Oct. 20, 2026, putting them on the path toward injunctive relief in the "sensitive locations" lawsuit, Mennonite Church USA et al., v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al. The case will return to the lower court, where MC USA and its co-plaintiffs can again ask for a preliminary injunction to protect their congregations while the lawsuit continues. Read more here.

MISSION NETWORK CONTRIBUTION MATCH: A generous donor has committed to matching contributions up to $300,000 made by December 31 in support of Mennonite Mission Network's **Mobilize for Peace Fund**. The matching gift challenge is to inspire individuals, congregations and partners to invest in active peacemaking efforts across the United States and around the world.

FROM BRETHREN MENNONITE COUNCIL FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER INTERESTS: BMC's quarterly(ish) Supportive Communities Network online meeting is November 12, at 11:30 MT. The first hour will be a workshop on Queer Theology, followed by denominational breakouts for updates and concerns.

FROM MENNONITE ACTION:

- You can find the recording of our last mass call here, and the call companion full of our referenced links, here. We heard a powerful message from Bshara Nassar, who grew up in the West Bank and whose family runs the farm, Tent of Nations. He now lives in Washington D.C. and runs the Museum of the Palestinian People.
- Israel's Finance Minister has said he wants the current siege on Hebron, in the West Bank, to run "exactly like in Gaza." He makes plain what has always been clear: the world's failure to stop the genocide in Gaza leaves the entire world vulnerable to the violent destruction of the powerful, with the West Bank next in line. Israel uses any form of resistance as an excuse for collective punishment. That collective punishment entails the displacement of Palestinians from their homes, effectively rewarding violent Israeli settlers with ever growing lands and continuing Israel's program of ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from their lands.

  In the past week since Hebron and the surrounding area have been under siege, 500 Palestinian homes have been raided and searched, and more than 3,000 Palestinians have been violently evicted. Our friends at Community Peacemaker Teams shared an update on what they're witnessing in Hebron/al-Khalil. We recommend you take a moment to read the post here to get a better sense of Israel's current operation. As a community, it's important we don't look away from these escalations, and commit to holding our grief, prayer, and work together.
- You can help stop the US and Israeli militaries from being further enmeshed. Learn more here and write your representatives before November 6!