Welcome to

Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, November 22, 2026

A Service of the Word



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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 Ochethi Sakowin Peoples. We affirm that settlers have specific responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

GATHERING

Prelude *"Now thank We All Our God"*

Welcome

***Call to Worship** 857

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

***Singing** Now Thank We All Our God 114
God of the Fertile Fields, v1,2,3 750

***Passing the Peace**

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 *Sonata Op. 79, Mvt.3* Beethoven

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Hebrew Scripture Readings Leviticus 23:33-44

The Eternal One instructed Moses to tell the Israelites these things:

On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, the Feast of Tabernacles will begin, and it will last for seven days. On the first day of the feast there will be a sacred assembly before the Eternal One, and you will do no work. For seven days you will present an offering by fire to the Eternal One, and on the eighth day you will again hold a sacred assembly and present an offering by fire to the Eternal One. On that solemn day of meeting you must do no work.

These are the festivals of the Eternal One, on which you will proclaim a sacred assembly and bring offerings by fire to the Eternal One: burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and libations, as prescribed for each day. These offerings are in addition to the Eternal One's Sabbaths, in addition to whatever gifts you make, and in addition to all the voluntary offerings you present to the Eternal One.

Beginning on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after gathering the crops from the land, you will celebrate a great pilgrimage festival to the Eternal One for seven days.

The first day is a day of rest, and the eighth day also is a day of rest. On the first you are to take choice fruit from the trees, palm fronds, leafy branches and willows from the waterside, and rejoice in the presence of the Eternal One, your God, for seven days. You are to celebrate this as a pilgrim festival in honor of the Eternal One. This is an ordinance binding your descendants for all time. You are to celebrate the pilgrim festival in the seventh month. All native Israelites are to live in shelters for seven days so that your descendants will be reminded how I made you live in shelters when I brought you out of Egypt. **I am the Eternal One, your God.**

And in this way, Moses appointed for the Israelites the feasts of the Eternal One.

Deuteronomy 16:13-15

You must keep the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days after you gather the bounty of your harvest from your threshing floor and from your winepress. **This is a feast of joy—be joyful with your spouse, and your daughters and sons, with your indentured workers, both female and male, and with the Levites that live in your towns, and with the foreigners that live among you, and the orphans, and the widows and widowers who live in your towns.** Celebrate the feast for seven days at the place that God will choose. **For God will bless you in all your harvests and in all that you do, and your joy will be complete.**

Singing Sing to the God of Harvest, v1,2 122

Sermon **Thanksgiving**

RESPONDING

***Singing** We Plow the Fields 747

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

***Sending Song** Come, Ye Thankful People 123

***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:**	Judy Classen
Worship Leader:	Becky Neumann	**Prayers of the People:**	Douglas Minter
Readers:	Toni Diaz Bachus, Bruce Wheeler	**Tech Support:**	Alfred Sawatzky
		Greeters:	Laura Minter, Matt Spiller
Music:	Beverly Fast, Susan Graber, Jean McPherson	**Snacks:**	Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship
10:45a Snacks and mingling

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: Cole Azulay is usually in the office on Tuesday and Friday.
Please call in or email (info@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Thursday, 8:00am.

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 22, 2026

Sunday, November 15, 2026: **Attendance:** 36, + 3 Online **Offering:** $2352

THIS WEEK at BMC

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

NEXT SUNDAY November 29, 2026:

9:30a	Worship
10:45a	Snacks and mingling

Speaker:	Jim Friesen
Worship Leader:	Toni Diaz Bachus
Moment for All:	Carole Suderman
Reader:	Becky Neumann
Music:	Susan Graber, Peter Ingram
Prayers of the People:	Toni Diaz Bachus
Tech Support:	Steve Voran
Greeters:	Karl Ortman, Lisa Voss
Snacks:	Susan Graber

COMING UP

12/2	Meditation Group, 10:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
12/4	Please hold for Menno Action event in Denver–see announcement.
12/12	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
1/9	Bethel College Choir, afternoon concert at Boulder Mennonite
7/6-10	MC USA's **MennoCon**, the national convention, Cincinnati, Ohio ??

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

~ PRAYERS ~

~ For Julya Brown and boyfriend, Ron. They were in a head-on accident with a drunk driver, late Friday night. Both were injured. Julya is still in the hospital with a cracked pelvis and cracked eye socket, may need surgery. She's daughter of Beth and Lyle.

~ For Mary Jungerman. She had a biopsy on her left eye, and it tested positive for cancer. She is frightened and confused. Treatment options will be discussed later.

~ For the community of Bluff, Utah. In late October, they experienced significant flooding due to heavy rains. Joe Hubbard, Convener of the Episcopal Indigenous Justice Roundtable for The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, requests prayers for the people there who have been displaced by the devastating flooding and those who are supporting them. For more details, click here.

~ From Mennonite World Conference: We pray about the wildfires that have been affecting all corners of the earth this year. We recognize and lament the human causes of fires and call out to God regarding prolonged heat, low rainfall and strong winds. From all countries affected by fire and its ensuing hazardous haze, we pray that God sends rain, protects the firefighters and brings healing to people in impacted areas. Also pray for the COP31 climate deliberations currently meeting in Türkiye.

~ IN OUR CONGREGATION ~

AUCTION THANK YOU!: Thank you to everyone who brought items and donations for our auction last week! We had fun bidding against each other (and in some cases, bidding against ourselves). Special thanks to Bruce Fast for organizing and Steve Voran for being the lead auctioneer. We raised $5,500 for our church budget.

THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION: Thanks to everyone who helped with the memorial service for Mai. It was a meaningful service, and a lovely example of our community working together to support one of our families.

ADVENT SEASON BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY: The four Sundays of Advent begin next Sunday, November 29. Jim Friesen, one of our new attendees, will be providing the message next Sunday.

UPDATE FROM PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: Thank you to all who filled out the priorities survey. We will review the results at the congregational meeting on December 6.

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.

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

ADMIN UPDATE: Cole Azulay, our new Church Administrator, will be working Tuesday and Friday in the office. He will also be checking for urgent messages on Thursday morning. If you are trying to reach Susan, please use her personal email.

PASTOR TERRY TRAVELLING: Terry is travelling in Germany and will be out of the office Nov 23 thru Dec 8. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact a member of the deacons: Cheri Krause: 510-227-9712; Toni Diaz Bachus: 303-579-4290; Douglas Minter: 303-819-5248

UPDATE FROM TLC/EMBRACE: Kurt and Cindy Firnhaber were recently in South Africa and visited the non-profit that our church helps to support, TLC/Embrace. There is a letter posted on the bulletin board with an update about their visit.

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

NOVEMBER ISSUE OF ZING!: Newest Zing! is available at this LINK. This issue will be clipped, so please click on "View entire message" at the bottom of your screen to see all the articles. This issue includes an event at Emmanuel Mennonite, a Relief Sale Recap, and information on the Rocky Mountain Hmong Church and Fort Collins Mennonite relocations.

LOCAL MENNO ACTION EVENT: Denver area folks are planning a hymn sing at our local congressional offices on Friday, December 4 to protest the integration of US and Israeli military actions. Details for the hymn-sing have not been worked out, but please save the date. Action is needed at this time to protest the 2027 budget for the National Defense Authorization Act. The budget includes provisions to merge the US and Israel's militaries in dangerous and unprecedented ways.

We encourage Coloradans from around the state to plan hymn sings at their local congressional offices during the first week of December. You may have already received instructions for a "Chorus Against Merger" from Mennonite Action, "Chorus Against the Merger" toolkit. We hope you will join us in protest and song.

FROM MENNONITE WOMEN: Read a review of Kate Bowler's latest book. It might open up new possibilities for you, even as it acknowledges that we can never find full satisfaction.

INVITATIONS FROM MENNO MISSION:

- **Book your Just Peace Pilgrimage for 2027** and step into stories that still shape the world today. Together we'll walk in solidarity, open our eyes to the beauty and struggle of life, and come home changed. More info here.
- **Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Pilgrimage:** Travel to Navajo land near Bluff, Utah to witness the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. Tour will begin and end in Durango, Colorado. Facilitated in partnership with Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. More info here.

FROM THE SUPPORTIVE CONGREGATIONAL NETWORK: If you would like to learn more about queer theology, here is a Queer Theology 101 Recording from their recent online presentation. Passcode: *%1dhz79 There will be another online presentation on November 22 at 9:00a MT. Here is a link.

ENVIRONMENTAL ARTICLE IN ANABAPTIST WORLD: Have you ever wondered what a piece of land wants to become? In the New Testament, the Greek writers use a rich word over fifty times to describe ultimate purpose: *telos*. It is a tricky word to translate into English. It means "fulfillment," "completion" or even "destiny." The ancient philosopher Aristotle famously explained it this way: the *telos* of an acorn is an oak tree. It isn't just about how things end up; it is about the inner purpose God has woven into the thread of creation from the beginning.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

EVENING OF NEW PLAYS: This production is presented in connection with The Refuge Café, a community day center supporting individuals navigating housing insecurity. Two of our five plays were written by friends of the café, and one features five actors from the Refuge community, several taking the stage for the first time. Two performances January 8 at the Longmont Theatre and January 9 at the Broomfield Library. For more information, see posting on bulletin board or listen to this radio show to find out more about the presenting group, Obsidian Performing Arts Collective.

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ECOLOGY TIP: In the season of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the bounty of the Earth. Let us share that abundance with others, whether it be through giving donations of food or money to food banks, volunteering in classrooms that are teaching climate action, or singing hymns such as this second verse of "Sing to the Lord of Harvest":
"By him, the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring. The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. He filleth with his fullness all things with large increase. He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace."