



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, October 17, 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** Life-Giver, Maker, God of All VT 38

Call to Worship

One: Source of all hope and holiness,

Many: we gather today to be church.

One: Bless those who are absent,

Many: but not from our hearts.

One: Bless those who are distant,

Many: but not from our love.

One: Bless each of us here,

All: *that we may choose justice by your Spirit, draw kindness from the well of your mercy and walk humbly in your path, O God.*

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

***Singing** Holy Spirit, Come with Power VT 57

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

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:2

Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance.

Singing

Come Away From Rush and Hurry

VT 9

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:36-37

What good is it if someone gains the whole world, but loses their soul? Or what can anyone trade for their soul?

Now Testament Reading John O'Donohue, *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom*

Your soul knows the geography of your destiny. Your soul alone has the map of your future, therefore you can trust this indirect, oblique side of yourself. If you do, it will take you where you need to go, but more important it will teach you a kindness of rhythm in your journey.

Once the soul awakens, the search begins and you can never go back. From then on, you are inflamed with a special longing that will never again let you linger in the lowlands of complacency and partial fulfillment. The eternal makes you urgent. You are loath to let compromise or the threat of danger hold you back from striving toward the summit of fulfillment.

Second Now Testament

Reading Winter Thoughts ©David Whyte 2018

We tend to focus on, and speak about the soul-life of an individual in terms of spiritual comfort and deep nourishment, qualities which are a central and abiding dynamic of its presence, but the equally unsettling and disturbing quality about this strange, often wild and courageous faculty of belonging inside us we have come to name 'the soul' is its ruthless, and almost tidal wish to find its own way to a fuller union with the world. The soul is a planner's nightmare, the career counselor's central puzzle, the biographer's conundrum, the saboteur of the puritanical and the unimaginative; an internal abiding spring that is both a source and a flow; an internal stranger at the door of our outer life about to break everything apart; a pilgrim often suddenly more in love with the horizon than its home; and most disturbingly, someone who would much rather fail spectacularly at their own life than succeed, imprisoned drably by the ordinary, at someone else's.

Message

What Do They Want?

RESPONDING

Singing

Be Still, My Soul

VT 664

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

Leader: Great Physician,
you touched the lives of the sick and the troubled;
your hands rested on bodies in crisis;
your words soothed broken hearts.
We call on you today, O God,
because we need your healing.

**People: Where we have pain, bring relief.
When we are disoriented, bring clarity.
When we confront disease or brokenness, bring healing.
When we wait for tests or news, bring patience.
When we live with barriers, bring courage.
When we are bound by addiction, bring freedom.
When illness separates us from others, bring friendship.
When we cannot make ends meet, help us.**

Leader: You are with us in loneliness, bringing comfort.
You are with us in despair, bringing hope.
You are the God who cares and heals.

SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

Over My Head

VT 594



Resources used in worship:

Prayer from Voices Together 976.



Phyllis Mathis is a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice, as well as a spiritual life coach, a writer, and a teacher. She lives with her husband in Arvada, Colorado, where she enjoys spending time with her adult children and grandchildren, as well as cycling, hiking, and every moment she gets to spend in the beautiful Colorado mountains.

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Guest Speaker:	Phyllis Mathis
Worship Leader:	Ellen Morrison
Readers:	Sandi Sanborn & Judy Classen
Music:	Susan Graber, Judy Classen & Dick Williams
A Moment for All Ages:	Naomi Krause
Tech Support:	Eldon Mast
Mission Moment	Outward Ministries

October 10, 2021

Attendance: 53 Offering: \$2,865

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship and mingling
11a	Adult Ed Class: Continuation of discussion about the soul, led by Phyllis Mathis

THIS WEEK at BMC

10/21	Prayer and Meditation small group 11a
10/21	Bible Study small group, 7p

NEXT SUNDAY – October 24

9:30a	Worship and Mingling
11:00a	Congregational Meeting: Collecting and discussing grant requests
12:15	Book Discussion small group

COMING UP

10/31	Mural Dedicataion
10/31	Congregational Meeting: Making decisions on OM fund distribution
11/21	BMC Annual Auction
12/3-12/5	Ten Thousand Villages Pop-Up Shop at BMC

~PRAYERS~

~from **Gus Gouvas:** Please pray for my son **Trifon**, who had surgery on his back last week. Thank you.

~from **Cindi Fausel:** Please pray for **Gretchen** as she recovers from pneumonia and went through the “watchman” surgical procedure this Wednesday, October 13th.

~from **Steve Ruby:** Please pray for Diane, who broke both legs below the knees. She will not be able to walk to for two months. Please pray for me as I do roofing this week. Thank you.

~Please pray for **Bill Eeds**, a former member of BMC. He has been diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis and seems to be at the end stages. He is on oxygen 24/7 along with various drugs and can hardly get around. He wasn’t diagnosed until it was pretty advanced and it seems to be

moving along at a rapid pace. His family is helping him so it is good that he is around them. He as an appointment on Tuesday (October 12) to find out more about what to expect. Any words of encouragement in the form of a card, email or text would be greatly appreciated. His address is: 709 W. Church St. Springhill LA 71705, and his e-mail address is: wceeds@me.com.

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

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

DEACONS: Carole Suderman: 303-494-8527; Paul Classen: 316-217-2355;
Joan Tice: 717-512-6591.

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 7:00am-2:30pm and
Wednesday from 6:00am-2:00pm.

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS		OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Toni Diaz Bachus	19 – Chris Friedman	6 – Jill & Douglas Minter
3 – Judy Classen	21 – Karen Cox	10 – Becky & Alfred Sawatzky
10 – Terry Mast	23 – Steve Falk	16 – Gwen Grasse & Steve Voran
Carole Suderman	24 – Anne Cox	17 – Elvira & Ed Glenn
16 – Alexandra Clement	29 – Steve Ruby	
17 – Emma Falk	30 – Cat Osborne-Gowey	

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

MURAL COMPLETION: Our commissioned artist Julio, completed the mural last week. It is as beautiful as it is bold. I hope many of you have had an opportunity to see it. On Sunday, October 31, Julio can be with us (maybe also for worship) from 10:40-11:00 to bless/celebrate the mural out front.

ZING!: Our Mennonite brothers and sisters in nearby churches are doing and writing inspiring things. Our own Jen Dudenhefer is the editor of “Zing!”, the online newsletter for the Conference. If you would like to receive in your email this monthly update, look up Mountain States Mennonite Conference, click on newsletter, and click “subscribe.” We at BMC can add our articles to this forum, as well, thus connecting and building community with other Mennonite followers of Jesus.

2021 CROP WALK: BMC has over many years supported the Crop Walk with teams and donations. This is an interfaith effort that brings together people from many churches who generally walk a route together. **This year the walk occurs on Oct. 24.** You are still welcome to form a team and

get sponsors. The money raised (often over \$40k in Boulder County) is distributed in this way: 75% to Church World Services 24% to Community Food Share, and 1% to Bread for the World, all fine agencies which each address hunger in different ways! If you would like to contribute, please write a check to Church World Service and put it in the offering plate at BMC on **Oct. 17**.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

FEMA – FUNERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: offers reimbursement for COVID-19 related funeral expenses dating back to last year when the pandemic began. However, applications for this assistance in many areas of Colorado are currently running below the national average, and we want to make sure that everyone eligible knows they can apply. Please find more information [here](#).

UNPACKING OUR STORIES OF MASCULINITY AND EQUITY: On **Oct. 26, Nov. 6, and Nov. 16**, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary 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 coherently articulate their own personal narratives, 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 [here](#). **Early registration ends Oct. 19.**

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE: Theme: MDS-Deep Roots-New Growth, A house is not always the answer. You are invited to the Region 3 Annual Meeting **November 12th and 13th** in Hesston Kansas. Throughout the weekend you will have opportunities to meet/greet some of the MDS binational staff and learn about MDS activities. Online registration is [here](#).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

PERSON-CENTERED LANGUAGE: The language we use when we talk about people, including “the poor” or “the homeless,” gives a glimpse of how we think about people who are poor. Our language frames how we relate to them. Person-centered language calls us to put people first rather than the conditions they find themselves in. It may just be a function of the English translation that we, with Jesus, say “Blessed are the poor.” But when we call people “the poor,” it is as if this one characteristic defines who they are and who they can become in relation to others. Applying person-centered language shifts from talking about “the poor,” to saying “people who are poor.” Read [full article here](#).

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

HAITIAN ASYLUM SEEKERS: Take action to advocate for Haitian asylum seekers by urging President Biden to immediately halt deportation flights to Haiti. Following the biblical call to welcome the stranger, MCC is asking that all deportation flights to Haiti be

halted immediately and is seeking respect for basic human rights at the U.S./Mexico border.
[Take action today.](#)

ECOLOGY TIP: Worldwide, every month about 130 billion masks are ending up in landfills, streets, rivers and oceans. As long as masks are still a requirement in certain settings, let's be as ecological as possible. Some people who haven't used a paper or plastic bag in years (bringing cloth bags) are often using disposable masks. Just as we are in the habit with bags, keep a cloth masks in the car, one in a backpack, one in your church bag, etc.

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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