

Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, September 13th, 2020

A Service of the Word



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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](#)

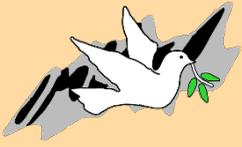
Welcome to the worship service today.

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.

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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.

GATHERING

Prelude

Singing

You are holy

Text & Music: Per Harling, alt

Part 1

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more than we ev - er un - der - stand.
You are al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed
are you com - ing here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

Part 2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness, you are pres - ent. Let the
cos - mos praise you, God! Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -
lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah, hal - le lu - jah. A - men.

Call to Worship

from Sing the Story 177, J. Philip Newell

Leader: I watch this morning for the light that the shadows have not overcome.

All: *We watch for the fire that was in the beginning and that burns still
in the brilliance of the rising sun.*

Leader: I watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth and glistens in
sea and sky.

All: *We watch for your light, O God, in the eyes of every living creature
and in the ever-living flame of our own soul.*

Leader: If the grace of seeing were mine this day
I would glimpse you in all that lives.

All: *Grant us the grace of seeing this day. Grant us the grace of seeing.
AMEN.*

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1907; Music: L. van Beethoven, 1823

1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, God of love; Hearts un-fold like
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays, Stars and an-gels
3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er bless'd, well-spring of the

flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove. Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness;
sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise. Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain,
joy of liv-ing, o-cean-depth of hap-py rest! Lov-ing Spi-rit, Moth-er, Fath-er,

Drive the storms of doubt a-way; Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
Flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea, Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
all who live in love are thine. Teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine!

Centering Prayer

Passing the Peace

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

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Exodus 14.19-30

Then the angel of God, who was leading the Israelites, moved to their rear—the pillar of cloud left the front of their number and took up position behind them, between the Israelites and the Egyptians. All during the night the cloud provided light to one side and darkness to the other side, so that there was no contact between them.

Then Moses stretched his hand over the sea, and the Eternal One swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water walled up on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and charioteers went after them into the midst of the sea. At dawn, the Eternal One looked down upon the Egyptian forces from the column of fiery cloud, and threw the army into confusion and panic, clogging their chariot wheels so that they could hardly turn. The Egyptians turned to flee from the Israelites, saying “Their God fights for them against us!”

Then the Eternal One told Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, and let the water flow back upon the Egyptians, over their chariots and their charioteers.” So at sunrise, Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the waters rolled back in. As the Egyptians fled, the Eternal One hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, covering the chariots and the charioteers—Pharaoh’s whole army, who had followed the Israelites into the sea—not one of them survived. But the Israelites passed through, walking dry-shod in the sea, with the water like a wall, on their right and on their left. Thus the Eternal One saved Israel on that day from the power of Egypt.

New Testament Reading

Romans 14.1-6

Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don’t see things the way you do. And don’t jump all over them every time they do or say something you don’t agree

with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.

For instance, a person who has been around for a while might well be convinced that they can eat anything on the table, while another, with a different background, might assume they should only be a vegetarian and eat accordingly. But since both are guests at Jesus' table, wouldn't it be terribly rude if they fell to criticizing what the other ate or didn't eat? God, after all, invited them both to the table. Do you have any business crossing people off the guest list or interfering with God's welcome? If there are corrections to be made or manners to be learned, God can handle that without your help.

Or, say, one person thinks that some days should be set aside as holy and another thinks that each day is pretty much like any other. There are good reasons either way. So, each person is free to follow the convictions of conscience. What's important in all this is that if you keep a holy day, keep it for God's sake; if you eat meat, eat it to the glory of God and thank God for prime rib; if you're a vegetarian, eat vegetables to the glory of God and thank God for broccoli!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18.21-34

Peter came up and asked Jesus, "When a sister or brother wrongs me, how many times must I forgive? Seven times?"

"No," Jesus replied, "not seven times; I tell you seventy times seven. And here's why. The kingdom of heaven is like a ruler who decided to settle accounts with the royal officials. When the audit was begun, one was brought in who owed tens of millions of dollars. As the debtor had no way of paying, the ruler ordered this official to be sold, along with family and property, in payment of the debt.

"At this, the official bowed down in homage and said, 'I beg you, your highness, be patient with me and I will pay you back in full!' Moved with pity, the ruler let the official go and wrote off the debt. Then that same official went out and met a colleague who owed the official twenty dollars. The official seized and throttled this debtor with the demand, 'Pay back what you owe me!'

"The debtor dropped to the ground and began to plead, 'Just give me time and I will pay you back in full!' But the official would hear none of it, and instead had the colleague put in debtor's prison until the money was paid. When the other officials saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and went to the ruler, reporting the entire incident. The ruler sent for the official and said, 'You worthless wretch! I cancelled your entire debt when you pleaded with me. Should you not have dealt

mercifully with your colleague, as I dealt with you?’ Then in anger, the ruler handed the official over to be tortured until the debt had been paid in full.

Singing

Alleluia

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1979

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score for 'Alleluia' is written in G major and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a first ending bracket over the first two phrases, followed by a second ending bracket over the final phrase. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

Message

The journey of forgiveness

RESPONDING

Singing

The Lord's Prayer (Our God in heaven)

Text and Music: Mark A. Miller

Our God, in hea - ven, ho - ly is your name, your
reign come, your will done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to-day our dai - ly bread, and help us for-give, as we have been for - giv - en.
In the time of tri-al lead us in - to light, for yours is the kin - dom, and the po - wer, and the
glo - ry, for - e - ver. Our God, in

The musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' is written in G major and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment includes chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

heaven, holy is your name, holy is your name.

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song

Heart with loving heart united

Text: Nicolaus von Zinzendorf, 1723; Music: anonymous, 1735

1. Heart with lov-ing heart u-nit-ed, met to know God's ho-ly will. Let that love in
2. Since, O God, you have de-mand-ed that our lives your love should show, so we wait to

us ig-nit-ed more and more our spir-its fill. God the head, we are all mem-bers,
be com-mand-ed forth in-to your world to go. Kin-dle in us love's com-pas-sion

we re-lect the light of God. We will fol-low as dis-ci-ples, walk-ing in the Way of love.
so that ev-'ry-one may see in our fel-low-ship the pro-mise of a new hu-man-i-ty!



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality; The Message, 2002 Eugene Peterson
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Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

- Speaker:** Pastor Randy Spaulding
- Worship Leader:** Joan Tice
- Readers:** Alfred and Becky Sawatzky
- Music:** Eve Kia, Lily Mast, Pastor Randy
- A Moment for All Ages** Berit Jany
- Tech Support:** Eldon Mast
- Attendees:** Everyone

September 6, 2020 Attendance: 60 Offering: \$2565.00 (Thank you!)

TODAY at BMC

- 9:30am** **Worship and mingling** via Zoom, Spreaker and BMC campus.
- 11:00am** **Adult Education hour**, via Zoom (same link as worship): Conversation on the Resolution for Repentance and Transformation. Note: There is one dissenter toward having BMC endorse the resolution. You are invited to this hour to listen, share and offer loving discernment as we seek consensus. Thank you!
- 12:15am** **Book Discussion Small Group**, via Zoom (same link as worship)

THIS WEEK at BMC

- Tues.** **Morning Meditation** with **Brenda Fox** and **Prayerstream Team**, 7am
- Tues.** **Deacons Meeting**
- Tues.** **Games Small Group**
- Wed.** **Midweek Check-in** on Zoom at 5pm. Click to join [Midweek Check-in](#) or dial **301-715- 8592**. Meeting ID: 283 224 109#.
- Thur.** **Centering Prayer Small Group**

NEXT SUNDAY – September 20

- 9:30am** **Worship and Mingling** via Zoom Spreaker and BMC campus
- 11:00am** **Christian Education Hour Discussion** with **Cat Osborne-Gowey**

COMING UP

- Sept. 21** **Bible Study Small Group**
- Sept. 23** **Midweek Check-in** on Zoom at 5pm. Click to join [Midweek Check-in](#) or dial **301-715- 8592**. Meeting ID: 283 224 109#.

- Sept. 25** **Changing World** Small Group
- Oct. 1** **Centering Prayer** Small Group
- Oct. 5** **Bible Study** Small Group
- Oct. 7** **Midweek** Check-in on Zoom at 5pm. Click to join [Midweek Check-in](#) or dial 301-715- 8592. Meeting ID: 283 224 109#.
- Oct. 8** **Church Council**
- Nov. 12** *Voices Together* digital launch

~PRAYERS~

- ~**Terry Mast:** We all adore our home in Colorado! However, in the next 72 hours we anticipate weather ranging from a hot 97 degrees to below freezing by Tuesday night with snow. **Our gardens** feed our households, and community gardens offer critical food for our neighbors in need. Prayers for strategies, protection and what may be harvested yet. We remember **Earth's Table Gardens** especially.
- ~**Cindy & Kurt Firnhaber:** Prayers for **Koketso's** healing and securing a job for **Nyasha**.
- ~**Gratitude** for the 213 pounds of **food donated by BMCers** to Harvest of Hope food pantry in August!
- ~**Paul & Mary McKay:** prayers **for Marla Julia** and **husband** upon the death (Sept 5) of her father-in-law due to Covid-19 in Guatemala. Prayers of healing for **David Confer**, son of Mary's college roommate.
- ~**Gretchen & Dick Williams:** remembering **Cindi Fausel** in Georgia, releasing a Japanese lantern for her father's spirit last Sunday.
- ~**Elvira Glenn:** continued prayers for my brother-in-law, **Jerry**, who is now bedfast and daily losing strength and my sister **Donna** who in addition to COPD is in great back pain. An MRI this week showed compressed spinal fracture. She will be consulting with her doctor on Tuesday.
- ~**Jan DeCourtney:** Asking for everyone to send healing energy to my cat **Squeaky**, who has been diagnosed with diabetes. He is responding well to treatment.
- ~ for our kindred congregation, **Emmanuel Mennonite Church** in La Junta, their leaders and their people. Grant them joy and grace in their gathering and their work in the world.

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

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

DEACONS: Steve Voran: 303-499-6843; Carole Suderman: 303-494-8527;
Paul Classen: 316-217-2355.

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.

CHURCH ADMINSTRATOR: The past year of serving you, the congregation, as administrator has been meaningful for me. **I appreciated your kindness, patience and support** as I stumbled through what was often a steep learning curve. **I thank you!** *Betty*

*And we thank YOU, Betty, for your faithful and generous service as our administrator.
 With Love, ~Your BMC Family*

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS		SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
8 ~ Lisa Voss	16 ~ Susan Graber	1 ~ Suzanne Classen & Ryan Loewer
9 ~ Brenda Fox	20 ~ Alfred Sawatzky	22 ~ Terry & Eldon Mast
11 ~ Kristi Swasko	25 ~ Anne Brubacher	
11 ~ Booker Bryant	30 ~ Liz Burr	
12 ~ Jen Dudenhefer		

MORNING MEDITATION with **BRENDA FOX** and the **PRAYERSTREAM TEAM** will begin this Tuesday morning, September 15, from 7-7:40am. We are 8 weeks away from our national elections. Prayerstream Enterprises is stepping into this critical time to offer **Prayers for the Nations**. To "**pray without ceasing**" the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples over 2000 years ago... "On Earth as it is in Heaven." This is the mission of the Prayerstream. A time of prayer, meditation and brief sharing will be offered. The Zoom link will be sent out weekly via email and can be shared widely with those who recognize with urgency the need and longing to 'be the peace we are hoping to see in the world around us.' All are welcome! We will join hearts, minds, troubled and weary spirits as we rest in the powerful healing and steadfast presence of the Holy Spirit. To receive the Zoom link, contact brendainboulder@yahoo.com.

ISABELLE CLEMENT will be a **MCC SALT**er this next year in **Phnom Penh, Cambodia!** She will be a **Peace Support Worker** with the [Peace Bridge Organization](#). She will work alongside staff to grow the organization's capacity in monitoring, evaluating, and learning in their peace building programs. She leaves October 14, 2020. **MCC's requires SALTers to raise \$4,100** for the program. COVID prevents a creative fundraising party, but you can support this goal by donating:
 ~via the [BMC's website](#), indicating it is for the [BMC SALT - Cambodia Program](#).
 ~ writing a check to BMC, indicating it is for [MCC SALT-Cambodia Program](#).

TRIVIA: Two years in a row we have had **BMC young adults** in the MCC SALT program, this year **Isabelle Clement** and last year **Lily Mast!**

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

MCC SCHOOL KITS: Mennonite Central Committee reminds us the need for school kits is as urgent as ever. Please **DONATE** money towards the purchase of school supplies by **writing a check made payable to BMC** with “MCC School Kits” written on the memo line, and mail your check to Boulder Mennonite Church, 3910 Table Mesa Dr., Boulder, CO 80305. We are planning for safe ways to build school kits and will keep you posted. Thank you for supporting this annual service project so generously each year. **It is a simple way to make a difference in the education and future of children worldwide, and to work towards a more equitable world.**



COME FILL SCHOOL KITS AND ENJOY HOMEMADE ICE CREAM!

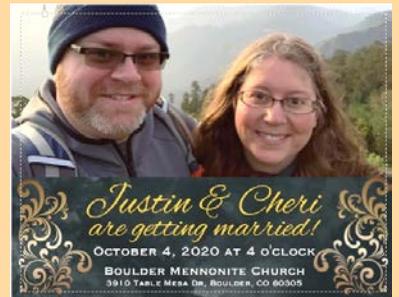
BMC invites everyone to do some good – by packing School Kits in our parking lot. We will provide tables with supplies and you may fill the kits as a family or individually. Tables will be sanitized between groups/individuals. Afterward, enjoy some tasty homemade ice cream sponsored by your BMC Deacons! Bring lawn chairs, your own brown bag meal, beverage, etc. Water will be provided. **Saturday, September 19. ,**



5pm: Pack School Kits for MCC **6pm:** Ice Cream Social... Distancing

FROM CATHY & CURTIS LECCE-CHONG: Its official! We will have free live streaming of the Santa Rosa Symphony! Everyone is excited. There are only a handful of orchestras around the world who are doing live performances. Curtis and I are so happy for the music community to start a musical season under all the legal, health and creative issues of our challenging global experience. You can read about it on the [Santa Rosa Symphony website](#). **Date: Sunday Oct 11 @ 2 pm MST.** For tickets go [HERE](#).

CHERI & JUSTIN WEDDING: Cheri Krause and Justin Mathis are getting married at BMC, officiated by Pastor Randy on October 4th, 2020 @ 4pm. Due to COVID, instead of inviting everyone in the congregation in-person to the wedding, you are all invited to join us in celebrating over Zoom. If you would like to help make this event happen, we will need support at BMC on Thursday, Oct 1 all day, starting at 10 am with moving chairs and tables, decorating the ceiling/arches, and decorating in general. Other help we could use would be with slight alterations to clothing. We are very excited to be starting on this marriage journey with Boulder Mennonite Church. BMCers are invited to the wedding via Zoom! www.tinyurl.com/Justin-Cheri-wedding.



Use this link to RSVP:

While it is customary to give gifts for a wedding, we have already obtained what we need for our household. However, we have always dreamed of traveling to New Zealand but never had the means. Any amount you could contribute towards our honeymoon would be greatly appreciated! Here's the link: <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8sgusNNZnX>

CROPWALK UPDATE AND INVITATION: As we all know, this time has brought unprecedented hunger to people both in our country and throughout the world. The CROP Walk has always been a venue whereby churches raise funds to address hunger while building community. This year's walk allows much creativity, hopefully resulting in more enthusiasm and larger donations. Put **October 17th on your calendars**, and watch for more information. We want this to be a church-wide effort, including all ages! 75% of the proceeds go to Church World Services, 24% to Community Food Share to meet local needs, and 1% goes to Bread for the World, which advocates for legislation to address hunger needs.



~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MCC RELIEF SALE: The **Relief Sale is online** at rmmcsale.org. Watch for the **Quilt and General Auctions on October 11 to 17!!** Ways to participate include:

- ~ The **online auction** has many delightful items such as paintings, pottery, children's books/toys along with **lovely quilts** and more! rmmcsale.org
- ~ **Join the 100 challenge, Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of MCC!** Choose an activity to compete in, such as hiking 100 miles, walking 100 blocks, jumping rope 100 times etc. Please check out the video at rmmcsale.org and click on the MCC 100 Challenge.
- ~ Make a donation at rmmcsale.org or send a check to MCC, (Mike Shima, 815 S Main St, Rocky Ford CO 81067). The first \$5,000 given will be matched by a generous donor.

ECOLOGY TIP: In just the first two years of the current administration, 13.6 million acres of public lands have been made available for oil and gas leasing. If we wish to be good caretakers of God's earth, let us address our legislators and attempt to preserve the fields, meadows, mountains and grasslands from exploitation.

