



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, September 12, 2021

A Service of the Word



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

[Zoom link:](#) 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, Jesus-centered community welcoming all people to know God and to be ambassadors of God's love, healing, and peace.

GATHERING

Prelude

*Singing

You are Salt for the Earth

VT 297

*Call to Worship

Leader: There is no scarcity. There is no shortage.
No lack of love, of compassion, of joy in the world.
There is enough. There is more than enough.
Only fear and greed make us think otherwise.
No one need starve.

People: There is enough land and enough food.

Leader: No one need die of thirst.

People: There is enough water.

Leader: No one need live without mercy.

People: There is no end to grace.

Leader: And we are all instruments of grace.

**People: The more we give, the more we share it,
The more we use it, the more God makes.**

All: *There is no scarcity of love.*

Rosemarie Freeney Harding, 1990

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

*Singing

For the Healing of the Nations

VT 705

Centering Prayer

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 2 hrs prior to the worship service. Or [click here to donate online.](#)*

Offertory

A Moment for All Ages

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 31:8-9

Speak out for those who cannot speak,
For the rights of all the destitute.
Speak out, judge righteously,
Defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Singing

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

VT 778

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

The Judgement of the Nations

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for 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 did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Now Testament Reading

Oscar Romero

“I will not tire of declaring that if we really want an effective end to violence we must remove the violence that lies at the root of all violence: structural violence, social

injustice, exclusion of citizens from the management of the country, repression. All this is what constitutes the primal cause, from which the rest flows naturally.”

Message

“Stories from Lyn”

RESPONDING

***Singing**

There’s Enough For All

VT757

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

SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

O Healing River

VT 706



Lyn grew up in South India. His parents worked at Kodiakanal Missionary School. Lyn graduated from high school in Kodai, and got his BA from Tabor College in Kansas. Lyn has a PhD in higher education from Ohio University. He taught at Fresno Pacific University, Ohio U, Eastern Mennonite University and Diablo Valley College in CA. After marrying Naomi, they taught for 3 years in Congo under Mennonite Brethren Missions. They spent 10 years teaching at Kodaikanal which had become an international school. They served with MEDA and MCC in Haiti. They also spent 4 years working with MCC in Bangladesh. Lyn has always been interested in service.

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Guest Speaker: Lyn Krause
Worship Leader: Judy Classen
Readers: Sandi Sanborn
Music: Eve Kia & Bruce Fast
A Moment for All Ages: Naomi Krause
Tech Support: Eldon Mast
Greeters: Toni Diaz Bachus & Carole Suderman

September 5, 2021

Attendance: 46 Offering: \$3,196

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship and mingling

11:00a Education Hour with Christian Ed Committee

THIS WEEK at BMC

- 9/16 **Centering Prayer** small group, 11:30a
9/16 **Bible Study** small group, 7p
9/17-9/19 **Boulder Mennonite Church Retreat**, Glacier View Ranch

NEXT SUNDAY – September 19

- 9:30a **Worship and Mingling**

COMING UP

- 9/21 **Games** small group, 7p
9/26 **Book Discussion** small group, 12:15p
10/3 **Congregational Meeting**, 11a – Collecting and discussing grant requests
10/15-10/16 **Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale**, Rocky Ford
10/17 **Congregational Meeting**, making decisions on how the OM funds are divided

~PRAYERS~

~from **Mary McKay**: Please pray for the people of Guatemala and Honduras, who are dealing with COVID.

~from **Tim Hunsdorfer**: Prayers of gratitude for the ability to be kind to others.

~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 is on Sabbatical: He returns to the office October 19.

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!

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	
Booker Bryant	30 – Liz Burr	
12 – Jen Dudenhefer		

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

WHO IS YOUR SOUL AND WHAT DO THEY WANT?: Mark in your calendars to attend **Sundays October 10 and 17**, when Phyllis Mathis will be preaching about the soul and how to speak the language of our souls. “Yes, our souls may belong to God, but they also belong - uniquely - to us. If we come first to understand, then to cooperate with our soul’s subversive ways, we begin to live lives in harmony with ourselves as well as the divine.”

ADULT EDUCATION HOUR CONVERSATION: Join us **today, at 11:00 a.m.** to solicit your input on topics/issues that are of interest and/or would be most helpful for you. What are your needs in this present moment when it comes to learning and growing spiritually? Facilitated by the Christian Education Committee, we look forward to hearing your creative ideas!

FALL CHILDREN/YOUTH KICK OFF: We are excited to bring our kids back for in-person Sunday School this fall. It has been a long year and a half since our young people were able to gather. We will kick off this fall with apple cider making at the Classen Loewer home on **today, Sunday, Sept. 12 from 3-5 p.m.** Everyone under the age of 18 is welcome! There will also be an activity for students at the church retreat the following weekend. More details to come. We will officially launch Sunday School for kids on **Sunday, Sept. 26**. We can’t wait to see everyone soon! Please email Suzanne at bootoil@hotmail.com with any questions.

CALLING ALL APPLES: The apples trees are abundant this year! If you have excess apples you would like to donate to the youth cider making activity, please bring your apples to church on or before **Sept. 12**. Please let Suzanne know if you are bringing a lot of apples or want to drop off at her home. My contact information is bootoil@hotmail.com or 720-980-7127. Thanks for your generosity!

BMC MURAL: To each person who shared thoughts on the mural concept art for our Table Mesa wall, your input is appreciated! Responses were overwhelmingly positive and leaned toward a preference for concept 2, where the rainbow was higher on the right side. Comments were shared with Julio Mendoza, who anticipates to **start work the week of Sept 20**. We invite you to consider a donation in September to help cover the full cost of the mural -- at least \$3,250

more is needed; please make a note for "Mural Art" with your check or electronic donation. Thank you! Any size gift is welcome, and any donor of \$100 or more will receive a set of 8 greeting cards featuring 4 of Julio's wildlife and community paintings. (For anyone jokingly asking what a "greeting card" is...it's a simple tool to use with a pen and a stamp that makes both the writer and the recipient happy! Consider it personal "outward messaging".) - The BMC Mural Team

GREETINGS CAMPERS!: In only two weeks BMC will be holding a retreat at Glacier View Ranch (8748 Overland Rd., Ward CO 80481, phone 303-459-0771). If you want to reserve lodging for either evening (**Friday 17 Sept. or Saturday 18 Sept.**) [sign up](#) online, or RSVP to [Bruce Fast](#). Single & double occupancy are \$85 per night; triple/quadruple are \$100 per night; cabins and RV/tent sites also available. Arrive after 4pm Friday, and supper is at 6pm.

ICE CREAM AND SCHOOL KITS: Please join us outside BMC on Saturday, Sept. 25, 3 to 5 PM to assemble MCC school kits and enjoy ice cream together! Before that date, please share your donations so we can gather the supplies needed for the school kits. Write your check to BMC with "school kits" in the memo line. BMC typically provides 1000 kits to MCC each year, and costs are certainly up this year. School kits are distributed by MCC around the world and help to support access to basic education for those who most need it. mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

MENNONITE MEN: On Oct. 26, Nov. 6, and Nov. 16, AMBS and Mennonite Men are co-sponsoring **Knowing Your Narrative: Unpacking Our Stories of Masculinity and Equity**. This three-part series of events, facilitated by Ben Tapper with the Kindred Collective, seeks to unpack narratives around masculinity, faith, and equity. After completing the series, participants will be able to identify the ways they've been shaped by masculine messaging, and reframe their own masculine identity so it is more inclusive and holistic. For more info and to register visit ambs.edu/narrative.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

HURRICANE IDA: We pray for those in Louisiana, Texas and Florida impacted by Hurricane Ida and its aftermath. We encourage you to support MC USA congregations impacted by this storm through [Iglesia Menonita Hispana's Grace Fund](#).

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: Mennonite Central Committee has a variety of service opportunities. Please contact Heidi Huber with questions at heidihuber@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

ECOLOGY TIP: One of the ways to lessen climate change is to make the conscious choice to eat less meat. The impact of meat on the climate is enormous, roughly the equivalent of all pollution caused by the driving and flying of every vehicle and plane in the world. One factor is the methane (a greenhouse gas) produced by cattle. Consider limiting your consumption of beef to once or twice a week!

PRAYER FOR HAITI AND AFGHANISTAN

By MC USA Staff

Holy God,

You have created us, called us by name, and called us beloved. No matter who we are, where we come from, or where we are in our journey of faith, you love us. This deep love buoys us in difficult times and strengthens us for whatever comes.

We pray for Haiti. We lift to you the families of the 2,000 individuals who have died because of the earthquake, the more than 12,000 injured, and 52,000 displaced. Each person wounded by this tragedy is your beautiful creation, and you love them. Your beloved ones are determined to live. Breathe your spirit of love on them.

We pray for your beloved in Afghanistan who are fearful and uncertain about their future. Many families are running from all they know to an unknown future in another country, and many find themselves with no avenue for escape. Women are especially worried about a life under Taliban rule, and the children of Afghanistan are witnessing and experiencing the trauma of this military rule.

As you provide spiritual comfort to your beloved ones in Haiti and Afghanistan, stir in us your spirit of love so that we might participate in your work of repair in this world. Free us from the temptation of seeking your peace through military might or through complacent participation in colonial practices. May we be moved by your love for all humanity to offer our financial support, our accompaniment of refugees fleeing their homeland, our willingness to lay down our security and comfort for the sake of repairing – with you – the world you have created for all of us.

AMEN.

[Donate](#) to provide emergency support and supplies to those affected by the [earthquake](#).

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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