

Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, May 15, 2022

A Service of the Word
5th Sunday in the Season of Eastertide



The Dream of St. Peter, attr. Marcus Gheeraerts (1561-1636). Oil on board

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](#)

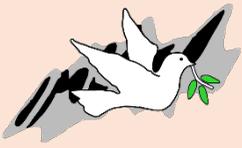
Welcome to the worship service today.

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** Let us build a house, vv. 1, 3, 4 VT 36

Call to Worship

Leader: Spirit of Life,
we gather grateful for the companionship of hearts and minds

People: seeking to speak the truth in love.

Leader: We gather grateful for our heritage, for the women and men before us

People: whose prophetic words and deeds make possible our dreams and our insight.

Leader: And we gather grateful for the gift of life itself, mindful that to respect life means both to celebrate what life is

People: and to insist on what it may become.

All: May it be so. Amen.

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah VT 95

Centering Prayer

Passing the Peace

Recognition of High School Graduates

Olive Loewer, Joel Sawatzky, Katharina Sawatzky

Prayer of Blessing:

Leader: Creative and Creating God, we thank you for Olive, Joel and Katharina,

All: Your beloved creations.

Leader: We thank you for their accomplishments.

All: We celebrate with them at this time of graduation.

Leader: God the Spirit, guide and guardian, we pray that they will recognize Love's guidance on the next stages of their journeys.

All: *May your loving protection surround Olive, Joel and Katharina each step they take.*

Leader: Eternal One, embodied in Jesus,
may they seek to live according to your example:

All: *Lives of justice. Lives of peace. Lives of joy. Amen.*

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

Etude No. 7

Cyrille Rose

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

New Testament Reading

Acts 11.1-18

The apostles and the community in Judea heard that Gentiles, too, had accepted the word of God. As a result, when Peter went up to Jerusalem, some of the Jewish believers took issue with him. **“So you have been visiting the Gentiles and eating with them, have you?”** they said.

Peter then explained the whole affair to them step by step from the beginning: “One day when I was in the town of Joppa, I fell into a trance while at prayer and had a vision of something like a big sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners. This sheet came quite close to me. I watched it intently and saw in it all sorts of animals and wild beasts—everything possible that could walk, crawl or fly. Then I heard a voice that said to me, **‘Now, Peter, make your sacrifice and eat.’** I replied, ‘I can’t, my God. Nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth!’ And a second time the voice spoke from heaven, **‘Don’t call profane what God has made clean.’** This happened three times, then the sheet and what was in it was drawn up to heaven again.

“Just at that moment, three couriers stopped outside the house where we were staying; they had been sent from Caesarea to fetch me, and the Spirit told me to have no hesitation about returning with them. These six believers came with me as well, and we entered Cornelius’ house. He told us he had seen an angel standing in the house who had said, **‘Send messengers to Joppa and bring back Simon, known**

as Peter; he has a message for you that will save you and your entire household.’

“I had hardly begun to speak when the Holy Spirit came down on them in the same way she came on us in the beginning, and I remembered what the Anointed One had said: **‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’** I realized then that God was giving them the same gift that had been given to us when we came to believe in our Savior Jesus the Anointed. And who am I to stand in God’s way?”

This account satisfied them, and they gave glory to God, saying, **“God has granted the repentance that leads to life—even to Gentiles!”**

Singing

We dream of a turning

VT 209

Gospel Reading

John 13.31-35

Jesus said, “Now is the Chosen One glorified and God is glorified as well. If God has been glorified, God will in turn glorify the Chosen One and will do so very soon.

My little children, I won’t be with you much longer. You’ll look for me, but what I said to the Temple authorities, I say to you: where I am going, you cannot come. **I give you a new commandment: Love one another. And you’re to love one another the way I have loved you. This is how all will know that you’re my disciples: that you truly love one another.”**

Message

RESPONDING

Singing

Renew your church, vv. 1, 4

VT 717

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

SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** God of grace and God of glory, vv. 1, 3, 4

VT 716



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Call to Worship, adapted from, Easter5C.15.5.2022 — Rex A E Hunt (rexaehuntprogressively.com)

Graduation blessing, adapted from Rev. Joanna Harader at <http://spaciousfaith.com>

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Sandi Sanborn
Readers:	Joan & Ezra Tice
Music:	Eve Kia & Lily Mast; Justin Mathis
A Moment for all Ages:	Elvira Glenn
Tech Support:	Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters:	Paul Classen, Becky Neumann
Snacks:	Gus Gouvas, Michelene Fast

May 8, 2021

Attendance: 46 Offering: \$3040

TODAY at BMC

9:30am **Worship and mingling**

11:00am **Education Hour:** *Habakkuk: How long shall I cry for help?* Do you sometimes ask God this question? So did a Hebrew prophet several thousand years ago. Join in discussing Habakkuk's insights. Rev. Ezra Tice, facilitator.

12:15p **Book Discussion small group**

THIS WEEK at BMC

5/18 **Deacons, 11a**

5/19 **Centering Prayer 11:30a**

5/19 **Bible Study small group, 7:00p**

NEXT SUNDAY – May 22– 6th Sunday in the Season of Eastertide

9:30a **Worship & mingling**

11:00a **Education hour:** Habakkuk, last session.

12:15p **Book Discussion small group**

4:00p Highlands Ensemble performing Beethoven, Glass and Milhaud

COMING UP

5/24 Singing small group, 6:30p

5/27-5/30 Special MC USA Delegate Assembly

7/17 Annual BMC Congregational Meeting

~PRAYERS~

~from **Ivanna Johnson**: for my good friend **Robin Glover**, who was recently diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer, brain cancer and myglionoma. She is in the process of moving from

New York to Los Angeles to receive aggressive treatment at UCLA, as most of her family is in California. Please pray for wisdom for her oncologist team, relief from some of the meds that are causing psychosis, strength and courage for Robin, and peace and understanding for her 25-year-old son, Dominique. She believes she can beat this, and so do I.

~From **Community Peacemaker Teams**: pray for **migrants** who are trying to cross to Europe on boats across the Aegean Sea and who face the inhumanity of the border guards and the brutality of Greek and European practices of pushbacks and criminalization of migrants, which can often be deadly. Pray for freedom of movement and safe passage for migrants everywhere. [More here.](#)

~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!

MAY BIRTHDAYS		MAY ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Kurt Firnhaber	10 – Douglas Minter	1 – Susan Graber & Tom Jirak
4 – Jonathan Falk	12 – Hannah Dudenhefer	19 – Linda Hardesty & Chris Friedman
4 – Erin Dudenhefer	12 – Kelcie Dudenhefer	26 – Jen & David Dudenhefer
7 – Sandi Sanborn	12 – Sheng Wheeler	
10 – Gwen Grasse	20 – Linda Hardesty	
10 – Cindy Reeves Janzen	22 – Cheri Krause	
10 – Olive Loewer	24 – Eldon Mast	

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

TIME, TALENT & RESOURCE INVENTORY: Please spend a few minutes on this year's survey to indicate how you are interested in helping the church in the coming year. [Click here to fill out the survey.](#) Or find a link to the Time/Talent inventory on the church website under "Community".

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: BMC's annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, July, 17th at 11a.

SPECIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY. The special delegate assembly for Mennonite Church USA is coming up, May 27-30 in Kansas City. Pastor Randy will be serving as BMC's delegate and

is open to **questions or conversation about the assembly or the various resolutions to be considered and voted on.** Interested? Contact Pastor Randy. Click the link to visit [the MC USA assembly website and read the resolutions and more.](#)

There will be a virtual delegate assembly prayer service, led by pastor Rachael Weasley (Community of Hope Mennonite) on Zoom, Friday, May 27, at 6:30pm MT. Rachael says: “As folks gather in Kansas on Friday May 27 and worship in person, let’s gather online to pray that the Holy Spirit will breathe powerfully throughout the weekend of sessions, that delegates will be open to change and resilient with courage.” [Click here for the Zoom link.](#) Meeting ID: 862 9193 6556 Passcode: queer

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

CELLISTS FOR CHANGE: Dear friends and musicians as some of you know, I will be traveling to Guatemala this May to work with students and teachers at Escuela de Cuerdas (a school of music in Huehue), perform a benefit concert with an ALL WOMEN Marimba Band (proceeds will support the music education of youth living in a local orphanage), and bring back the best coffee in the world for YOU! At \$18/bag, all proceeds [support Cellists for Change](#), a nonprofit dedicated to empowering youth through music. Free delivery in the Boulder area starting June 1st, 2022! Payment will be due upon delivery. Please fill out this [google doc](#) to place a preorder by May 15th. Also, please share this preorder form with anyone you think would be interested in this opportunity. Thank you for your support! ~Psyche

HIGHLANDS ENSEMBLE CONCERT AT BMC: Highlands Ensemble will be performing Beethoven, Glass and Milhaud at BMC on Sunday, May 22nd at 4p.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN the [BOULDER COUNTY AIDS PROJECT](#) (BCAP) and Interfaith AIDS Coalition (IAC) for a **Candlelight Memorial Walk tonight, Sunday May 15.** The evening will begin at 7 p.m. in front of BCAP, located at 2118 14th Street, Boulder. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. and includes music, short reflections and the reading of names of people living with HIV who have died. **Pastor Randy will offer a reflection.**

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

We Are Better Together: Mennonite Church USA has unveiled a new shareable video titled “We are better together.” The video features different voices from across the denomination discussing what it means to do church together. [Watch it here.](#)

Mennonite Church USA has created a new role focused on racial/ethnic engagement and announced several other staff transitions. Sue Park-Hur, the newly appointed director of racial/ethnic engagement, will work with the various racial/ethnic entities within MC USA, support the program agencies in this work and help denominational leaders to define diversity, equity and inclusion goals, standards and desired outcomes. [Read more here.](#)

Menno Snapshots: Abby Endashaw encourages all individuals and communities within the Christian tradition to utilize the Intercultural Development Inventory assessment to engage effectively and appropriately with people who are different than ourselves. This concept is part of the new curriculum from Mennonite Church USA called Diversity: God’s Design. [Read Abby’s blog here.](#)

Menno Snapshots: “Grief has a way of sneaking up on us.” When Ben Wideman set out to produce a podcast episode about the life and legacy of Michael “MJ” Sharp for the MennoMedia ~ing podcast series, his emotions triggered other difficult memories as well. [Read more about his experience with carrying grief here.](#)

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Take Action Today! Around the world, MCC partners are experiencing the negative impacts of climate change. Countries that have historically contributed the least to climate change often suffer its worst impacts. [Read more and find ways to act.](#)

EQUAL Act: The Eliminating a Quantifiably Unjust Application of the Law Act, or the EQUAL Act, would finally end the federal sentencing disparity between crack and powdered cocaine established in 1986. The consequences of the sentencing disparity have been devastating, especially for communities of color. From 1994 to 2014, Black and Hispanic individuals accounted for over 75% of the growth in the federal prison population, largely driven by the longer sentences for drug offenses. Read more here: [Washington Office | Mennonite Central Committee U.S. \(mcc.org\)](#). **Faith reflection: “Have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? (James 2:4)**

ECOLOGY TIP: Now is the time to support your local farmers’ market or non-profit by purchasing garden plants such as tomatoes, peppers and eggplants. In planting flowers, whether perennials or annuals as much as possible choose those which are bee friendly and will attract pollinators, as well as being xeric so they don’t need a lot of water. Some good choices are: lavender, gaillardia, coneflower, yarrow, candytuft, phlox, salvia, penstemon, day lilies, hollyhock, sunflowers, cosmos, larkspur, and columbine.

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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