

Welcome to  
**Boulder Mennonite Church**  
Sunday, May 2, 2021

**A Service of the Word**  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Eastertide



*I am the True Vine*  
Mike Moyers, 2016 Oil on Panel

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

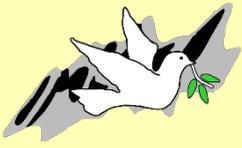
[Live via Zoom](#), or call in: Dial 253 215 8782, then enter Meeting ID: 283 224 109#

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.



**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 Voices Tog. 56

### Call to Worship

Leader: We live at Mystery's edge, watching for a light or a word to guide us.

**All:** *Gently the Spirit of Love is made present, and we must pause...*

Leader: Out of waiting comes birth.

**All:** *Out of the East comes the dawn.*

Leader: Out of the seed comes new life.

**All:** *Out of winter comes the spring. Out of sleep comes the awakening.  
Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life  
in the presence of God!*

### Welcome

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**Singing** Come, let us all unite to sing, vv. 1, 3, 4 Voices Tog. 7

**Centering Prayer and Silence** adapted from Psalm 22. 24-30

### Passing the Peace

### Offering Invitation/Blessing

*Please place your prayer requests in the basket with your offering.*

*At home: 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

### A Moment for All Ages

**New Testament Reading** from 1 John 4

Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is

begotten of God and has knowledge of God. Those who do not love have known nothing of God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: by sending the Only Begotten into the world, that we might have faith through the Anointed One. Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us and has sent the Only Begotten to be an offering for our sins.

Beloved, if God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another, God dwells in us, and God's love is brought to maturity in us. The way we know that we remain in God and God in us is that we have been given the Spirit. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God in them.

Love will come to maturity in us when we can face the day of judgment without fear—because our relation to this world is just like the Anointed One's. There is no fear in love, for perfect love drives out fear. To fear is to expect punishment, and anyone who is afraid is still immature in love.

If you say you love God but hate your sister or brother, you are a liar. For you cannot love God, whom you have not seen, if you hate your neighbor, whom you have seen. If we love God, we should love our sisters and brothers as well; we have this commandment from God.

## **Singing**

Ubi caritas et amor

Voices Tog. 773

## **Gospel Reading**

John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his friends, "I am the true vine, and my Abba is the vine grower who cuts off every branch in me that doesn't bear fruit but prunes the fruitful ones to increase their yield. You've been pruned already, thanks to the word that I have spoken to you.

Live on in me, as I do in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, neither can you bear fruit apart from me.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who live in me and I in them will bear abundant fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. Those who don't live in me are like withered, rejected branches, to be picked up and thrown on the fire and burned. If you live on in me, and my words live on in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you.

My Abba will be glorified if you bear much fruit and thus prove to be my disciples.

## **Message**

*Rooted and grounded in love*

## RESPONDING

**Singing**

In Christ there is no east or west

Voices Tog. 390

**Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People**

## SENDING

**Announcements**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song**

Blest be the tie that binds, vv. 1, 2, 3

Voices Tog. 831

### Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Call to Worship, adapted from Rev Rex AE Hunt, Liturgy for the Celebration of Life, Easter 5B 2006

**Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!**

**Speaker:**

President Rebecca J. Stoltzfus, Goshen College

**Worship Leader:**

Terry Mast

**Readers:**

Cornelia Krahn & Kent Olson

**Music:**

Jean McPherson, Lily Mast, Eve Kia

**A Moment for All Ages:**

Eldon Mast

**Mission Moment:**

Prayerstream

**Tech Support:**

Eldon Mast

**Attenders:**

**We welcome President Rebecca J. Stoltzfus as our guest speaker today!** President Stoltzfus



became the 18th president of Goshen College in 2017 and was reappointed for a second term in 2021. Stoltzfus holds a chemistry degree from Goshen College and master's and doctoral degrees in human nutrition from Cornell University. She previously taught at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Baltimore, Maryland), and served as vice provost for undergraduate education & professor of human nutrition at Cornell University before returning to lead her alma mater. President Stoltzfus is married to Kevin W. Miller, a 1985 Goshen College graduate. They are parents of two young adults, Lydia '18 and Gabe Miller '20. Her parents are alums Victor and Marie Stoltzfus of Goshen, and her father was president of Goshen College from 1984 to 1996. Singing, cooking and hiking are among President Stoltzfus' hobbies. *Welcome, President Stoltzfus, and blessings as you minister among us today!*

April 25, 2021

Attendance:    Offering: \$ 1,445

**TODAY at BMC**

9:30am

**Worship and mingling**

11:00am

**Congregational Conversation:** join us for a conversation with the BMC Sabbatical Task Force! The Task Force will update everyone on our plans for when Pastor Randy is on sabbatical from mid-July to mid-October. This is an opportunity for you to hear from us on worship planning, pastoral care, etc. and learn how you can support BMC during this time. Douglas Minter, Toni Bachus-Diaz, Carole Suderman, Susan Graber, Lily Mast, and Ivanna Johnson.

**THIS WEEK at BMC**

May 3

**Bible Study** Small Group 7p

May 4

**Creation Care Advocacy Team,** 7p

**NEXT SUNDAY – May 9**

9:30a

**Worship and mingling.**

12:15p

**Book Discussion** Small Group

**COMING UP** (all things considered)

May 5

**Midweek Check-in, 5pm**

May 6

**Deacons Meeting, 8:30am**

May 6

**Centering Prayer,** Small Group 11:30a

May 9

**Book Discussion,** Small Group 12:15p

May 11

**Centering Ourselves in this Changing World** 4p

May 13

**Church Council, 6:30pm**

May 23

**Pentecost**

June 9-13

**BMC Service-Learning Project, Poudre Canyon**

June 16-20

**BMC Service-Learning Project, Grand Lakes**

June 25-27

**Gun Violence Roundtable @BMC**

July 30-Aug 1

**Yearly Assembly for Mountain States Mennonite Conference, virtual & Canon City, CO**

**~PRAYERS~**

~continued prayers for Barry and Karen Cox on their journey with hospice. Pray for peace, comfort and for love.

~Please pray for the people of India and Honduras who are both suffering from a breakdown of the medical systems in the midst of Covid surges. ~Mary McKay

## ~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

Please call in or email ([info@bouldermennonite.org](mailto: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:** Ivanna is in the office on Tuesday from 6:30am-2:30pm and Wednesday from 7:30am-3:30pm.

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS		MAY ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Kurt Firnhaber	10 – Cindy Reeves Janzen	1 – Susan Graber & Tom Jirak
4 – Johnathan Falk	12 – Hannah Dudenhefer	19 – Linda Hardesty & Chris Friedman
4 – Erin Dudenhefer	12 – Kelcie Dudenhefer	26 – Jen & David Dudenhefer
7 – Sandi Sandborn	20 – Linda Hardesty	
10 – Gwen Grasse	22 – Cheri Krausse	
10 – Dan Jantzen	24 – Eldon Mast	
10 – Olive Loewer	28 – Betty Jantzen	
Douglas Minter		

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

**PRAYERSTREAM MEDITATION:** Prayerstream Meditation: A Time for Reflection and Renovation. **Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 7a Mountain Time** (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86881703992>. **Meeting ID:** 868 8170 3992

**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GOSHEN COLLEGE?** Visit <https://www.goshen.edu/>.



**BMC's ANNUAL SURVEY ON PASTORAL PERFORMANCE AND CONGREGATIONAL**

**LIFE:** Please look for an email soon from the Pastor Congregation Relations Committee asking for your thoughtful and honest input on Congregational life, Pastor Randy's past year of ministry, and your personal involvement in the life of Boulder Mennonite Church through an online survey. This email will include a link to a six question survey and our request that you **provide your feedback by Sunday, May 16th**. We are committed to keeping your input in strict confidence, and including your name at the end of this survey is strictly optional. Please feel free to contact any of us with any questions, etc. and we look forward to hearing from everyone!  
Douglas Minter, Ezra Tice, and Jonathan Falk.

**SHARE YOUR MEMORIES OF BARRY.** From Karen Cox: *We so appreciate all of your kind and lovely messages and support. In order to better capture all of that, we would appreciate it you would go to the following link and share your fondest and funniest memories of Barry...*  
<https://forms.gle/yJijDzNC4PyDJCup8>

**JUNE SERVICE-LEARNING ADVENTURE:** BMC, MDS, Prayerstream and YOU!!!

Come one, come all. Come for a portion or stay throughout. We will weave disaster relief, creation care and safe community gathering. Enjoy a variety of tasks suited for all levels of involvement. This is an early summer way to spend some quality time together, assist in the land and watershed protection and celebrate service, learning and adventure as we respond to last year's large burn areas. Contact Carole Suderman or Brenda Fox with specific questions and/or to plan your involvement! Information related to lodging, activities and participation will be available. Visit [Service-Learning Projects | Boulder Mennonite Church](#) for updates and details.

Wednesday evening, June 9 thru Sunday June 13 morning worship. Poudre Canyon - Cameron Peak Fire cleanup.

Wednesday evening, June 16 thru Sunday June 20 morning worship. Grand Lake - East Troublesome Fire cleanup.

**~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~**

**MENNONITE CHURCH USA:**

**UNFULFILLED: A REACTION TO THE CHAUVIN GUILTY VERDICT**

Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, responded to the verdict in the George Floyd murder case in his blog. Read it [here](#).

## **THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF MENNONITE CHURCH USA**

approved a \$1.4 million budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, announced a special delegate session for May 27-30, 2022 in Kansas City, Missouri, and reviewed several proposed resolutions during its April meeting. Read [more](#).

## **MENNOCON21**

Registration is now open for MennoCon21! Learn more about online and in-person registration options for the first-ever hybrid convention [here](#).

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**MCC ACTION ALERT: HELP THE PEOPLE OF MYANMAR** On February 1, 2021, military leaders in Myanmar (the southeast Asian nation also known as Burma) led a coup, arresting the democratically elected President and other leaders and committing acts of oppression and violence. Since the coup, more than 700 people have been killed by the military, including protestors, bystanders, women and children. Write your senators and urge them to co-sponsor a resolution to condemn the military coup and to support the people of Myanmar in their pursuit of a peaceful resolution to this conflict.

**ECOLOGY TIP:** One household purchasing wind energy from Xcel avoided spewing 1,244 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere last year. Boulder Mennonite now purchases 100% of wind energy. What about your household or business? Together, the wind source community in 2020 purchased 641.7 million kilowatt-hours of wind energy last year. That's enough electricity to power 76,820 homes!

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



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A member congregation of  
Mountain States Mennonite Conference and  
Mennonite Church USA