



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, November 22, 2020

A Service of the Word and Table



Jim Janknegt, *The Return*

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](#)

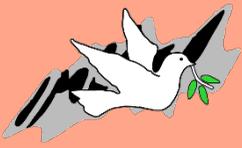
Welcome to the worship service today.

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

I'll praise my Maker with my breath

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.; Music: Lowell Mason, 1832 NASHVILLE

1. I'll praise my Mak - er with my breath, and when my voice is lost in death, praise
 2. Hap - py are they whose hopes re - ly on our good God who made the sky, and
 3. Our God pours eye - sight on the blind, our God sup - ports the faint - ing mind and
 4. I'll praise my Mak - er with my breath, and when my voice is lost in death, praise

shall em - ploy my no - bler pow'rs. My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while
 earth, and seas, with all their train; whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who
 sends the la - b'ring con - science peace. God helps the stran - ger in dis - tress, the
 shall em - ploy my no - bler pow'rs. My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while

life and thought and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 saves th'op - pressed and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
 wi - dow and the par - ent - less: and grants the pris - 'ner sweet re - lease.
 life and thought and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures!

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Sing a joyful noise to the Eternal, all peoples of Earth!

All: *Serve the Eternal with gladness! Enter into the presence of the Holy with a joyful song!*

Leader: Know that the Eternal is God! Love created us, and we belong to the Creator; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

All: *Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise! Give thanks to God! Bless Love's holy Name!*

Leader: For the Eternal is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

All: *and God's faithfulness to all generations!*

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing

Here in this place

VT 10

Text/Music: Marty Haugen, 1988, alt. GATHER US IN



1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, now are the shad - ows van-ish-ed a - way.
2. We are the yout, our lives are a mys - t'ry. We are the old who yearn for your face.
3. Here we will take the wine of com-pas - sion; here we will take the breath of new birth.
4. Not just in build - ings dim and con - fin - ing; not in some heav - en, light-years a - way:



See, in this space, our fears and our dream-ings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
We have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
Here we be - come the peo - ple you fash - ion: child - ren of God, to be salt for the earth.
here in this place, the new light is shin - ing; now is the dawn-ing and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sa - ken, gath - er us in, our spir - its in - flame.
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty; gath - er us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us to drink the wine ev - er flow - ing, give us to eat the bread that is you.
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath - er us in and make us your own.



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en; we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly; give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
Nour - ish us well, and guide us in grow - ing lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
Gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Let us affirm our faith

All: *We believe in a bright and amazing God,
who goes to the depths of despair on our behalf;
who rises in splendor and majesty;
who decorates the universe with sparkling water,
clear white light, twinkling stars and sharp colors,
over and over again.
We believe that Jesus is the light of the world;
that God believes in us, and trusts us,
even though we make the same mistakes
over and over again.
We commit ourselves to the Way of Jesus,
to one another as sisters and brothers,
and to being the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.
This is the joyful Reign of God! Amen.*

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

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

For thus says Sovereign the Eternal One: I myself will search for my sheep; I will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when their flocks are scattered in every direction, so I will search for my sheep and rescue them, no matter where they scattered on that day of full clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the countries and bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by its streams and wherever there is a settlement. I will feed them on good pastureland, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing ground. I myself will tend my flock and have it lie down, thus says Sovereign Eternal One. I will seek out the lost, I will return the strayed, I will bind up the

injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and I will watch over the fat and the sleek. I will be a true shepherd to them.

Therefore, thus says the Eternal One to you: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep, for you shove aside the weak with flank and shoulder; you butt them with your horns until they are scattered in every direction. I will save my flock and they will be ravaged no longer. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will set up over them one shepherd to care for them: my servant David. He will care for them and be their shepherd. And I, the Eternal One, will be their God, and my servant David will be their leader. I, the Eternal One, have spoken.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25.31-45

“At the appointed time the Promised One will come in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, and will sit upon the royal throne, with all the nations assembled below. Then the Promised One will separate them from one another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. The sheep will be placed on the right hand, the goats on the left.

“The ruler will say to those on the right, ‘Come, you blessed of my Abba God! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world! For I was hungry, and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me.’ Then these just will ask, ‘When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you?’ The ruler will answer them, ‘The truth is, every time you did this for the least of my sisters or brothers, you did it for me.’

“Then the ruler will say to those on the left, ‘Out of my sight, you accursed ones! Into that everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and the fallen angels! I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger, and you gave me no welcome; naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to visit me.’ Then they in turn will ask, ‘When did we see you hungry or thirsty, or homeless or naked, or ill or in prison, and not take care of you?’ The answer will come, ‘The truth is, as often as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.’

Singing

Thy word is a lamp

VT 398

Text/Music: Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith

Thy word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

Message

The end of all things

RESPONDING: The Service of Communion

Singing

Let us break bread together

African American spiritual

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, O God have mer - cy on me.

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.

Communion Prayer and Thanksgiving

Revelation 19.5-9b, adapted

Leader: Then a voice came from the throne, saying,

All: Praise our God, all you servants of God, you who love the Most High, both small and great!

Leader: Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder peals, shouting,

All: Hallelujah! Our Sovereign God has begun to reign! Let us rejoice and exult and be glad, for the wedding day of the Lamb is at hand, the betrothed is ready.

Leader: Happy are they who have been invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

All: These words are trustworthy and faithful to our God.

The Story from our tradition

1 Corinthians 11.23-26, adapted

~The bread and cup are shared among the people.~

Leader: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim Jesus' death and celebrate Jesus' life until the Anointed One comes.

All: *We pray together that in eating the bread and drinking the wine our life will be enriched, and we make, here and now, the reign of God a reality.*

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

SENDING

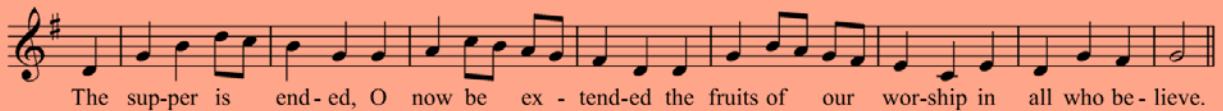
Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song

Sent forth by God's blessing

Text: Omer Westendorf, alt. 1964; Music: Welsh traditional, harm. Anon ASH GROVE



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Communion liturgy adapted from Iona Abbey Worship Book, , The Iona Community, Wild Goose Pub., 2001, p. 110

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Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Becky Neumann
Readers:	Sandi Sanborn, Michelene Fast
Music:	Eve Kia, Pastor Randy
A Moment for All Ages	Eldon Mast
Tech Support:	Alfred Sawatzky
Attendees:	Everyone

November 15, 2020

Attendance: 63 Offering: 2,850 (Thank you!)

TODAY at BMC

9:30am

Worship and mingling via Zoom, Spreaker and BMC campus.

11:00am

Adult Education Hour via Zoom: "Community Brainstorm: Meeting Human Need". Eldon Mast, Facilitator

THIS WEEK at BMC

11/25

Midweek Check-in with Pastor Randy, 5pm. Click to join Midweek Check-in here: [Zoom](#), or dial 301-715-8592. Meeting ID: 283 224 109#

NEXT SUNDAY – November 29

9:30am

Worship and mingling via Zoom, Spreaker and BMC campus.

2:30pm

Changing World Small Group

COMING UP

11/26

Happy Thanksgiving!

11/29

First Sunday in Advent

11/29

Changing World Small Group (2:30p)

12/06

Worship and BMC BIRTHDAY AUCTION

12/13

Voices Together dedication launch event



~PRAYERS~

- ~Prayers of gratitude from **Toni Dias Bachus**. Her mom is at peace staying at Sunrise. Toni is **flying to Cuba on Thursday (11/19)**. Please pray for safety and clarity on all of the new rules and requirements put into place and that her 4 COVID test are negative.
- ~ Prayers for **Joan Tice's brother-in-law Ted** who was rushed to a local hospital in Lancaster, then airflighted to a Philadelphia hospital. He had a very **serious stroke**, and they are awaiting signs of recovery. Prayers for Joan's sister and for the family.
- ~Prayers for **Susan Graber's cousin Greg Tipton** and his family. Their 39-year old daughter **Nicole, passed away from cancer** this week.
- ~ from **Mary McKay**: We ask prayers for the Short family upon the **passing of our dear brother-in-law Wally** yesterday morning in his sleep.
- ~Prayers for **Anibal**, Ingrid Latorre's son who **turns 5 years old on Thanksgiving Day**. They remain in [Sanctuary at the UU Church of Boulder](#). Anibal has lived almost 4 of his 5 years in sanctuary, learning to walk and talk while sequestered in the church, due to Ingrid's fear of being deported and losing her children. Anibal has **literally grown up IN** churches in Denver, Ft. Collins and Boulder. Happy birthday, Anibal!
- ~for the **people of Guatemala and Honduras** and other countries in Central America struggling desperately after the second hurricane devastated their homes and lands. As you are able, consider **donating to EPIC program partners** in Guatemala (Baja Verapaz Sustainable Agriculture and Health Education Program), Honduras (La Semilla del Progreso) and El Salvador (APRODEHNI) at the EPIC website: www.epicprojects.org.

~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: 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: Ivanna is in the office on Monday and Tuesday from 9:30-3:30.

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS		NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Suzanne Classen	14 – Carter McKay Epp	6 – Dick and Gretchen Williams
1 – Carolyn Clement	20 – Debrah Falk	
	22 – Benjamin Falk	

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

Prayerstream Meditation Prayer and meditation contribute a dimension that all of our worry, concern, activity and disturbances often leave out. For a breath or two, for a moment or two we are invited to a place of rest and resourcefulness. We continue to hold the sacred space of silence and reflection. All are invited and welcome! Join Zoom meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85677374617?pwd=L0ZJeHcrSFk4VzZ0K3c5U2ZKcUVRZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 7737 4617 Passcode: 6dwyKy

GRATITUDE AND THANKS TO THE MASK-MAKERS OF BMC, who from the beginning of the pandemic sewed masks for first-responders, schools, homeless shelters, food pantries, BMCers, family and friends. Of special note is **Joan Tice, *who sewed her 1000th mask this past week***. Wow! God bless the mask-makers!



Re: Church Membership

"We request that our names be removed from the BMC membership list." ~Dan and Betty Jantzen

BMC responds:

Thank you to Dan and Betty for being important parts of the BMC family over the years. You have served and shared deeply and generously with us. We warmly welcome your continued participation in any and all BMC activities at the levels you would choose, regardless of membership status.

Dan provided the BMC Church Council with additional context that notes his support for LBGTQ inclusion as well as his objection to the [Resolution proposed by the Inclusive Mennonite Pastors Leadership Team](#), and the [consensus process that BMC used](#) prior to endorsing the resolution.

BMCers are encouraged to reach out to the Jantzens and are also welcome to contact the Pastor or any Deacon for questions, discussion, or processing.

~The Deacons (Steve Voran, Carole Suderman, Paul Classen) and Pastor Randy

BMC'S BIRTHDAY we will be celebrating with a **Zoom auction** on Sunday, December 6. Auction will start about 15 minutes after the worship service ends. Donations of breads, rolls, soups, casseroles, pies will be live auctioned, and non-consumable items are welcome too. Donors will be responsible for getting items to buyers, should this be an issue let Anne Brubacher know. Please submit donations to annebrubacher@hotmail.com or link the Boulder Mennonite Webpage that will be live soon.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS, 4 individuals are needed to help pack and serve lunches for approximately 60 Harvest of Hope clients from 12p-2p on Wednesday, December 30th. Harvest of Hope will be closed that week, but still anticipate clients in need of lunch. Please contact Cindy Firnhaber for more information.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

HARVEST OF HOPE (HOH) is a food pantry that supplies food for the Homeless but also have many clients in homes. There are special shopping hours for these clients. The need at present has increased. One of the barriers to obtaining food at Harvest of Hope is transportation. HoH has a pilot program of recruiting volunteers to drive clients to HoH. They had initially two clients and now they are expanding to a total of 15 clients. HoH is asking if there is anyone at our congregation who might be interested in helping with transport for these clients. ***If you are interested, please let Cindy Firnhaber know*** and she will connect you to the program director.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MONTH: According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are about 4.5 million Native American and Alaska Natives in the U.S., which constitutes about 1.5% of the population. The indigenous peoples of the North American Arctic include the Eskimo (Inuit and Yupik/Yupit) and Aluet; their traditional languages are in the Eskimo Aluet family. Many Alaskan groups prefer to be called Native Alaskan rather than Native Americans. Canada's Arctic Peoples generally prefer the reference Inuit.

MOBILITY FOR ALL IS OFFERING 60 FREE RTD LiVE Passes to Boulder County residents who sign up and qualify for RTD LiVE Program. Offer is valid until December 31, 2020. For more details, visit <https://www.longmontleader.com/news-releases/how-to-take-advantage-of-discounted-rtd-fares-2846173>.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER, with Sojourn Mennonite's Rev. Zach Martinez, Rev. Ben Konecny, Cristian Solano-Cordova & Tania Chairez. **Sunday, Nov 22, 4pm. Free** through the Motus Theater. Undocumented monologues interrupt the dehumanizing and racist, anti-immigrant narratives. Each monologue is followed by music from Uruguayan guitar soloist Elisa Garcia. Follow this link to register: <https://www.motustheater.org/events/2020/11/22/wts>



MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

MENNONITE FEED STATION Grab a piece of MCC history to use in a modern-day Mennonite feeding station - your home! Get one for yourself and order more for family and friends. Hang it on the wall in your kitchen or dining room, display it on a shelf or use it as a serving tray! Remember the kitchen at your church, too. Each tray was uniquely handcrafted by an artisan in Siberia using Siberian hardwood. The tray is 16" in diameter and 2" deep. Suggested donation per tray is \$150. Full details and pictures are available at <https://mcc.org/feeding-station-tray>.

MCC & ME Join MCC for a series of “MCC and me” webinars to hear more about service opportunities. MCC is working to adapt our programming as the situation with COVID-19 develops. All sessions relate to anticipated service needs, though timing and some other details may be subject to change.

- December 9 at 7 p.m. EST: Serving and Learning Together (SALT)
- January 13 at 3 p.m. EST: Summer Service leadership program
- February 25 at 10 a.m. EST: Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) summer staff
- February 25 at 8 p.m. EST: International service worker
- March 6 at 12 p.m. EST: International service worker
- March TBD: Mobile Meat Canner

For more information and to register: www.mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

MC USA JUSTICE FUND has introduced a new way to contribute to its peace and justice work. The denomination launched a t-shirt fundraiser this week to support its Justice Fund, a mutual aid fund that assists MC USA congregations engaging in their communities to dismantle racism and build peace. The Justice Fund will receive \$10 for each adult tee sold and \$5 for each youth tee. The fundraiser concludes on Nov. 22 at 11:59 pm. Tees will ship upon the completion of the fundraiser. The tees cost \$15 for youth sizes (xs-xl) and \$20 for adult sizes (s-3xl).

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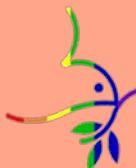
ECOLOGY TIP: Since many of us won't be experiencing our traditional Thanksgiving gatherings, perhaps we can spend more of the day outdoors, giving thanks to God for all our blessings, including our beautiful environment! Go for a walk, hike, or bike ride or simply sit in a park or yard and literally count your blessings! Set a goal (70?) and write them all down! We can be thankful for all we have, instead of focusing on what we don't have!



Boulder Mennonite Church acknowledges that we are gathering on the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples.

It was inhabited by the Ute, Cheyenne, Arapaho and Ocheti Sakowin Peoples.

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



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