



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, January 9, 2022

A Service of the Word
Epiphany Sunday



Adoration of the Magi, 1894 tapestry, designed by Edward Burne Jones

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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A Moment for All Ages

Matthew 2.1-12

After Jesus' birth—which happened in Bethlehem of Judea, during the reign of king Herod—astrologers from the East arrived in Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the newborn ruler of the Jewish people? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay homage.” At this news king Herod became greatly disturbed, as did all of Jerusalem. Summoning all the religious leaders of the people, he asked them where the Anointed One was to be born.

“In Bethlehem of Judea,” they informed him. “Here is what the prophet has written: ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, since from you will come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

The king called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them, “Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report back to me—so that I may go and offer homage, too.”

After their audience with the ruler, they set out. And the star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child lay. They were overjoyed at seeing the star and, upon entering the house, found the child with Mary, his mother. They bowed down and offered reverence. Then they opened their treasures and presented the child with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

Singing

O beautiful star of Bethlehem, v. 1

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Gospel Reading

Mark 2.1-12

Leader: Jesus came back to Capernaum after several days, and word spread that he was home. People began to gather in such great numbers that there was no longer any room for them, even around the door. While Jesus was delivering God's word to them, some people arrived bringing a paralyzed person. The four who carried the invalid were unable to reach Jesus because of the crowd, so they began to open up the roof directly above Jesus. When they had made a hole, they lowered the mat on which the paralyzed one was lying.

People: **When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the sufferer, “My child, your sins are forgiven.”**

Leader: Now some of the religious scholars were sitting there asking themselves,

People: **“Why does Jesus talk in that way? He commits blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”**

Leader: Jesus immediately perceived in his spirit that they reasoned this way among themselves and said to them,

People: **“Why do you harbor such thoughts? Which is easier, to say to this paralyzed person, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up, pick**

up your mat and walk’? But so you all may know that the Promised One has authority on earth to forgive sins—” Jesus then turned to the paralyzed person— “I tell you, stand up! Pick up your mat and go home.”

Leader: The paralyzed person stood up, picked up the mat and walked outside in the sight of everyone. They were awestruck, and they all gave praise to God and said,

People: **“We have never seen anything like this!”**

Message

We’re All Just Walking Home

RESPONDING

Singing

Bless the arms that comfort

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

SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

See whose glory fills the skies

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality



BMC welcomes Jeff Koller as our guest speaker this morning. Jeff is the Regional Operations Coordinator for Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS), assisting those affected by natural disaster by rebuilding homes in their communities. He has completed training as a FEMA liaison and Secondary Trauma training through Wheaton College. While not on the road travelling to disaster areas, Jeff lives in McPherson, Kansas. *Thank you for being among us again, Jeff – God’s blessings as you share!*

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Jeff Koller
Worship Leaders:	Becky Neumann, Pastor Randy Spaulding
Readers:	Joan & Ezra Tice
Music:	Lily Mast, Eve Kia, Pastor Randy
Tech Support:	Eldon Mast
Greeters:	Carole Suderman, Toni Diaz Bachus
Snacks:	Elvira Glenn, Gus Gouvas

January 2, 2021

Attendance: 49 Offering: \$ 4,250

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship and mingling
11:00a	Education hour with Jeff Koller
12:15p	Book Discussion small group

THIS WEEK at BMC

1/11	Singing small group, 6:30p
1/13	Church Council, 6:30p

NEXT SUNDAY – January 16 – Second Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

9:30a	Worship and Mingling
11:00am	Education Hour – Prayerstream update and the Marshall Fire

COMING UP

1/18	Deacons Meeting, 9am
1/18	Christian Ed Committee meeting, 4:30pm
1/20	Table Mesa King Soopers re-opening
1/20	Bible Study small group, 7pm
1/23	Book Discussion small group, 12:15pm
1/25	Singing small group, 6:30pm
1/27	LifeLine Screening @BMC

~PRAYERS~

~from **Terry Mast:** Our former interim pastor, Rick King, reached out on Friday to check on how beloved BMCers were faring in the fires. His love and prayers are with each one.

~from **Douglas & Jill Minter:** We are fine and our home appears undamaged. Please pray for those who lost homes including our co-worker, Paul Logan and his family who live up the street. In gratitude for all the support and prayers we received from BMC!

~from **Abe Melendez:** Prayers to all families affected by the recent Boulder County Fire, especially Donna Wilson and her family, who lost her home and all her possessions.

~from **Jen Dudenhefer**: Prayers for our family in Memphis. Last week David's parents were in two different hospitals there, hopefully both are home now. His dad, sister and pregnant niece have Covid. A former co-worker is in hospice after a very long battle with cancer. Prayers for safe travels as my parents will be driving back to Ohio in the coming days.

~from **Nancy Wolff**: Please pray for Avista to be repaired and for all staff to be well, please pray for all patients needing medical care to receive it. Additionally, please pray that I get my MS treatment rescheduled with insurance coverage to another location because Avista has smoke damage and it's unsure when they'll open. I'd also like to ask for healing prayers for myself because I tested positive for Covid. I feel like I've got bronchitis and I trust my doctor to help me so that's good. Please pray that I recover before my infusion is scheduled. Thank you so much. Thank you all for prayers for my Uncle Sam. He is now home and recovering well. It's great news.

~Gratitude from **Pastor Randy** and **Gary** for the generous Christmas gift from BMC. *Thank you, Beloved Community!*

~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 ADMINISTRATOR: 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!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	JANUARY BIRTHDAYS
1 – Justin Mathis	15 – Gary Stephens
4 – Ellen Morrison	24 – Mary McKay
6 – Berit Jany	30 – Lyn Krause
9 – Elleanna Voran	

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

CHRISTIAN ED TODAY: All are invited to stay for the Adult Education hour today from 11-12. Jeff Koller will answer questions about MDS, including his knowledge of responses to the Marshall Fire. We are also invited to share our experiences and be open to opportunities where our church may serve. Our BMC youth are also gathering this morning.

HOW TO HELP BOULDER COUNTY FIRE SURVIVORS: As you know, on December 30th, 2021 the most destructive wildfire in Colorado's history, the Marshall fire, destroyed over 1,000 homes in Boulder County. All of our church folks at BMC were unharmed, for which we're grateful. One family had a rental property destroyed but the renters escaped unharmed. Boulder Mennonite Church will begin accepting donations to be stored at our church and later delivered to locations as the need arises. Click on [this link](#) for a list of items. Thank you!

THE SPARK MUSIC FOUNDATION is collecting musical instruments, accessories and donations for students from the Boulder Valley School District affected by the Marshall Fire. A list of instruments and accessories needed can be found on the web at sparkmusiclessons.org/marshall-fire-donations. If you have a donation, email dhoffman@sparkmusiclessons.org or call 720-465-2112. Instruments and accessories can be dropped off or mailed to 6715 E 134th Ave, Thornton, CO, or someone can pick up if you live in the Boulder/Denver area. The Minter's reached out and donated Laura's trumpet and music stand, which will go to a student at Monarch K-8 whose family has lost their home. Thank you, Minters!

HARVEST OF HOPE is no longer taking donations at the Valmont location. They have moved to 4830 Pearl Street. Please continue to bring donations to BMC. Thanks to our BMC Administrator, Ivanna, who delivers the donations regularly to HoH!

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

KING SOOPERS TABLE MESA REOPENING. A group of clergyfolk in Boulder, including Pastor Randy, are working to organize a gathering on January 20, 2022 when King Soopers is scheduled to reopen. Time and location: TBA (possibly noon). Stay tuned and continue to pray for our community's well-being!

ACTIVE PEACE BOOK GROUP: Join Scott Brown for a deep dive into the foundations of inner peace, healthy relationships, and regenerative activism at a time when we need them most. The 12 weeks and 12 chapters of Scott's book [ACTIVE PEACE: A Mindful path to a Nonviolent World](#) will move you from the psychological roots of separation and fear, to deeper self-awareness and acceptance, and to the lived experience of interbeing with nature and all that is. 12 Mondays: Jan. 17 – April 11, 2022, 4-6p. For more information, visit [Active Peace Book Group – 4Activepeace.](#)

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

MC USA has Partnered with Rawtools, Inc., an organization that transforms donated guns into garden tools and art. This collaboration encourages local MC USA congregations to engage in costly peacemaking, by holding gun donation events in their local communities. RAWtools is a Passion Ministry of the Mountain States Mennonite Conference that began eight years ago in response to gun violence, with a vision born from the prophecies in Isaiah

2:4 and Micah 4:3: “They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks” (NIV). Michael Martin, founder and executive director of RAWtools and co-author of *Beating Guns: Hope for People who are Weary of Violence*, is licensed for the specialized ministry of RAWtools by Mountain States Mennonite Conference. Read [more here](#). To read other [highlights of 2021](#), [please click here](#).

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Young Adult Peacebuilders Training MCC U.S. is hosting a Young Adult Peacebuilders Training in Colorado from March 6-11, 2022! Young adults ages 18-30 are invited to participate in a rich, week-long experience that will provide opportunities to build new relationships, visit organizations doing powerful work in and around Colorado Springs, and apply Anabaptist, Biblical foundations of peace and justice to real world issues. This Peacebuilders Training will touch on themes of racial equity, immigration, mass incarceration, gun violence and conflict transformation. Find more information and [register here](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: Have you ever thought about the life cycle of a disposable cup, plate, or other eating utensils? These items are used for mere minutes, when producing them consumes energy, water, and natural resources, some of which took the earth millions of years to create. Resolve to avoid disposables by being intentional about shopping, bringing your own lunch on excursions and carrying your reusable mug or water bottle.

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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