



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, February 21, 2021

A Service of the Word

1st Sunday in the Season of Lent: Deep calls to Deep



Heavenly Mother
artist: Kandace Boos

Join the service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning:

[Live via Zoom](#), or call in: Dial 253 215 8782, then enter Meeting ID: 283 224 109#

Or join us via our audio stream: [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

Summoned by the God who made us
vv. 1, 2, 3

[Voices Tog. 1](#)

Call to Worship

Leader: We are here at water's edge, casting off from shore into unknown waters.

All: With deep reverence, we drop our oars, letting go and trusting the sea.

Leader: We trust the signs of your covenant: the ark, the waters of baptism,

All: the rainbow in the clouds, the dove from the heavens.

Guide us this day, Holy One, as you call us deeper into steadfast love!

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing

My shepherd will supply my need

[Voices Tog. 640](#)

Declaring What Ails Us:

Leader: Deep calls to deep.

All: We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

Leader: Help us acknowledge when we have stayed too close to the surface, avoiding you, avoiding our neighbors. Help us name when we have felt in over our heads; needing you, needing our neighbors.

[Silence]

Leader: Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of Love.

All: You call us to deep relationship. Help us come to you. Amen.

Passing the Peace

A Moment in Mission: Ingrid Encalada Latorre and Sanctuary Coalition

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. Or [click here to donate online.](#)

Offertory

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Genesis 9.8-17

The Eternal One said to Noah, “I hereby establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you—birds, cattle, and the earth’s wildlife—everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I hereby establish my covenant with you: All flesh will never again be swept away by the waters of the flood; never again will a flood destroy all the earth.”

God said, “Here is the sign of the covenant between me and you and every living creature for ageless generations: I set my bow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, my bow will appear in the clouds. Then I will remember the covenant that is between me and you and every kind of living creature, and never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all flesh. Whenever my bow appears in the clouds I will see it, and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature on the earth. This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all living things on the earth.”

Gospel Reading

Mark 1.9-15

Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan River by John. Immediately upon coming out of the water, Jesus saw the heavens opening and the spirit descending on him like a dove. Then a voice came from the heavens: “You are my Beloved, my Own. On you my favor rests.”

Immediately the spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness, and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John’s arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds and believe this Good News!”

Singing

Crashing waters at creation

[Voices Tog. 441](#)

Now Testament Reading

Rev. Edmond Browning

Though we have always understood that through baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever... in the past 20 years we have come to a deeper awareness of what that really means.

The promises of our baptismal covenant are very clear. Among them... are these: "Are you ready to participate in the journey with Jesus and the mission of the church? Do you put your trust in the way of grace, peace and love?" When these promises are taken seriously, they influence our thoughts and actions in all areas of our lives. They say a great deal about who we are and are becoming.

By rooting our social activism in the baptismal covenant, we remind ourselves that social action and spirituality are two sides of the same coin. This in itself has been a healthy mark of the last years. The challenges before us as a national and a global village are such that we desperately need the strength that comes from our understanding that we are marked as the Anointed One's, that we are ministers all, that we are servants of one another by acceptance of Jesus' servanthood ministry, and we must behave as such in all parts of our lives, not just in some compartmentalized, "churchy" part of our Sunday-morning selves.

Message

Called to deep relationship

RESPONDING

Singing

From the waters I will rise

[Voices Tog. 442](#)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song

Move in our midst, vv. 1, 4

[Voices Tog. 827](#)

Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

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Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker: Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader: Toni Dias Bachus
Readers: Cornelia Krahn & Kent Olson
Music: Eve Kia, Pastor Randy
A Moment in Mission: Pastor Randy
A Moment for All Ages: Elvira Glenn
Tech Support: Eldon Mast
Attendees: Everyone

February 14, 2021 Attendance: 70 Offering: \$ 1,755

TODAY at BMC

9:30am **Worship and mingling** via Zoom, Spreaker and BMC campus.
11:00am **Adult Ed:** BMC Service Project for 2021? An earth-centered mission? We will enter conversation as a congregation on if we want to focus on a service/learning project this year and, if so, what direction we should go. Should we partner with MDS, Mennonite Men, and Prayerstream and engage in caring for fire-ravaged communities, helping to plant trees? All are invited into this lively discussion!

THIS WEEK at BMC

2/24 We. **Midweek Check** on [Zoom](#), 5pm

NEXT SUNDAY – February 28

9:30a **Worship and mingling** via Zoom, Spreaker and BMC campus.
Rev. Amy Zimbleman, guest preacher (Mountain States Mennonite Conference Minister)
11:00am **Adult Ed:** Continuing conversation on a BMC Service Project for 2021
12:15p **Book discussion** Small Group
2:30p **Centering Ourselves in This Changing World**
4:00p **Sanctuary Coalition Movie Night** (see announcement below)

COMING UP

3/4 Th. **Centering Prayer Group**, 11:30a
3/4 Th. **Sabbatical Task Force**, 5p

~PRAYERS~

- ~ from **Terry Mast**: Our joy is an answer to Prayers and good Preparation!! Daughter **Zoe** did very well on her HESI (“Hessy”) test on Friday - thanks to all of you for your carrying Zoe in your prayers!
- ~from **Susan Hunsdorfer**: Please say a prayer for **Rev. Jesse Jackson**, who was sent to the hospital last week with intestinal problems.
- ~from **Christian Peacemaker Teams**: Please pray that justice prevails over political agenda during the appeal of the six-year prison sentence for independent journalists Sherwan Sherwani, Eyaz Karam, Guhdar Zebari and civil rights activists Shvan Saeed and Hariwan Essa, known as the “**Badinan prisoners**”. The criminal court sentenced five of CPT Iraqi Kurdistan’s partners, who are known for exposing political corruption and organizing civil rights initiatives, to six-year prison terms under the pretext of espionage and activities undermining state unity and security. Please pray for the Badinan prisoners and their families. Pray that the appeal trial is permitted and that it will be fair, just and independent of any political agenda. Please share this sad news and also share CPT-IK’s videos of [Sherwan Sherwani](#) and other [Badinan activists](#) on your social media. [Take action for CPT.](#)

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
2 – Michelene Fast
8 – Wayne Morrison
12 – Katharina & Joel Sawatzky

~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 this week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8am to 12pm. (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 Tuesday from 6:30am-2:30pm and Wednesday from 7:30am-3:30pm.

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

PRAYERSTREAM MEDITATION, Join as you are able. All are welcome!

Tuesday Prayerstream Meditations: A Time for Reflection and Renovation

7AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

[Zoom link for Tuesday AM](#) Meeting ID: 868 8170 3992

BMC MURAL. The BMC Church Council has been in discussion about having a mural created on our building, outside on the brick on either side of the stained glass. We have just begun these conversations where we are deciding what type of messaging and images we would like to see in this mural. These informal conversations that have occurred have centered around the ideas of justice such as BLM, indigenous rights, immigrant, and LGBTQ rights. The vision for a mural grew out of the wonderful Adult Ed conversations we held last year on racism and white privilege, led by Terry Mast and Cindy Firnhaber. If you would like more information about this mural and/or have ideas about what you would like to see, please contact either Pastor Randy or Ivanna. In the coming weeks, more information will be available, and we will seek your input as a congregation.

BMC SEEKS NEW TRUSTEE. Do you have some knowledge or interest in the innerworkings of the building and the grounds around it? The BMC Nominating Committee is asking for suggestions for a new trustee to join Bruce Fast and Kurt Firnhaber in caring for our church property. If you know of a local, active participant that might like to share their gifts in this way, or if you are interested in being a trustee, please contact Eldon Mast or Carole Suderman. Thank you!

TRACKING HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN BOULDER. These two links are to websites where you can track and find out information about [affordable housing](#) and [homelessness](#).

JOIN THE SANCTUARY COALITION IN A DOCUMENTARY FUNDRAISER. The Boulder County Sanctuary Coalition (BCSC) will host this screening of "[The Undocumented Lawyer](#)" with a live Q&A with undocumented lawyer Lizbeth Mateo! You will have access to stream the 20 min film from Feb 28th through March 6th. 100% of your tax-deductible donation will support BCSC and Ingrid Latorre. **The documentary will be screen shared at 4 pm MST and the live Q&A will take place from 4:30-5:30 pm MST on February 28th.** [Click here to register.](#)

DEEP CALLS TO DEEP: LENT 2021 THEME. Our general theme for the 2021 season of Lent calls us to go deeper, in our lives and in our relationships with God/Ultimate Reality, with other humans and with all creation. “The call to go deeper can be frightening or overwhelming when we feel we are not ready and do not know what we will find. But the theme “Deep calls to deep” (Psalm 42.7) arose [as the MC USA Lent resource team] experienced God calling out from a deeper place than the areas we usually think we can plan and control.” We are encouraged to live deeply into this: “You are my Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” ~Adapted from *Leader magazine*

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT MENNONITES AND ANABAPTISTS or becoming a member at BMC? Pastor Randy is open to offering an **Inquirer’s Class** if there is interest. Topics and conversation would include:

- Building relationships within the Boulder Mennonite congregation.
- Discussing core beliefs of the Mennonite Church USA.
- Sharing/Creating a common history of Boulder Mennonite Church.
- Participation and opportunities at Boulder Mennonite Church.
- Considering formal membership at Boulder Mennonite.
- Addressing other topics/agenda at group members’ request.

If interested, please contact Pastor Randy.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY. BMC is planning on a work day on April 10. There are still slots available for BMCers to serve. If interested, contact Cindy Firnhaber at csfirnhaber@gmail.com.

PASTOR RANDY’S SABBATICAL: BMC’s Sabbatical Task Force has formally begun making plans for Randy’s 3-month sabbatical from mid-July to mid-October consistent with BMC’s covenant with Randy (and MCUSA Guidelines). This will afford him a well-deserved opportunity for rest, study, and renewal during his fourth year of ministry. ***We need folks willing to use their gifts, talents, and experience to help with sabbatical planning and execution related to the worship service and other pastoral duties in the coming weeks and months.*** Please contact one of us if you are interested in helping and/or have questions.

Thank you!

~From BMC’s Sabbatical Task Force: *Douglas Minter, Toni Diaz Bachus, Carole Suderman, Susan Graber, Lily Mast, and Pastor Randy Spaulding.*

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE

CONFERENCE? Check out the February 2021 issue of their newsletter, Zing! Updates on RAWtools, new pastors, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, and more! [Feb-10-2021-Newsletter.pdf \(mountainstatesmc.org\)](#)

SAVE THE DATE! Virtual Faith & Life Forum 2021

Peace of Mind: Trauma and Mental Health in the Pandemic and Beyond
Join practical theology professor Rev. Dr. Heidi Miller and practicing psychiatrist Dr. Rachel Wilkenson for a discussion on how this pandemic has affected our brains and souls, and what the path of healing might look like. Moderated by Conference Minister Amy Zimelman. **Saturday, April 10, 9:30 AM More details to come.**

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF BOULDER is hosting a FREE Anti-racism Event on **March 13**, via Zoom. It will feature a noted anti-racism author, Paul Kivel as well as several multicultural music performances. Any donations will benefit the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition. The theme of this event is immigration and allyship. Please click [link](#) for more information.

CASA DE PAZ IMMIGRATION MOVIE NIGHTS. Each month we will choose a different immigration-related film. You'll watch it on your own at a time that is convenient for you, and then on the [last Thursday of the month](#), from 7p-8p, we'll hang out virtually via Zoom and discuss it together. February's Movie: "La Jaula de Oro" (2013) ["The Golden Cage"]. It is available on Amazon Prime, Sling, Google Play movies and other sites for approx. \$4. It is the story of 3 Guatemalan teenagers as they journey north to the US.

SAN CARLOS APACHE AND OAK FLAT RULING UPDATE:

Injunction denied: excerpts from Apache Stronghold release:
"Judge Logan said that the U.S. Government has no Trust Responsibility to the Apache even though their Treaty of 1852 says, "the government of the United States shall so legislate and act as to secure the permanent prosperity and happiness of said Indians." In reaching this conclusion, the Judge quoted a case saying, "The exclusive right of the United States to extinguish Indian title has never been doubted. And whether it be done by treaty, by the sword, by purchase, by the exercise of complete dominion adverse to the right of occupancy, or otherwise, its justness is not open to inquiry in the courts."
"We are very disappointed, but we are not giving up and are excited to appeal to a higher Court and to prove our points where we disagree," said Apache Stronghold leader and former San Carlos Apache Tribal Chairman Dr. Wendsler Nosie, Sr. "To say that we are not

being coerced is not accurate as I am living there, we are praying there, yet if Rio Tinto gets Chi'chil Bildagoteel and the land becomes private property on March 11, we will be arrested for criminal trespass on our own Sacred Land.'"

GLOBAL DAY OF CLIMATE ACTION March 11th has been designated a global day of climate action. Please [sign 10 climate action priorities](#), and/or attend an event.

A talk by Dr. Andrew Freeman, M.D. The Year in Plants: All the data and science behind the power of improving health, longevity and the environment: **3/11 at 9 am and 6:30 pm**

Regenerative Gardening Event Sacred Soil and Sequestering: 3/11 2p Community United Church of Christ, 2650 Table Mesa

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE (MDS)

Summer Youth Program: The Summer Youth Program (SYP) scheduling process is beginning for 2021! We are planning to run a project in each region to encourage more local travel: Bennettsville, SC, Jennings, LA, Camp Mennoscah, Murdock, KS and Paradise, CA. If you are interested in learning more about SYP or volunteering this year, please visit our website and contact Deanna Frey at dfrey@mds.mennonite.net.

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY is Seeking a Vice President for

Administration and Chief Financial Officer. AMBS is seeking a visionary leader to oversee the operational, business and financial affairs of the institution. The successful candidate will be a hands-on, collaborative manager who will lead in accounting, budgeting, business planning, investments, human resources and administration. Find more info [here](#).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

Cost of War Panel Discussion “Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War” is part of a collaboration with Mennonites Against Militarism, a denomination-wide initiative to inform potential peacemakers about the corrosive ways that militarism influences people’s daily lives. “Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War” will feature the voices of peacemakers across the denomination. A highlight of the initiative is an online panel discussion hosted by Park-Hur that focuses on the economics of war. The webinar will feature several active war resisters who will share how they oppose paying for war. Please register [here](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: Millions of facemasks are being thrown “away” during COVID-19, creating an environmental nightmare in landfills that may last decades. If you are not working in a health care setting, choose cloth masks over disposable. The [United Kingdom reports they are sending 1.6 billion single-use face masks to the landfill every month!](#) Encourage people you know to choose cloth masks which can be washed and reused!



Thanks to all for a lovely Holy Humor/Joke Sunday. It was just what we needed! Here are some clips that were suggested by BMCers. Heartwarming and a joy to watch!

[*Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing*](#) sung by an adorable kid!



[*This Joy that I Have, the World Didn't Give it Me*](#) by Resitance Revival Chorus



[*Kid President Talks to You About Dreams*](#)

My Worship Reflections:

Boulder Mennonite Church acknowledges that we are gathering on the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples. It was inhabited by the Ute, Cheyenne, Arapaho and Ochethi Sakowin Peoples. We affirm that settlers have specific responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.



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