



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

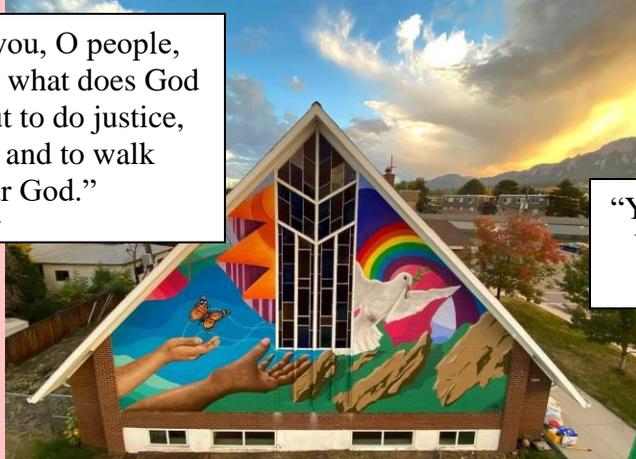
Sunday, November 21, 2021

The Reign of Love Sunday

Happy Birthday, BMC! 37 Years

“God has showed you, O people,
what is good and what does God
require of you but to do justice,
to love kindness, and to walk
humbly with your God.”

~Micah 6.8~



“You will recognize them
by the fruits they bear.”

~Matthew 7.16

“You shall love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all
your mind, and with all your strength.” This is the greatest and first
commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your
neighbor as yourself.” ~Matthew 22.38

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 from Concerto in A Minor Op. 3, No. 6, 3rd Mvt. Antonio Vivaldi

***Singing** Now thank we all our God VT 114

Call to Worship

adapted from BMC's Charter Service, 11.24.1985

Leader: Praise to the God of creation! Out of the energy and mystery of the whole world, we have come together in this time and place.

People: **Praise to Creativity God for the energy that is all around: in our breathing and in our moving and in our gathering this morning.**

Leader: Praise to the God of creation for the energy of Scripture, tradition, and for reason; for the energy of those who have passed the Word on and on and on until this moment.

People: **Yes, and praise to Creativity God for our very own life experiences and the life experiences of every living soul.**

All: *In this time of celebration, may we use this energy to unite us as a community of love, now and always!*

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing Come, ye thankful people, come! VT 123

Affirming our Faith

Leader: Let us affirm our faith:
In the midst of hunger and war:

All: *we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.*

Leader: In the midst of oppression and hate:

All: *we celebrate the promise of freedom and inclusion.*

Leader: In the midst of doubt and despair:

All: *we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.*

Leader: In the midst of fear and betrayal:

All: *we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.*

Leader: In the midst of apathy and death:

All: *we celebrate the promise of love and life.*

Leader: In the midst of sin and decay:

All: *we celebrate the promise of healing and renewal.*

Leader: In all things:

All: *we celebrate the joyful promise of living as followers of Jesus! AMEN!*

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

Concerto No. 1 in G Minor

Max Bruch

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

New Testament Reading

adapted from Revelation 1.4-8

Grace and peace to you, from the One who is, who was, and who is to come, from the seven spirits before the throne and from the Anointed Jesus, the faithful witness, the Firstborn from the dead, sovereign of the rulers of the earth. To the Anointed One—who loves us... and who has made us to be a kin-dom of priests to serve our God and Creator—to Jesus be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Look! The Anointed One is coming on the clouds for every eye to see, even those who pierced Jesus, and all the peoples of the earth will mourn over the Anointed. So be it! Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says our God, “who is, who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

A Reading from the Scriptures: Litany of BMC’s Guiding Scriptures

Micah 6.8; Matthew 22.34-40, Mark 12.28-34a; Luke 10.25-28; Matthew 7.16

Leader: God has showed you, O Boulder Mennonite People, what is good, and what does God require of you?

People: **To do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with our God.**

Leader: So what is the greatest commandment?

People: **You shall love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

Leader: And the second is like it:

People: Love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Leader: And how will others know you follow the Way of Jesus in the world?

People: You will recognize them by the fruits they bear.

Leader: And where have you seen such ripened, nourishing fruit?

**People: In our deeds of peace, justice, service and love. May our actions
always bear such fruit!**

Singing

God of justice

VT 772

Message: *Happy Birthday: Toward a healthy church!*

A Time of Sharing

Where have you experienced BMC bearing fruit in the last year?

What stories will tell of how this little church has loved God with all its heart, soul, mind and strength?

Where did you witness BMCers doing justice, loving kindness, modeling humility?

RESPONDING

Singing

We are people of God's peace

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

The Lord (May God) lift you up

VT 832



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Affirmation of Faith: from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, adapted RLS, 2001 The Iona Community



Please join us for finger-foods immediately after our worship.

Stay and have fun bidding at our Annual Auction,

beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Auction proceeds benefit the work and ministries of BMC.

Thank you for your support!

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Elvira Glenn
Readers:	Linda Hardesty, Sandi Sanborn
Music:	Pastor Randy, Joshua Tice
A Moment for All Ages:	Elvira Glenn
Tech Support:	Steve Voran
Greeters:	Paul Classen, Becky Neumann

November 14, 2021

Attendance: 41 Offering: 2,770

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship: Happy Birthday, BMC – 37 years!
10:30am	Mingling, with finger foods
11:00am	BMC Annual Auction
	No Education Hour today



NEXT SUNDAY – November 28 – 1st Sunday in the Season of Advent

9:30a	Worship and Mingling (No Education Hour – Thanksgiving Holiday)
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COMING UP

11/30	Singing Small Group, 6:30pm
12/3-12/4	Ten Thousand Villages sale @ BMC
12/10	Holiday Open House @ Pastor Randy & Gary's
12/24	Christmas Eve Service, 6:30pm

~PRAYERS~

- ~from Paul and Mary McKay: We ask for traveling mercies as we drive to California to visit **Paul's nephew** receiving immunotherapy for cancer. We will also be visiting Paul's two older brothers and my sister and her husband.
- ~from Petra Lisa Voss: Please pray for my friend **Olivia Seddon**, in Billings Montana who is eating again, after 16 days of not eating. She was badly abused in the psych hospital. A joy: **Ellen Morrison** is getting better.
- ~from Mountain States Mennonite Conference: Please keep the MSMC staff and volunteers in your prayers as they work behind the scenes planning our conference gatherings, working side-by-side with churches, managing our budget, and many other jobs that keep the conference going.
- ~from Mennonite Church USA: Please join us in prayer for **Glen Guyton**, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, and his family at the **death of his mother, Manetta**. See more below.
- ~from Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey: Please pray for a friend, **Sophia**. She delivered her baby, **Erik Eugene**, via emergency C-section, early. He weighs a little over two pounds and is doing well.

Please pray for mother and baby's continued health and recovery, as they will be in the medical facility for a little while.

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

Please call in or email (info@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Thursday, 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 and Wednesday: 6:00am-2:30pm.

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

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

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

ANGEL TREE: Please consider taking an ornament from the Christmas Tree to provide for a family in need. This year, we have “adopted” 25 families from Hallett Elementary, a struggling school in Denver. Many of these families are in crisis, and your support and generosity will bring them holiday cheer. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the church by December 12th. Pastor Randy and Ivanna will be delivering them to Hallett Elementary on Tuesday, December 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Ivanna. Thank you.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY SALE will be held at Boulder Mennonite Church Friday, December 3, 4-8p, and Saturday, December 4, 10a-5p. Please support this sale and tell your friends and neighbors.

The SINGING SMALL GROUP will begin meeting again soon! **Tuesdays, Nov. 30th and Dec 14th, 6:30-7:30pm.** We'll sing some old songs, some new songs and consider presenting a musical offering in worship during Advent and possibly at the Christmas Eve Service. All are welcome, including all ages!



Pastor Randy & Gary

Cordially Invite You to Our Annual

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Friday, December 10, 5-8pm

5440 Cypress Drive, Boulder

Bring a holiday finger-food to share - Beverages provided

Bring some new SOCKS to be donated to the

Boulder Shelter for the Homeless

Please RSVP by December 5 to randy@bouldermennonite.org

For those that attended JEREMIAH OSBORNE-GOWEY'S PHD DISSERTATION defense presentation (in-person and via Zoom), and supported him in heart, mind and spirit, Jeremiah sends this note: *Thank you to all of you who attended my PhD defense presentation and those who held me up in prayers and kept me close in your hearts and minds. I felt the presence of all of you and was buoyed by it. And I passed the defense successfully, with flying colors! Thank you. My gratitude runs deep.* For those that could not join but are interested in watching Jeremiah's defense presentation, you can do so at this link: <https://bit.ly/jdog-defense-video>.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

CHRISTMAS TREES WITH PURPOSE: How would you like a Christmas tree this year that supports a homeless shelter for women AND cleans up the Williams Fork River watershed? The bonus is a beautiful drive into Grand County to pick your tree. Find more information [here](#).

55 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS TO BE BUILT IN BOULDER: Boulder Shelter for the Homeless received a CHFA tax credit to provide homes for individuals who have experienced homelessness and face significant barriers to attaining and retaining housing. The development will include trauma-informed design for living and community spaces and provide areas for onsite support services.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

Condolences to Executive Director Glenn Guyton: It is with deep sadness that we share the news that Glen's mother, Manetta Guyton, 93, of Kosciusko, Missouri, died on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021. Manetta was a long-time Sunday school teacher and choir member at Pinecrest

Presbyterian Church in Houston's historic Fifth Ward. She served for many years with Neighborhood Daycare centers in the Houston area, caring for at-risk children. Her memorial service will be on Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. CT at Fellowship of Purpose Church, 14203 Wallisville Rd, Houston, TX 77049. Condolences may be sent to: Mr. & Mrs. Glen Guyton and family 20770 US Hwy 281 N, Ste #108-285, San Antonio, TX 78258

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Color Of Compromise: Join us for the 4th and final MCC U.S. Color of Compromise webinar on December 2, 2021, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. EST. Rev. Dr. Velda Love, United Church of Christ Minister for Racial Justice, will share on the complicity of the Church in racism and how all can journey as a witness and transformative presence with God's beloved inclusive global community. Register [here](#).

Introducing National Peace and Justice Ministries: The MCC U.S. Washington Office and MCC U.S. National Program teams have officially joined together under the name National Peace & Justice Ministries (NPJM). Recognizing the points of intersection between domestic and international issues and between advocacy and education, this integration allows for natural collaboration. NPJM will work toward policy and societal transformation through engaging with Anabaptist communities, encouraging involvement in advocacy and advocating directly to U.S. policymakers.

ECOLOGY TIP: At Thanksgiving gatherings this year, perhaps we can add a new twist to the tradition of each person sharing what they are thankful for. Before the meal and again after (since we don't want the food to get cold!), state a category such as animals, natural features (waterfalls, mountains, arroyos), favorite flowers or trails, and let each person share what we are especially thankful for!

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.

