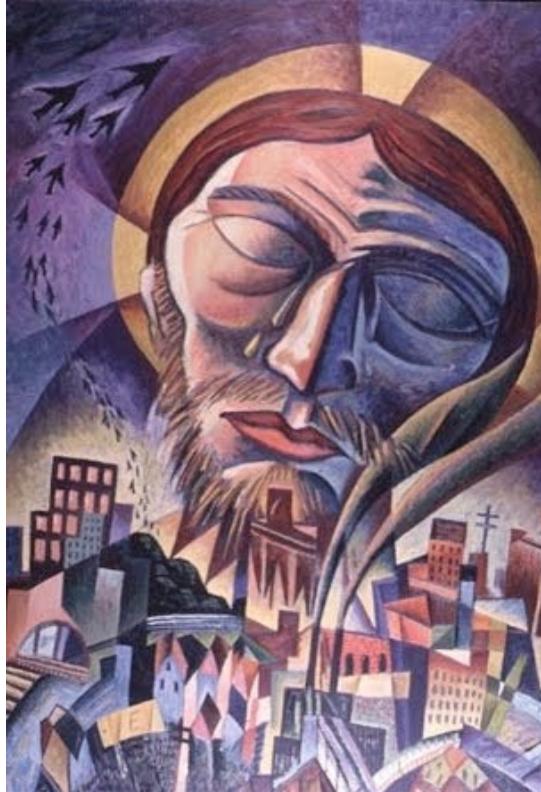


Welcome to
Boulder **Mennonite Church**
Sunday, March 17th, 2019

Second Sunday in the Season of Lent
A Service of the Word



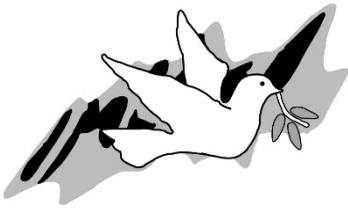
Jesus weeps over Jerusalem
"Man of Sorrows"
by James Janknegt

Welcome to the worship service today.

We hope it is meaningful for you and welcome you to come again.

As a Christian community, called by Christ to be inclusive, caring, and peace-minded, we affirm that people of any race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, or life situation are welcome to be in full participation in our congregation.

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Boulder Mennonite Church

is a vibrant, Christ-centered community welcoming all people to know God and to be ambassadors of God's love, healing, and peace.

Today: March 17, 2019

- 9:30 am Worship
 Snacks & Fellowship (sanctuary) or Quiet Prayer (room 116)
- 11:00 am Christian Education Classes for All Ages
 Adult Ed: Speaking Through Our Lives – Ben Lamb (room 114)
- 12:00 pm Introverts Small Group

GATHERING

Prelude and Lighting our Lights

***Singing** Unto thy temple, Lord (God) we come Hymnal 4

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalms 63 and 27)

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land
 where there is no water.**

Leader: God is our light and our salvation—we shall not be afraid.

**People: We will wait and take courage, for we will see God's goodness and
 light.**

Leader: We bring our lights as well and offer light to one another.

**All: *May our souls be satisfied with a rich feast. In the shadow of God's
 wings we sing for joy, and are upheld. Let us celebrate life. Let us
 worship God!***

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing Jesus, Rock of ages Hymnal 515

***Passing the Peace**

Offering Invitation/Blessing

Please place written prayer requests in the offering baskets.

Offertory

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

*Toddlers and children through 1st grade may be dismissed for childcare after this time.
Older children may use the back of the sanctuary for quiet activities, with parental permission.
We love the sounds infants contribute to our worship service!*

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Genesis 15.1-7

Singing

The Lord is my light

STJ 97

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Gospel Reading

Luke 13.31-35

Leader: Some Pharisees came to Jesus and said,

West: “You need to get out of town, and fast! Herod is trying to kill you!”

Leader: Jesus replied,

East: Go tell that fox, ‘Today and tomorrow, I’ll be casting out devils and healing people, and on the third day I’ll reach my goal.’

West: Even with all that, I’ll continue on my journey today, tomorrow and the day after that, since no prophet can be allowed to die anywhere except in Jerusalem.

East: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a mother hen collects her chicks under her wings—yet you refuse me!

West: So take note: your house will be left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say,

East: ‘Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!’”

Message

RESPONDING

Centering, Confession and Reconciliation

Singing

Oh, Lord (God) have mercy

STJ 47

Leader: We are invited to trust in God's ways today. Let us enter into quietness and prayer:

Silence and reflection, then:

Leader: Connecting God, we call upon you, for you alone are our light and salvation.

People: When we are disconnected from one another, we seek the face of Love.

Leader: When we have lost our sacred spaces, we seek the face of Love. When our souls are wounded and hunger to connect and be healed, we seek the face of Love.

All: *In the morning and in the evening, we will call upon God.*

Leader: Hear these words of assurance: Our citizenship is in the beloved community of God. The way and transforming power of Jesus is a healing way for the wounds of our world.

Singing

Oh, Lord (God) have mercy

STJ 47

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

God be with you, v.1

Hymnal 430

**As you are able, please stand in body, mind, or spirit.*

Resources used in worship:

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture texts are read/adapted from the *Inclusive Bible*, Priests for Equality, 2004
Lent resources from Leader magazine, Winter 2018-119

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Susan Graber
Readers:	Ellen and Wayne Morrison
Musicians:	Lily Mast, Millie Unrau, Randy Spaulding
Moment for All Ages:	Betty Jantzen
Sound System:	Katharina Sawatzky, Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters:	Paul Classen, Michelene Fast
Childcare:	Suzanne Classen
Snacks:	Michelene Fast

March 10, 2019

Attendance: 65 Offering: \$2,018

THIS WEEK

- Thurs Centering Prayer Small Group, 11:00 am
- Thurs Periodically Pious Pickers, 6:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – March 24th, 2019

- 9:30 am Worship: Guest Speakers - Asher and Lindsey Fast**
Snacks & Fellowship (sanctuary) or Quiet Prayer (room 116)
- 11:00 am Q&A with Lindsey and Asher;
No Children's Christian Education (Spring Break)
- 12:00 pm Finding God Small Group
- 2:15 pm Communication Integrity Small Group



Asher and Lindsey Fast (pictured) have returned after serving a 2-year service term in Francistown, Botswana (Africa) with *Mennonite Mission Network*. We are excited to hear from them about their experiences! They will share during morning worship and during a Q&A time beginning at 11 am.

COMING UP

March 30 **Faith & Life Forum: Worship and Music Event** (*Glennon Heights Mennonite Church*)

- March 31 **Adam Tice**, Guest Speaker in morning worship (member of the New Mennonite Hymnal Committee)
- April 7 **SOAR Youth and Adult Choir** sings in our morning worship service!
- April 18 **Maundy Thursday** Communion and Foot Washing @BMC
- April 21 **Easter!** Breakfast @ 9:30am, Worship @ 10:30am, Easter Egg Hunt following worship
- May 12 Drama: “Mary Magdalene” performed by **Mary Sprunger-Froese @BMC** during worship
- July 2-6 *Mennonite Church USA Convention #MennoCon19* (Kansas City, MO)
- August 2-4 *Mountain States Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly* (at BMC!)

~ PRAYERS ~

- ~ **Gretchen Williams** requested prayers for **Brenda Fox** in her internship with **Christian Peacemaker Teams** in Hebron and Palestine, *Guide her O Thou great Jehovah!*
- ~ **Jen Dudenhefer** asked for prayers of peace for her friend **Nicole** and her daughter **Runa**. Today marks the 2-year anniversary of the death of their daughter/sister **Zaida** to cancer.
- ~ **Petra Lisa Voss** requested continued prayers for her mother, **Isle**. She is continuing to improve, she will have to stay in rehab for an extra week and then she gets to go home.
- ~ **Anonymous** asked that we please keep in our prayers a little girl dealing with a health prognosis: excellent!
- ~ **Ben Lamb** requests your prayers after making a difficult decision to resign from the alano club manager job this week. Sadly, his formal complaint over some ethical issues the new nonprofit was facing was not well received by the Board. Pray for forgiveness on all sides, justice, peace and love. Pray that the Spirit continues to lead him as he sets his eyes toward the East.
- ~ **Mennonite World Conference** thanks God that the long-awaited election was completed in **DR Congo**. Thank God for some decrease in the violent militias in the countryside. As our **Mennonite brothers and sisters in DR Congo** struggle to recover from loss of family, injuries, and destroyed livelihood, pray that God’s gifts of love and unity would inhabit the churches in Congo to overcome differences. “It is the time to praise God who is acting in the Congo. Let us continue to trust in God and pray that his light will completely illuminate the darkness in the Congo,” says **MWC regional representative Francisca Ibanda**.

~ READINGS ~

Genesis 15.1-7

¹ After these events, the word of GOD came to Abram in a vision:

“Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.”

² Abram said, “But my Sovereign, my God, what good are these blessings to me, so long as Sarai and I will die in disgrace? My only heir is a foreigner who lives in my household, Eliezer of Damascus. ³ Since you have given me no offspring,” Abram continued, “an attendant in my house will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of GOD came to Abram and said, “This person will not be your heir. Your heir will be of your own flesh and blood.” ⁵ Then God took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can! As many as that, you will have for descendants.” ⁶ Abram believed GOD, and God accounted it to Abram as having spiritual integrity.

⁷ GOD then said to Abram, “I am YHWH who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.”

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Join in following my example, my sisters and brothers. Take as your guide those who follow the example that we set. ¹⁸ Unfortunately, many go about in a way which shows them to be enemies of the cross of the Anointed One. I have often said this to you before; this time I say it with tears: ¹⁹ their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and their glory is in their shame. I’m talking about those whose minds are set on the things of this world.

²⁰ But we have our citizenship in heaven; it’s from there that we eagerly await the coming of our savior Jesus, God’s Anointed, ²¹ who will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of the glorified body, by the Anointed’s power to bring everything under subjection.

^{4.1} For these reasons, my sisters and brothers—you whom I so love and long for, you who are my joy and my crown—continue, my dear ones, to stand firm in Jesus the Anointed One.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Please call in or email (info@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Thursday, 9:00 am

DEACONS: Elvira Glenn: e_eglenn@netzero.net or 303-666-6331

Steve Voran: 303-499-6843

Carole Suderman: 303-494-8527

PASTOR RANDY'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tues: 10am – 4pm; **Wed:** 10am - 2pm; **Thur:** 10am – 3pm; **Fri:** 10am – 3pm (subject to visitation or meetings): Appointments/call-aheads strongly encouraged. Randy takes Mondays as a Sabbath rest from work—including emails. He responds only in emergencies on Monday.

CHURCH ADMIN BEN'S NEW OFFICE HOURS (effective March 19, 2019):

Tues: 11 am - 12 pm, 1 - 3 pm

Wed: 10 am - 12 pm

Thur: 10 am - 12 pm, 1 - 3 pm

Fri: 10 am - 12 pm, 1 - 2 pm

March Birthdays:

1 Gus Gouvas
2 Pablo Ceres
2 Nancy Wolff
3 Grace Ceres
3 Lily Mast

4 Laura Minter
7 Ryan Loewer
16 Nevin McKay Epp
27 Becky Sawatzky
31 Dick Williams

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

BMC'S ANNUAL SURVEY ON PASTORAL PERFORMANCE AND

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: On March 11th, the **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (Douglas Minter, Carolyn Clement and Jonathan Falk)** sent out an email asking for your thoughtful and honest input on Congregational life, Pastor Randy's first year of ministry, and your personal involvement in the life of *Boulder Mennonite Church* through an online annual survey. This email includes a link to the survey (also here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QYHVGJB>) and our request that you take time to **provide your feedback by Sunday, March 31st**. We are committed to keeping your input in strict confidence and including your name at the end of this survey is strictly optional.

While your online responses will allow us to more easily compile and summarize your feedback, we have also placed a limited number of paper copies of this survey in the back of the sanctuary along with a designated (red) box for securing your responses. Please feel free to contact any of us with any questions, etc. and we look forward to hearing from everyone!
~ **Douglas Minter, PCRC Chair.**

EASTER FLOWERS ORDERS: *Boulder Mennonite Church* will take orders for Easter flowers to be displayed at our Easter Service. Our goal is to purchase sustainable, organic daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, etc. You may take them home after the service. An “in honor of” list will be printed for the service. A sign-up sheet is located on the table by the door. Price for each plant will range from \$15-20.



BOULDER MENNONITE CHURCH SEEKS PART-TIME CHURCH

ADMINISTRATOR...AGAIN: BMC is seeking someone, preferably from the congregation (old or new) to step up as **our next Church Administrator!** This is a fun, part-time job at 12 hours per week. You’ll get to serve and know the BMC community better, grow and deepen your Christian/Anabaptist/Mennonite identity, and work closely with Pastor Randy, deacons, small groups, etc. Main duties include updating and printing weekly bulletins, email, ordering supplies, answering phones, taking minutes at Church Council meetings. Please email **Church Chair Berit** at beritjany@aol.com if interested.

HELP WANTED: CHILD CARE FOR MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE

CONFERENCE (MSMC): Would you consider being available to provide child care at conference activities? We would like to develop a “bench” of persons who are interested in helping that we can call on for conference-sponsored events. This is a very important ministry for the conference to allow young parents the opportunity to fully participate. We have two conference events coming up – the *Faith & Life Forum* at the end of March and the *MSMC Annual Assembly* in August at BMC. If you are interested and willing to be available, please email Barry Bartel at BarryB@mountainstatesmc.org or Brenda Bartel at brendalynbartel@gmail.com. Thank you.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA CONFERENCE: Wondering what to expect at *#MennoCon19? The Gathering Place* will host a chat with convention planners on what’s new and answer your questions on Tues March 26, noon MDT. This will be especially helpful for youth leaders new to convention. Visit www.thegatheringplace.us to register.

“WALKING” THE LABYRINTH. During Lent, you are encouraged to make walking the labyrinth a spiritual discipline. Walking a labyrinth is an ancient practice of penance and

spiritual re-alignment. Unlike a maze, there is only one way through a Labyrinth, no dead ends, and no way of getting lost. It represents a journey into your own soul, and back out into the world. On the east wall of the sanctuary you will find a labyrinth tapestry that you can “walk” at any time – before or after worship, or during quiet times during the week (just ring the doorbell or see **church admin Ben** for how to enter the church). There are guided steps for tracing the labyrinth and spending time in meditation and prayer. Or you may pick up a finger labyrinth on the table near the sanctuary entrance and take it with you. *I on your path, O God; you, O God, on my way.*



BMC ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES THIS SPRING: This spring, we will be featuring a new series, “**Speaking through our Lives,**” during adult Christian Education. Please volunteer to speak one Sunday (to a small group during Christian education hour) about your work, a volunteer experience, your studies, a hobby, a trip you’ve taken . . . that speaks to your faith. For example, Paul and Mary McKay spoke about their work with EPIC a couple of Sundays ago. This is a wonderful way for our community to learn about each other and the way we speak to our faith through our lives! Please sign-up online at <https://tinyurl.com/BMCAdultEd2019> or with Becky McKay.

ECOLOGY TIP OF THE WEEK: Did you know that more paper is ‘thrown away’ everyday than anything else? For every 100 pounds of ‘trash’ we throw away, 35 pounds are paper! Anytime you make copies, try to print on both sides, whether you are copying hymns, taxes, worksheets, or reports. Think of the trees, that will be saved, not to mention the landfill space! And always reuse the backs of one-sided printed paper, envelopes, etc. and recycle it in the end. You may never buy paper again!

SOAR! YOUTH AND ADULT CHOIR will sing @BMC on April 7 in our morning worship service. Led by music director **Emily Martin** (*First Mennonite Church, Denver*), **SOAR!** is a Colorado Based Non-Profit that specializes in serving diverse youth including youth who are in adoptive homes, foster homes, in kinship placement, youth from single parent families as well as those who are challenged by a mental or physical health issues. An inclusive choir, they bridge the gap between youth and adults in song. Make plans to attend. A basket will be in the back for donations.



~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

FAITH & LIFE FORUM: A WORSHIP AND MUSIC GATHERING! March 29-30, 2019

Everyone is invited to attend the 2019 *Faith & Life Forum*. We will be exploring the **new Mennonite hymnal** and worship resource, *Voices Together*, that will be available in 2020. Members of the hymnal project committee will lead us in exploring both the spoken and sung word, helping us find common ground in our worship. On Friday evening (March 29), musicians are invited to gather for playing and singing together. Saturday (March 30, 8am-3:30pm) will center around plenary and break-out sessions and conclude with **an evening hymn-sing** for those who are able to stay. Make plans to attend this exciting event! For more info and to register: <https://mountainstatesmc.org/2019-faith-life-forum/>



CONGREGATION HAR HASHEM'S Third Annual Symposium on Spirituality and the

Environment will be on Sunday, April 7, 2019, 2:00-6:00 pm. We are delighted that dear members of our congregation established an endowment at our congregation to bring spiritual seekers together to discuss how we can learn from one another to advance greater care for our Earth. The Symposium will focus on bringing people together to explore perspectives on environmentalism from faith and spiritual traditions. There will be two keynote addresses by faith-based activists that will be followed by a panel discussion on how to advocate for greater environmental protection and justice. The event is free but registration is required: <https://www.harhashem.org/symposium-on-spirituality-and-the-environment.html>. We hope for a wonderful, multi-faith presence. ~**Rabbi Fred Greene**

FRONTIER VILLAGE FOUNDATION (FVF) is looking for new Board Members! It is a limited commitment with only two meetings a year and is quite fun. **FVF** is a ministry of *Mountain States Mennonite Conference* that provides grants to churches and community-based organizations working to meet human need at a local level within the Rocky Mountain region. If you have any interest or know anyone who is interested, please contact Sonia Graber at soniamgraber@hotmail.com.

CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKER TEAMS (CPT) seeks a full-time **Development Coordinator**

to serve as a member of our Peacemaker Corps in expanding our financial capacity and building fiscal sustainability. Responsibilities include creating and implementing funding strategies, providing administrative oversight, cultivating major gifts, overseeing donor acquisition and renewal, writing and managing grants, organizing events, and participating in the overall work of the Administrative Team. The position involves close collaboration

with a development working group and includes some international travel to meetings and/or project sites. This position will be located in Chicago, IL, and available starting August 1, 2019. If interested, see the church bulletin board for more information. Accepting applications now.

GREENFAITH BOULDER:

The **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC report)** summons the world to the task of reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by 47% over the next 10 years and told of the dangers if we neglect. This is a task for us all on individual, collaborative-local and national as well as international levels.

GreenFaith's

www.LivingTheChange.net

invites us to make commitments in 3 areas: food, energy and transportation as we step into that effort. Please work with your community and collaboratively with the many concerned organizations to reduce and redirect GHG emissions and to promote good relations with all species and all peoples on Earth. Our **Sacred Earth**, a local nondenominational nonprofit, is offering a group, *Ten Year Plan for Earth Care*, to address this invitation of the *IPCC* in an Earth-based and Spiritual-based relational approach as a support for our individual and community efforts. Facilitated by **Bonnie Sundance**, the Executive Director, and member of Steering Committee for Eco Dharma Sangha, GreenFaith Boulder Circle participant.

You are invited to the next meeting of *Ten-Year Plan for Earth Care*: Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at *George Reynolds Branch Library*. Please RSVP:

BonnieSundance@gmail.com.

