Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, August 16th, 2020

A Service of the Word

Join the service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning:
for Zoom video live, click here: Zoom, or call in:
Dial 253 215 8782, then enter Meeting ID: 283 224 109#

Or
To join us via audio stream (if possible), click here: 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.
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.

GATHERING

Prelude

Singing

Like the murmur of the dove’s song
Text: Carl Daw, Jr., 1982; Music: Peter Cutts, 1969

Call to Worship
adapted from Psalm 32

Leader: We live in an uncertain, COVID-19 world.
All: At all times we will bless the Eternal One. We will sing praises and our spirits will find joy in God and in one another.

Leader: It’s a struggle not to be able to be together, to share bread and wine in loving fellowship from hand to hand.
All: In seeking God we are freed from all our fears. In all our difficulties, Love is with us.

Leader: Taste! Look! See! How good is God!
All: How good is our gathering together in the spirit of peace! Let us worship God!

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing

Taste and See
Text & Music: James Moore, 1983, from Psalm 34
Centering Prayer

Passing the Peace

A Moment in Mission: School Kits for Mennonite Central Committee

Offering Invitation/Blessing

Please type your prayer requests into the “Chat” column on Zoom or send them via email at least 2hrs prior to the worship service.

Offertory

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Gospel Reading  
John 13.34-35; 15.12-13

I give you a new commandment: Love one another. And you’re to love one another the way I have loved you. This is how all will know that you’re my disciples: that you truly love one another.”

This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

Anabaptist Voices Reading  
Dirk Philips, 1558, A Change for Unity

[J]ust as the bread is made of many grains, poured together and ground, and the many grains become one loaf in which each individual grain loses its body and form, and similarly with the grapes with the changing of their form become a common wine and drink’s body, so also all [followers of Jesus] must be united with
the Anointed One and with each other.

That is a marvelous and blessed union that all [followers of Jesus] are one body and bread in the Anointed Jesus. They are one bread from the good seed which God has sown in the field of this world. Baked through the fire of love, they are one body of many members of God’s Anointed; baptized through one Spirit into one body, and must, according to the example of the natural body, be of one heart and soul and serve each other, be helpful and comforting, just as the members of the natural body do.

**Anabaptist Voices Reading**  
Eleanor Kreider, *Communion as Commissioning*

How are we to join in God’s universal welcome and mission? Only through the Spirit of God, who comes alongside us (paraclete) to comfort, prepare and strengthen us. As we pray at the table, God the Paraclete works through our ritual actions, enabling us to participate in a fruitful way. It is more than ordinary eating and drinking. Taking into ourselves the bread and wine—gifts of Christ’s very life—we present ourselves to be transformed. Communion is a type of commissioning, a call to extend outward the welcome and love we have received.

The loving energy of the Spirit transforms us as individuals and as a community. How do we respond to the Spirit in Communion? By committing ourselves to self-giving love in the service of brother, sister, neighbor and enemy.

**Singing**  
*Alleluia*

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1979

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**Message**  
*Joined by sacrificial love*

**RESPONDING: The Service of Communion**

**Singing**  
*I hunger and I thirst*

Text: John Monsell, 1866; Music: Maria Tiddeman, 1875
16th Century Anabaptist Communion Exhortations to Love

Prayer of Thanks

All: Loving God in heaven, hallowed be your name!
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven:
give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive those who are in debt to us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Story and Sharing the Supper Together

If you are not in the sanctuary, you are invited to gather a bite to eat and a drink to share together during this time.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

Report: Western Plains District Conference, Church of the Brethren

Benediction
Sending Song
Sent forth by God’s blessing
Text: Omer Westendorf, 1964; Music: Welsh melody, harm. Gerald Knight

Resources used in worship:
Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality
Like the murmur: Text © 1982 Hope Pub Co; Music: © 1969 Hope Pub Co, OneLicense 728744-A
Taste and see: © 1983 GIA, OneLicense 728744-A
Alleluia, © 1979 Les Presses de Taize, UBP GIA Pub, OneLicense 728744-A
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Communion ala Balthazar Hubmaier at https://amnetwork.uk/resource/balthasar-hubmaier-a-form-for-christs-supper/

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!
Speaker: Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader: Toni Diaz Bachus
Readers: Paul and Mary McKay
Music: Eve Kia and Pastor Randy
A Moment for All Ages: Eldon Mast
Tech Support: Steve Voran
A Moment in Mission: Gwen Grasse
Western Plains District report: Sandi Sanborn
Attenders: Everyone!

August 9, 2020 Attendance: 60 Offering: $2080.00 (Thank you!)
TODAY at BMC
9:30am  Worship and Mingling via Zoom, Spreaker, and BMC campus
11:00am  Racism Awareness Session with Cindy Firnhaber and Terry Mast

THIS WEEK at BMC
Mon.  Bible Study Small Group
Tues.  Games Small Group
Wed.  Midweek Check-in on Zoom, 5pm.  Click here to join the Zoom meeting: Midweek Check-in. To join by phone, dial 301-715-8592. Meeting ID: 283 224 109#.
Thur.  Centering Prayer Small Group

NEXT SUNDAY – August 23
9:30am  Worship and mingling via Zoom, Spreaker and BMC campus

COMING UP (all things considered)
Aug. 26  Midweek Check-in on Zoom
Aug. 27  Harvest of Hope food delivery (contact csfirnhaber@gmail.com for pick-up)
Aug. 28  Changing World Small Group
Aug. 30  Book Discussion Small Group
Sept. 4-7  Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp Labor Day Work & Play Retreat
Sept. 16  Bridge House Virtual Annual Farm to Table dinner

~PRAYERS~
~Pray for a small Mennonite Church in Kerala, India. Houses and buildings are buried in mud. Church members are missing. It is not clear if the church has been buried in mud. Pray for all the people in Kerala. (World Mennonite Conference)
~Healing and strength for Eva Klink who fell recently. She is home recuperating.
~Continued prayers for Marina LaGrave’s grandson, Joaquin, in his healing.
~Healing prayers for Pastor Randy’s Aunt Eleanor and a cousin who have Covid.

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~
Please call in or email (info@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Thursday, 7:00am.


PASTOR RANDY’S OFFICE HOURS:  Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8am to 2pm.
               Friday: 9am to noon (subject to visitation/meetings). Appointments/call-aheads are encouraged.
Pastor Randy normally takes Monday as a Sabbath. During the pandemic, he is reachable on Mondays as well.

**CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:** working from home – no office hours.

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**Please let us know if we failed to acknowledge your special day. We want to celebrate you!**

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**From TERESA TROESTER-FALK:**  
*Dear BMC Family: Thank you so much for the gift of flowers in remembrance of my father. They are beautiful. I was touched. So much appreciated.*

**OUR CHILDREN, YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS** are beginning a new school year. They will be navigating a path cluttered with uncertainty and unpredictable changes. School will not be school as they have known it. Carefree and spontaneous interactions with peers, perhaps the best part of school, will be limited. School activities that were once enjoyed and anticipated may not happen or will happen differently. **Let us wish them well and hold them in our hearts with love and prayers.**

- **Booker** ~ Our youngest, who is almost 3 years old, is at home with his mother.
- **Miles** ~ *First Grade*
- **Grace and Bennet** ~ *Third Grade*
- **Erin** ~ *Fifth Grade*
- **Jeremiah** ~ *Sixth Grade*
- **Elle, Elleanna, and Noah** ~ *Seventh Grade*
- **Hannah, Kelcie, and Iris** ~ *Eighth Grade*
- **Finn** ~ *Ninth Grade*
- **Joshua** ~ *Tenth Grade*
- **Joel, Katharina and Olive** ~ *High School Juniors*
- **Alexandra** ~ *High School Senior*

**BETTY JANZEN is STEPPING DOWN as our CHURCH ADMIN.** Betty has been a treasure to us throughout her time as our church administrator, stepping up when the position was not being filled and adapting to work at home during the pandemic. We are all grateful for your dedication and care in your role as admin, Betty! Thank you and blessings as you continue to minister in other ways among us!
BOULDER MENNONITE CHURCH IS SEEKING A PART-TIME CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR. Duties include: coordinate congregational communications, create and distribute the weekly worship bulletin/announcements, schedule worship leaders as well as other administrative tasks including coordination of building use, janitorial services and supply ordering. The position is 12 hours per week in the BMC office (or remote during the pandemic if needed) and includes attendance and scribe duties at our monthly Church Council meeting. For further details, please contact Randy Spaulding, Pastor (randy@bouldermennonite.org), or Toni Diaz Bachus, Church Council Chairperson (tmclain@coloradogroup.com).

NEW ADDRESSES:
~ Anne and Aaron Miller: 1260 Longs Peak Avenue, Longmont, 80501
~ Cheri Krause and Justin Mathis: 7185 Russel Ct. Arvada 80007

HARVEST of HOPE: Thursday, Aug. 27, Cindy Firnhaber will pick up food at the church or your home. Contact Cindy at csfirnhaber@gmail.com, for home pick-up. You can also write a check to BMC and designate it for Harvest of Hope.

FABRIC, ELASTIC, THREAD NEEDED: BMCs Joan Tice continues to sew face masks for our community and the needy. She needs solid color cotton fabric, as well as thread and ¼-inch elastic. Can you help? Please contact Joan at jvtice52@gmail.com or 717-512-6591. Thanks!

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS
~ Feedback on Assembly: Please respond to the survey sent to you or contact the conference administrator, at administrator@mountainstatesmc.org, to give feedback.
~ The RACE (Radical Anabaptists Committed to Equity) taskforce was created, through an invitation from Mountain States Mennonite Conference. Members of the task force are Abby Endashaw; Ivanna Johnson; Kris Long; Dr. Naomi Nishi; and Dr. Wilmer Villacort.
~ Lyonell Unruh, widely acquainted across the Conference, passed away.
~ Gun Violence Round Table: Join the Zoom viewing of the “Beating Guns” documentary on September 12. Details will follow.
~ Borderland Learning Tour is cancelled due to COVID-19. It will be rescheduled.
~ Support MCC and celebrate MCC’s centennial with a shirt, hoodie, tea towel, bag or hat! Shop at the on-line store set up by the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale at wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/.
~ Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, which began in 1976, will be held exclusively online. There will still be two auctions, the General Auction and the Quilt Auction. The auction will open on Oct 11 and will close on Oct 17. The Auction Committee would be
grateful if those who have supported the auctions in the past would continue to do so, and those who have not had the opportunity to travel to Rocky Ford would check it out and consider supporting the event online.

~ The Pulled Pork Meal, for $10 cash or check, includes applewood smoked pork sandwich, fresh coleslaw, bacon baked beans, dessert, and a bottle of water. Pre-order your meal at www.rmiimcsale.org. Pick it up at First Mennonite Church in Denver on AUGUST 29, 2020, 3pm – 6pm. Proceeds go to Mennonite Central Committee.

CASA DE PAZ: We recently hosted a woman from Bosnia who was released from detention. This brings the total to 3,111 GUESTS from SEVENTY-SEVEN COUNTRIES!

YMCA is STRUGGLING TO FIND FUNDING just as its services are needed more than ever. Asher Fast is the director for the YMCA’s school-age programs in northern Colorado. He would welcome donations to, and participation in their auction fundraiser on October 3. If you would like more information, ask Asher (303-910-6882), Michelene (303-494-0122) or Bruce (720-233-4859) to send it. (Of course, don’t forget BMC’s own auction fundraiser coming up on November 22!)

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC)

1. ADVOCACY WORK by MCC

In order to do our work of relief, development and peace, it’s important that we address policies that contribute to poverty and injustice. Advocacy is how we do that. Our advocacy work is rooted in the understanding that we are called by God to be a voice with and for the poor, oppressed and marginalized. We take our inspiration from the biblical witness of Moses, Esther, John the Baptist, the prophets and Jesus himself. We have advocacy offices in Ottawa, Washington and at the United Nations.

Some of our advocacy work includes:
~ Analyzing policies from an Anabaptist perspective
~ Meeting with legislators and diplomats
~ Petitions and letter-writing campaigns
~ Praying for government officials.

2. MCC SUGGESTIONS for ADVOCATING

~ Advocate for issues that are important to you.
~ Phone numbers for offices can be found on your legislator’s website.
~ Call the Capitol Switchboard at 202 224-3121 to connect with your legislator.
~ Introduce yourself, your name and hometown, and identify yourself as a constituent.
~ Keep your message brief.
~ Clearly state the action you want the member of Congress to take.
~ Be respectful. Even if you disagree on an issue, respectfully convey your message.
~ Email is an easy way to communicate with your legislators.
~ If you want more than a cookie-cutter response, raise a specific question.
~ A well-stated question can express a viewpoint and stimulate a response.
~ End your message with a “thank you.”
~ When your legislators vote your way or take a courageous stand, send a thank you.

3. **UPDATES on RECENT MCC ADVOCACY WORK**

~ **Clara Weybright** will work as a **Climate Futures Fellow** through a partnership with the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions. Clara looks forward to connecting with congregations and communities to promote climate advocacy.

~ Legislative Associate Charles Kwuelum and MCC international program staff **met virtually with U.S. State Department officials** to discuss **challenges in eastern DR Congo** and the importance of local capacity to prevent violence in Nigeria.

~ On the 70th anniversary of the Korean War armistice, MCC promoted a statement spearheaded by Korean American Christians lamenting the long separation between North and South Korea and calling for peace and reconciliation.

~ **Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach**, director of the Washington Office, led our work getting support for an amendment that would ensure **no U.S. funds are used to implement Israeli annexation** of the West Bank. The amendment did not earn a vote but earned 14 sponsors.

4. **SUBSCRIBE to “WASHINGTON E-MEMMO” at mccwash@mcc.org** for ongoing information about MCC’s advocacy work and opportunities to advocate for things that are important to you.

**MENNONITE CHURCH USA (MC USA)**

~ The **“WOMEN DOING THEOLOGY CONFERENCE”** planned for November 5-7, 2020 has been put on hold due to COVID-19.

~ **ANTI-RACISM TRAINING:** MC USA is partnering with [Widerstand Consulting](https://www.widerstandconsulting.com) to provide congregations and conferences with affordable online anti-racism training. The training equips congregations to move beyond intentions to taking action.

~ **IMMIGRATION JUSTICE:** “**Radical Hospitality, a Learn, Pray, Join,**” initiative was launched by MC USA to focus awareness on the treatment of immigrants. “In a time when asylum seekers are still being turned away, migrant children are still being held in detention centers, people are seeking sanctuary in MC USA churches and violence against immigrants and minorities is continuing, it is important to emphasize our role in following Jesus’ example of radical hospitality,” Park-Hur said. The “**Learn, Pray, Join,**” initiative will provide:
  ~ Opportunities to learn more about immigration justice.
  ~ An invitation to pray for immigrants and migrant children.
  ~ A call to join in the advocacy work that is already occurring.

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY

~ *Leadership Integrity Circles*: Explore what it means to practice Christ-centered leadership in your workplace. [www.ambs.edu/integritycircles](www.ambs.edu/integritycircles)

~ *Anabaptist Short Course Bundle*: Explore Anabaptist history, thought and witness in online short courses. No grades, no papers! Each course is six weeks long. [ams.edu/bundle](ams.edu/bundle)

WEBINARS, BLOGS and SNAPSHOTs

~ *Immigration Detention Center Conversation*: Tuesday August 18th and August 25th at 8:00 PM EST/ 5:00 PM PST. Register at [https://www.onearthpeace.org/idcc](https://www.onearthpeace.org/idcc). More information at the OEP-Migrant Facebook page or email migrantjustice@onearthpeace.org.


ECOLOGY TIP: Have you ever heard of a prayer plant? Its Latin name is *maranta leuconeura*. Its green leaves with pink stripes open and close like hands folded or open in prayer! Consider purchasing such a plant or a shamrock, whose leaves fold up at night, to serve as a reminder to take time for prayer.