

Welcome to  
Boulder **Mennonite Church**  
Sunday, April 7, 2019

Fourth Sunday in the Season of Lent  
*A Service of Word and Song*

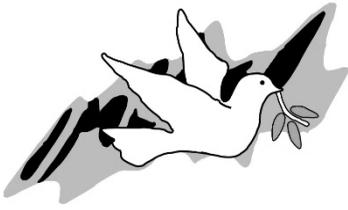


*Mary Washes Jesus' Feet*, contemporary Japanese artist Soichi Wantanabe

***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.*



# 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.

WELCOME



## Today: April 7, 2019

**9:30 am**    **Worship: SOAR Youth and Adult Choir Singing**  
Snacks & Fellowship (sanctuary)

**11:00 am**    Christian Education for All Ages

Today we welcome the **SOAR Youth and Adult Choir (SOAR!)** to our worship service. **SOAR!** is a CO nonprofit 501c3 that serves diverse youth, including youth in adoptive homes, foster homes, in kinship placement, 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. Led by artistic director **Emily Martin** (*First Mennonite Church, Denver*), they are accompanied this morning by **Romaine Anderson**. Emily says, "The benefits of group mentoring and experiencing music for youngsters have been scientifically proven. My goals with **SOAR!** include widening the members' circle of collaboration among other music groups, exposing youngsters to fine quality live performance, and creating and enhancing the positive relationships in the choir so that they remain a true community to each other."

*Welcome, SOAR! A basket will be in the back for donations.*

## GATHERING

**\*Singing**

The love of God, vv. 1, 3

STJ 44

**Musical Moment**

*This Is Me*      from *The Greatest Showman*, Pasek/Paul  
SOAR Youth and Adult Choir

**\*Call to Worship**

**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's Presence welcomes us—broken parts, scars and all—and makes a place for us. We are in God, and we are glorious!

**People: This is us! Bruised, brave, or broken—we bring who we are to this beloved community, and we are upheld in love.**

**All: *Let us celebrate life. Let us worship God!***

## Welcome

## CELEBRATING & CENTERING

**Singing** Brethren, we have met to worship Hymnal 8

### \*Passing the Peace

### Centering Musical Moment

*Bring Him Home*

from *Les Miserables*, Shonberg/Boublil

*No One is Alone*

from *Into the Woods*, S. Sondheim

SOAR Adult and Youth Choir

### Offering Invitation/Blessing

*Please place written prayer requests in the offering baskets.*

### Offertory

## HEARING

### A Moment for All Ages

*Toddlers and children through 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Isaiah 43.16-21

### Musical Response

*All For the Best*

from *Godspell*, S. Schwartz

SOAR Adult and Youth Choir

## Gospel Reading

John 12.1-8

Leader: Six days before Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the village of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they gave a banquet in Jesus' honor, at which Martha served. Lazarus was one of those at the table. Mary brought a pound of costly ointment, pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, wiping them with her hair. The house was full of the fragrance of the ointment. Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples—the one who was to betray Jesus—protested,

**People: “Why wasn’t this ointment sold? It could have brought nearly a year’s wages, and the money been given to poor people!”**

Leader: Judas didn’t say this because he was concerned for poor people but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the common fund and would help himself to it. So Jesus replied,

**People: “Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. You have poor people with you always. But you won’t always have me.”**

## Message

*Such a waste!*

## RESPONDING

### \*Singing

I heard the voice of Jesus say, vv. 1, 3

Hymnal 493

### Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

## SENDING

### Introductions

### Announcements

### \*Benediction

### \*Sending Song

You shall go out with joy

Hymnal 427

*\*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:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Becky Neumann
Readers:	Wayne Morrison, Ellen Morrison
Musicians:	Bruce Fast SOAR Youth and Adult Choir – Emily Martin, Director; Romaine Anderson, accompanist
Moment for All Ages:	Carole Suderman
Sound System:	Joel Sawatzky, Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters:	Gretchen Williams, Michelene Fast
Childcare:	Betty Jantzen
Snacks:	Cindy Firnhaber

**March 31, 2019**

**Attendance: 58      Offering: \$2,410**

### THIS WEEK

Wed	BCD (Breakfast-Chatting) Small Group, 9:30 am
Fri	BMC volunteers serving dinner at Boulder Homeless Shelter, 4:30 pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – April 14, 2019

9:30 am	<b>Worship: Palm Sunday</b> Snacks & Fellowship
11:00 am	Christian Education for All Ages
12:00 pm	Finding God Small Group

### COMING UP

April 18	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Communion and Foot Washing @ 7:00 pm, BMC
April 21	<b>Easter Sunday!</b> Breakfast @ 9:30 am, Worship @ 10:30 am, Easter Egg Hunt following worship
May 12	Drama: “Mary Magdalene” performed by <b>Mary Sprunger-Froese</b> @BMC during worship
June 2	Conversations on the future of Christian Education @ 11:00 am, BMC
July 2-6	<i>Mennonite Church USA Convention #MennoCon19</i> (Kansas City, MO)
August 2-4	<i>Mountain States Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly</i> (@BMC)

## ~ PRAYERS ~

- ~ **Lily Mast** asked for prayers that she will hear where God is calling her next! She has applied to SALT which has three placement opportunities: Siguatepeque or SanPedroSula, Honduras; or Mexico City.
- ~ **Petra Lisa Voss** offered thanks for her mother who gets to go home on Wednesday from the hospital. She also requested prayers for Gretchen and Dick Williams.
- ~ **Gus Gouvas** requested prayers for all peoples of the United States.
- ~ **Anne Cox** requests prayers for friends, family, and others affected by two recent suicides in the Engineering Honors Program at CU Boulder within the last 11 weeks: **Daniel Mccorquodale** and **Tom Schoderbek**. Prayers that mental health will be more adequately addressed by our society and healthcare systems to prevent young people from taking their own lives.
- ~ **Ben Lamb** offers praise for his new church admin job in Harrisonburg, VA, and thanksgiving for his time with *Boulder Mennonite Church*. Please give him serenity and sanity as he prepares to move across the country.

## ~ READINGS~

### Isaiah 43.16-21

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the Eternal One, who made a road through the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup> who led chariots and warriors to their doom, a mighty army fallen, never to rise again, snuffed out and extinguished like a wick: <sup>18</sup> “Forget the events of the past, ignore the things of long ago!

<sup>19</sup> Look, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth—can’t you see it? I’m making a road in the desert and setting rivers to flow in the wasteland.

<sup>20</sup> Wild beasts will honor me— the jackals and the ostriches— for I will put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, <sup>21</sup> these people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

## ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

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

**DEACONS:** Elvira Glenn: [e\\_eglenn@netzero.net](mailto: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 OFFICE HOURS:**

**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

### **April Birthdays:**

2 Beau Bryant  
9 Becky McKay Epp  
24 Barry Janzen  
25 Nina Mast  
28 Becky Neumann  
30 Bruce Fast

### **April Anniversaries:**

25 Kristi and Beau Bryant

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~



**EASTER BULLETIN ARTIST NEEDED** Would you like to share your artistic talents with us? We would love to use your artwork for our bulletin cover. Submissions will need to be scanned. **Deadline:** Wed, April 17 by 9 am.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION AND FOOT WASHING, APRIL 18,**

**7PM:** The evening will begin with a simple meal of bread, fruit and cheese (provided). Singing, communion, foot washing and scripture readings will follow. Please **sign up at the back of the sanctuary today if you plan to attend this special service of Holy Week.**



**EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP:** BMC's annual Easter breakfast potluck is coming soon, 9:30 am on April 21, before the worship service at 10:30 am on Easter Sunday. It's time to start thinking about your favorite breakfast food to bring and share. Also, please sign-up to help set up tables or clean up afterwards or to decorate, etc, on the sign-up sheets at the back of the church. ~ **Elvira Glenn.**

**EASTER FLOWERS ORDERS:** BMC 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.

**WANTED: BOULDER SANCTUARY COALITION REPRESENTATIVE** to serve as BMC's rep at local sanctuary coalition meetings, coordinate with Pastor Randy on social justice actions and keep congregation informed and up-to-date on Ingrid Latorre's status and needs. Please speak to Becky Neumann or Pastor Randy for more information.

**ECOLOGY TIP OF THE WEEK:** If you get a daily newspaper and it arrives wrapped in a plastic bag every day, give a call to voice your concern about that unnecessary plastic. Many papers use only a rubber band unless the weather forecast is for rain or snow. At the very least, reuse the bags!



## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.** How can you help nurture strong and thriving families? Test your knowledge of what you know about how multiple protective factors support and strengthen families who are experiencing stress. Go to <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/resources/protective-factors-in-practice/> and check out the vignettes and see how you do!



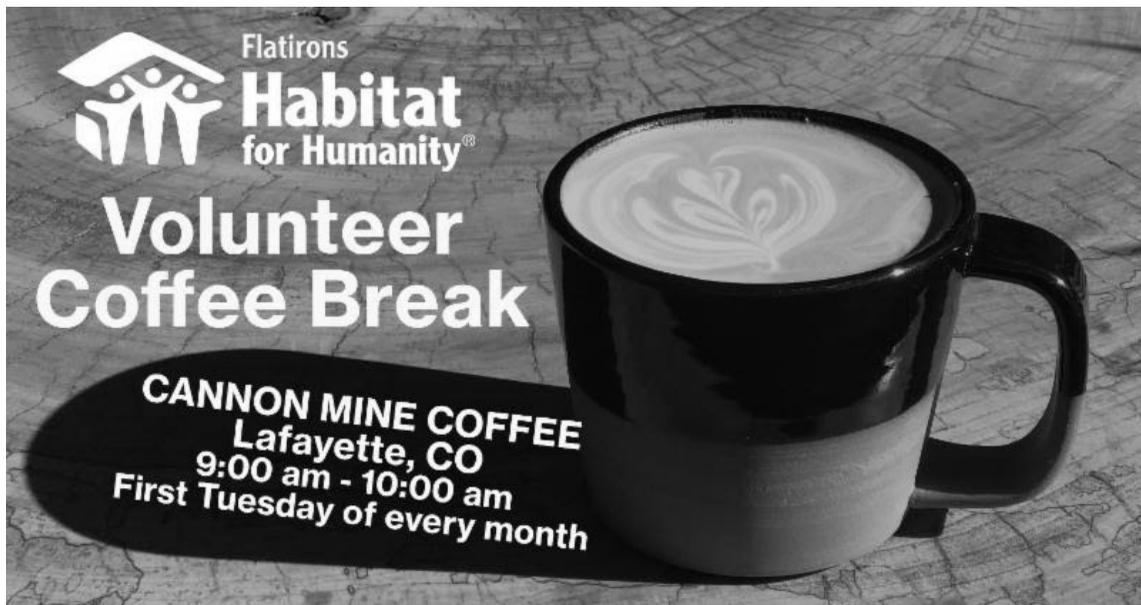
**DOVE'S NEST: FAITH COMMUNITIES KEEPING CHILDREN AND YOUTH SAFE:** April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. **Dove's Nest** encourages faith communities to take time during April to consider the plight of abused children and find

practical methods to end child abuse and neglect in the communities where they live, work, and worship. This year's focus is *Parenting for Prevention*, as we all know a parent is a child's first teacher! We hope to equip and encourage parents and caregivers to introduce Circle of Grace concepts and affirm them at home, whether or not the child is being taught Circle of Grace. Visit [www.dovesnest.net](http://www.dovesnest.net) for details and resource guides.

**MENNONITE CHURCH USA (MC USA):** Read Menno Snapshots stories this month from church planters throughout MC USA, including a story from the archives highlighting urban church planting in the 1980s: [www.mennoniteusa.org/tag/churchplanting](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/tag/churchplanting).

**MC USA:** Now is the time to register for MennoCon19. Join us July 2-6 for an engaging experience suited for everyone! Register here: [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration). Make plans to come to convention early for a large selection of pre-convention training opportunities: [www.mennoniteusa.org/pre-con-training](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/pre-con-training).

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - FLATIRONS:** April is National Volunteer Month! To celebrate, we're inviting all past, current, and future FHFH volunteers to join us for our new monthly volunteer meetups. Tuesday, April 2 - Volunteer Coffee Break. 9 a.m. at Cannon Mine Coffee in Lafayette. You buy your latte and we'll provide snacks and conversation!



**ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY:** Now introducing AMBS Spiritual Guidance Seminars. Prepare for a ministry of spiritual direction through this two-part supervised program led by Dan Schrock, D.Min. In 2019–20, Spiritual Guidance Seminar (Level 1) will take place online and on campus at AMBS; sign up by Aug. 8. Advanced Spiritual Guidance Seminar (Level 2) will meet Oct. 7–8, Feb. 17–18 and May 4–5; Sign up by Sept. 5. [www.ambs.edu/seminars](http://www.ambs.edu/seminars).

**COLORADO JEWISH FOOD FEST:** We warmly invite you all--all ages, all faiths--to the **Colorado Jewish Food Fest** this Sunday! It's from 10:00 - 2:00, so you can start your day here, and then head over to **Har HaShem for the Symposium on Spirituality and the environment** from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. At the **Colorado Jewish Food Fest** you can enjoy a dynamic day of eating, “learnshops”, farm tours, and more. It's a delicious, multi-sensory experience at the intersection of Judaism, food, and sustainability to leave you inspired and empowered. Experience how Jews do food in the 21st century! Sunday, April 7, 10:00 - 2:00 at the **Boulder JCC**. Just \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door.

**LOVE CROSSES BORDERS:** Introducing a **Mennonite Men (MC USA)** immersion experience with immigrants: Love is the greatest of all virtues. But what does love look like in times of cynicism and polarization? Borders are not only social constructs, they're also spiritual ones. Who's included? Who's excluded? How do we reconcile God's call to welcome the stranger with so much fear-filled rhetoric and policies? What can unwelcomed immigrants teach the Church about love? How can the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement inform and inspire us to a love that crosses borders? July 28 to August 3, **Mennonite Men** will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants to engage these issues. To register or for more information, visit [www.MennoniteMen.org](http://www.MennoniteMen.org) or contact **Steve Thomas** at [SteveT@Mennonites.org](mailto:SteveT@Mennonites.org).

**AHA! COULD STAND FOR AMERICANS FOR HEALTHY AGRICULTURE** but doesn't because there is no such organization!—instead it stands for those AHA! moments about the new eco-economics of soil, seeds, and slow money. Neighbors, farmers, gardeners, citizen activists, poetically inclined, CSA members, seed savers, folks who want to know where their food comes from and put money back into healthy community agriculture through 0% loans to local farmers and food enterprises as a small token of the esteem in which we hold those who are tending the soil and building the local food system, yes you, us, we of Boulder, of the Front Range, we're coming together to **AHA! April 13, 3:00 - 6:00 pm, at the Boulder Circus Center (4747 26th Street)**. You are cordially invited to join in an afternoon of shared learning and community celebration, including poetry, music, and other forms of cultural invigoration and conviviality! Admission free.



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP

Your place of retreat in the Colorado Rockies at 9,620' on Pikes Peak Massif

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP (RMMC):** Spend the day on Saturday, April 27, working in the woods at **Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp** to care for the spruce trees. We need your help to hang small packets of spruce beetle repellent to keep beetles from attacking more trees this spring and summer. Bring your hiking boots and a T50 stapler, if you have one. There's a chance we might need snowshoes and camp has some but bring yours if you have them. We'll begin at 8:30 AM. You can sign up online at [www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org) or call the camp at 719.687.9506. Thank you for considering this way to help.

**RMMC CALL FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS:** Each year for decades now, vans have been rented to help reduce the cost of travel for our Kansas constituents to our youth camps. We rent 2 12-15 passenger vans - lately they have been the new style wider and more stable vans that drive like a minivan but have larger capacity. The drivers start from camp on a Saturday morning, drive to Hesston, Kansas (9 hours +/-), unload their passengers, spend the night (accommodations provided by RMMC), and load up a new set of passengers on Sunday morning, and drive them back to camp. We are asking for teams of two people - one to drive (trading off as desired) and the second to manage the precious "cargo". Teams can be but need not be couples.

## Driver Requirements:

- Between 25 and 65 years of age (if you are out of this age category but would still like to volunteer, please contact Corbin)
- In good health - recent physical may be required
- Clean Driving record - Background check
- Van orientation - done before you leave RMMC
- Child care orientation Video - completed before trip

## Dates of Kansas Trips: *(we need 2 sets of drivers for each of the following dates)*

- June 8-9
- June 15-16
- June 22-23
- June 29-30
- July 6-7

If you are interested - or know of someone who would be able to help, please contact the camp at 719.687.9506. Sincerely yours ~ **Ed Shirk**, RMMC Board Member/Volunteer.

Sermon Notes and/or Worship Reflections:

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