



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, August 7, 2022

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 and in our denomination, MC USA.

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“Notice how the flowers grow. They neither labor nor weave, yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was robed like one of these! If that is how God clothes the grass in the field—which is here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow—how much more will God look after you! You have so little faith!

“As for you, don’t set your hearts on what you’ll eat or what you’ll drink. Stop worrying! All the nations of the world seek these things, yet your Abba God well knows what you need. Set your sights on the kingdom of God, and all these other things will be given to you as well.

“Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased your Abba to give you the kingdom. Sell what you own and give the money to poorer people. Make purses for yourselves that don’t wear out—treasures that won’t fail you, in heaven that thieves can’t steal and moths can’t destroy. For wherever your treasure is, that’s where your heart will be.

Singing

Blessed assurance, vv. 1, 2

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New Testament Reading

from Galatians 6.1-10

Live creatively, friends. If someone misses the mark, forgivingly restore them, saving your critical comments for yourself. You might be needing forgiveness before the day’s out. **Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete the Anointed One’s law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived.**

Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. **Don’t be impressed with yourself. Don’t compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.** Be very sure now, you who have been trained to a self-sufficient maturity, that you enter into a generous common life with those who have trained you, sharing all the good things that you have and experience.

Don’t be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, they will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All they’ll have to show for his life is weeds! **But the one who plants in response to God, letting God’s Spirit do the growth work in them, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.**

So let’s not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don’t give up or quit. **Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.**

Now Testament Reading

M. Scott Peck, *The Different Drum*

In and through community lies the salvation of the world. Nothing is more important. Yet it is virtually impossible to describe community meaningfully to someone who has never experienced it—and most of us have never had an experience of true community. The problem is analogous to an attempt to describe the taste of artichokes to someone who has never eaten one.

Exclusivity, the great enemy to community, appears in two forms: excluding the other and excluding yourself. If you conclude under your breath, “Well, this group just isn’t for me—they’re too much this or too much that—and I’m just going to quietly pick up my marbles and go home,” it would be as destructive to community as it would be to a marriage to conclude, “Well the grass looks a little greener on the other side of the fence, and I’m just going to move on.” Community, like marriage, requires that we hang in there when the going gets a little rough. It requires a certain degree of commitment. Our individualism must be counteracted by commitment.

Message

True Community

RESPONDING

Singing

You’re not alone

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Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

Blest be the tie that binds, vv. 1, 2

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture texts from the Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality, and The Message, Eugene Peterson
M.Scott Peck, *The Different Drum: Community Making and Peace*, 1987 Touchstone
Finally A Map of All the Microbes On Your Body at <http://m.npr.org/story/154913334>

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker: Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader: Becky Neumann
Readers: Joan & Ezra Tice

Music: Bruce Fast, Judy Classen
A Moment for all Ages: Naomi Krause
Tech Support: Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters: Elvira Glenn, Karl Ortman
Snacks: Naomi Krause

July 24, 2022 **Attendance: 10** **Offering: \$ n/a**

TODAY at BMC

9:30am **Worship and mingling**
11:00am **No Education Hour**

THIS WEEK at BMC

8/11 Church Council, 6:30p
8/12 Changing World small group, 6p

NEXT SUNDAY – **August 14– Worship in a Taizé – Mennonite fashion**

9:30a **Worship & mingling**
11:00a **Book Discussion small group**

COMING UP

8/18 Bible Study small group, 7p
8/23 Singing small group, 6:30p
8/28 Book Discussion small group, 11a
9/1 Centering Prayer small group, 11:30a
9/1 Bible Study small group, 7p
9/10 Justin Mathis, Clarinet Recital, 7pm
9/18 BMC School Kit Sunday
10/14-10/15 Rocky Mountain MCC Sale, Rocky Ford, CO
11/4-6 BMC Retreat @Glacier View Retreat

~PRAYERS~

~for **Allegheny Mennonite Conference** congregations as they gather for their annual Celebration of Congregations and Conference on August 5-7.

~from **Community Peacemaker Teams:** Women often suffer silently. Few women can find the courage to talk about the psychological and physical violences they are subjected to. **Let us pray for persecuted and abused women** and remember how many women in the world suffer. Let us pray for those who struggle to protect themselves from all forms of violence and to live in dignity and equality. We hope that dignity and equality between people of all genders will be achieved and that women will not be forced to do things they do not want to do. We pray for all women who are striving for a decent life. Let us work together for the freedom and dignity of all women. [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: Friday: 9am to noon (subject to visitation/meetings).

Appointments/call-aheads are encouraged. Pastor Randy normally takes Monday as a Sabbath.

He will be away from Aug. 8-11.

CHURCH ADMINSTRATOR: Ivanna is out of the office until Tuesday, August 23rd.

August Birthdays	August Anniversaries
3 – Randy Spaulding	9 – Carolyn & Chris Clement
13 – Anita Jantz	10 – Mai & Bruce Wheeler
21 – Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey	11 – Cornelia Krahn & Kent Olson
24 – Cornelia Krahn	12 – Judy & Paul Classen
24 – Jill Minter	19 – Ellen & Wayne Morrison

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

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

TAIZÉ/MENNONITE WORSHIP next Sunday @BMC. Invite your friends! Prayers, singing, visual elements, readings and silence surround this worship style, begun in Taizé, France and now practiced worldwide by people of all streams of the Christian faith, particularly among youth and young adults. [Read more about Taizé here.](#)

HARVEST OF HOPE: Ivanna will be dropping off nonperishable items to Harvest of Hope on Wednesday, August 31. Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the blue bins at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

SAVE THE DATE for a Colorado MEDA Hub Event: Friday, August 26th, 2022, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Home of Preston & Marjorie Hofer –5739 Green Oaks Drive., Greenwood Village, Colorado, 80121. Cost: \$30 per person. **RSVP** by August 23rd, 2022. Register here: <https://www.meda.org/event/cassava-projects-dinner-colorado-hub/>. We're excited to gather with you again, network, and tell you more about what's ahead with MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Assn.) through this dinner and program. David Eagle, Senior Director,

Global Programs Operations of MEDA (<https://www.meda.org/>) will talk with us about Seed Systems and how farmers found success with starch. Hear about MEDA's BEST Cassava Project and VIRCA Plus Project and how farmers are often building successful businesses and livelihoods with starch.

2022 Rocky Mountain Mennonite Central Committee Sale - October 14-15: Events include:

Friday: evening meal and music with the Bel Canto choir from Hesston College. **Saturday:** 5K run/walk, pancake breakfast, general auction, kids auction, quilt auction, delicious food, crafts, fair trade items, barrel train rides and much more. Want to help? **Donate** items to a booth: Crafts, Pantry (baked items), and Used Books, or donate to an auction: Silent, Kids, General, and Quilt. **Volunteer** to assist at a booth, help with the general auction, or the barrel train. **Operate** a booth: Person, family, or small group needed to lead the Cheese Booth and Apple Butter Booth (either or both). **Assemble** School Kits. Information on what is needed in a kit can be found [here](#). **Spread the word!** We would love to have more people attend. Questions? Contact Ann Birkey or Darcey VanWagner: annbirkey@gmail.com or mdvw@comcast.net.

Quilt Donations: The website is now available to enter quilt submissions and find information for the sale at <https://rmmcsale.org/index.html>. Early submission date of September 1. Questions? Contact Katrina Schrock at eschrockefs@yahoo.com.

Mennonite Disaster Service: Mennonite Disaster Service recruits, organizes, and empowers volunteers to repair and rebuild the homes of those impacted by disasters in the United States and Canada. We have opportunities for you to volunteer with MDS at various projects this fall! [Click here for volunteer opportunities.](#)

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY: We do ourselves a disservice when we don't celebrate everyone's gifts. Jeanne Davies of Anabaptist Disabilities Network reflects on how those on the margins, those with disabilities, provide beautiful insights and gifts that we can all benefit from. Read more in her Menno Snapshots blog, ["For the common good."](#)

Menno Snapshots: When Cindy Angela moved from Java, Indonesia, to Pennsylvania, she was pleasantly surprised that she was able to experience pieces of her Indonesian culture in her new city. When she was baptized into Christ, she was even more excited that, through her diverse church, she was able to incorporate her Indonesian identity into her Christian walk. [Read her Menno Snapshots blog, "Pieces from back home," to learn more.](#)

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

SCHOOL KIT SEASON IS HERE! It's that time of year again when we purchase supplies to assemble school kits for Mennonite Central Committee to be shipped to children around the world who need basic supplies to enable their education. BMC's School Kit Sunday is September 18. To make this possible, we need to raise donations and we need

EVERYONE’S HELP. How? Donate money towards the purchase of school supplies by giving a check made payable to BMC with “MCC School Kits” on the memo line. You may place your check in the Sunday morning offering; you may give your check directly to Bruce Fast, our treasurer; or you may mail your check to BMC, 3910 Table Mesa Dr., Boulder, CO 80305. If you would rather assemble some kits on your own and bring them to BMC, each kit should contain the following: 4 spiral notebooks, 70 sheets each; 8 unsharpened #2 pencils; 1 flexible ruler (in. & cm.); 12 colored pencils; 1 large pencil eraser; 2 ink pens, black or blue ink only; and 1 metal pencil sharpener. **On Sunday, September 18, during our worship service, we’ll organize an assembly line in the back of the sanctuary, and everyone can help assemble the school kits.** Thank you so much for your participation.

MCC U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries is excited to share about opportunities for young adults throughout 2022 and early 2023. See below for an overview of each event. You can also find more on our [Peace Camps webpage](#) – and check back regularly for updates! These experiences are transformative. One participant from our Young Adult Peacebuilders Training at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in March said, “This training opened my eyes to issues I hadn’t been able to see or understand clearly and gave me the tools to start engaging with these issues.” Another participant reflected, “Seeing that there are other people who think and feel like I do about the ways of the world and the ways of God made me feel less alone or hopeless.” If you are a young adult, please consider joining us on one of these experiences, or tap shoulders to get young adults you know involved! Please contact us with any questions.

ECOLOGY TIP: One way to save electricity is to install a solar tube or two or skylights in the bathroom, kitchen, or other rooms. A simpler efficient step is to put in all LED light fixtures. For the same illumination, LEDs consume about 5 times less power. Boulder Mennonite’s trustees are replacing the old setup with these, thus saving power as we “shine our lights”!

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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