



# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, September 25, 2022

*The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time*

## *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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## Offertory

### HEARING

#### A Moment for All Ages

#### Hebrew Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Eternal One in the tenth year of Zedekiah ruler of Judah, which was also the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar, ruler of Babylon: At that time the army of the ruler of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was imprisoned in the royal palace by Zedekiah.

The prophet said, “The word of the Eternal One came to me and said, ‘your cousin will come to you and say, “Buy my field in Anathoth. As next of kin you have the right of redemption to purchase it.’” And just as the Eternal One foretold, my cousin came and said, “Buy my field at Anathoth. You have the right of redemption to purchase it as next of kin. So why not purchase it?” I knew that this was the word of the Eternal One.

So I bought the field in Anathoth from my cousin for seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed and sealed it, had it witnessed and then weighed out the money on a scale. I took the copies of the deed of purchase—both the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions and the unsealed copy— and gave them to Baruch the son of Neriah in the presence of my cousin and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and all the people of Judah who happened to be in jail with me. I gave Baruch these instructions in their presence: “Thus says the Eternal, Omnipotent God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and the unsealed deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so that they may be preserved for a very long time. For this is what the Eternal, Omnipotent God of Israel says: Houses, fields and vineyards will once again be purchased in this land.”

#### Singing

There’s a wild hope in the wind

828

#### Now Testament Reading:

*Endurance of Hope*, Roger Lee Ray

We confess how difficult it is for us to live consistently,  
in gratitude and with meaningful hope.

Dark thoughts, personal defeats, lost love, and even the news,  
can rob us of any investment in the future.

Give us, we pray, courage to face the challenges of the day,  
and the love we need to give aid to those around us who hunger  
for a sign of kindness and compassion.

**Message**

*A Wild Hope*

**RESPONDING**

**Singing**                      In the bulb there is a flower                      670

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

**SENDING**

**Announcements**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song**                      Blest be the tie that binds, vv. 1, 2, 4                      831



**Resources used in worship:**

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality  
Ray, Roger Lee. Meditations: Post-theistic Prayers for Progressive Congregations . Resource Publications/Wipf and Stock Publishers.

**Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!**

**Speaker:**                      Pastor Randy  
**Worship Leader:**                      Susan Graber  
**Readers:**                      Alfred Sawatzky, Gary Stephens  
**Music:**                      Bruce Fast, Elleanna Voran, Pastor Randy  
**A Moment for all Ages:**                      Judy Classen  
**Tech Support:**                      Steve Voran, Elleanna Voran  
**A Moment in Mission:**                      Mary McKay  
**Greeters:**                      Joan & Ezra Tice  
**Snacks:**                      Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn

**September 18, 2022**

**Attendance: 54    Offering: \$3,800**

**TODAY at BMC**

**9:30a                      Worship and mingling**  
**11a                      Book Discussion**

## THIS WEEK at BMC

9/26 Rocky Mountain Revels rehearsals, 6:30p  
9/27 Singing small group, 6:30p

NEXT SUNDAY – October 2: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time. Worldwide Communion

9:30a Worship and Mingling  
11:00am Adult Education: The Book of Daniel. Ezra Tice, leader  
11:00am Upper Youth gathering in lower level

## COMING UP

10/2 Church Potluck  
10/13 Church Council, 6:30p  
10/14-10/15 Rocky Mountain MCC Sale, Rocky Ford, CO  
10/16 Crop Hunger Walk in Boulder, 2p  
11/4-11/6 BMC Retreat at Glacier View  
12/2-12/3 Ten Thousand Villages Pop Up Shop @BMC

## ~PRAYERS~

~for **Joan Tice**: Her last breast biopsy has detected cancer. Please remember her in prayer as she meets with her health care team and plans for further treatment. She would appreciate prayers and comfort hugs.

~for **Ryan Sanders** and his family, as they mourn the death of his grandfather in Louisiana.

~from **Community Peacemaker Teams**: Please pray that militarizing the Mexican National Guard is not another step in Mexico's democratic decline. Mourn for the people of Mexico who are caught between warring forces. Grieve for migrants and their families who are powerless to protect themselves. Pray for courage for those who work and volunteer with migrants in dangerous situations.

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
10 – Carole Suderman	24 – Anne Cox	17 – Elvira & Ed Glenn
16 – Alexandra Clement	29 – Steve Ruby	
17 – Emma Falk	30 – Cat Osborne-Gowey	

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

## ~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

Please call in or email ([info@bouldermennonite.org](mailto: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 from 6:30a to 2:30p and

Wednesday from 6a to 2p.

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

**CHURCH POTLUCK:** We will be having a potluck at noon on October 2. All are welcome to come fellowship over the good food. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church so we can anticipate how many will be attending. If you forget to sign up, you will still be very welcome.

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** Would you like to spend a weekend in the glorious fall aspens of Colorado with free room and board? We invite you to a weekend (Sept 30-Oct 2) of service at Aspen Camp for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing near Snowmass. We will clear brush, make trails accessible, and do a bit of landscaping. To reserve your spot or for more information, contact Carole Suderman, Colorado communicator for Mennonite Disaster Service at [cjsude@yahoo.com](mailto:cjsude@yahoo.com) or 303.494.8527.

For a more local service project, consider volunteering to repair mobile homes at San Souci, just south of Boulder. These trailers were badly damaged in the 100+ mph winds of the Marshall fire, and MDS is working with the city of Boulder to provide labor. **We are also still in need of someone to be the project director**, preferably who has experience with mobile homes. Could Boulder Mennonite supply the lunches for these volunteers? Invite your friends, and let's show our neighbors our faith in action! The dates are Oct. 7th & 8th and the first two weeks of November. Contact Carole if you can help!

Would you like to hear more about the active work of Mennonite Disaster Service Colorado, while having a free breakfast with other interested persons? If you are coming to the MCC sale, arrive early to join us at Christine's Restaurant in Rocky Ford. We will meet and eat from 7:30-9:00, to hear enthusiastic reports and give opportunities to be involved. It will also be on Zoom. To sign up, contact Mary Johnson, president, at: [mjmanyik@gmail.com](mailto:mjmanyik@gmail.com) or 303-726-9890.

**EARTH'S TABLE GARDENS** are in full harvest mode, and we need volunteers! This has been an outreach ministry for BMC in recent years, and it would be wonderful to have a few folks come harvest the abundance for those in need. If you could be “on call” for when we hear the freeze is coming, let Carole know. “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few!”

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**CROP HUNGER WALK:** As we pray for the people of Pakistan, we can also help them by supporting the CROP Walk. Church World Service has workers there who will lend aid. To participate in the walk or to support BMC’s walkers with donations, contact Paul Classen at [pjclassen@gmail.com](mailto:pjclassen@gmail.com) or 316.217.2355. The walk is at 2p on Sunday, Oct. 16, but you can gather contributions and do your own walk anytime!

**CASA DE PAZ GOING DEEPER 2022:** The format is a mix of teaching, somatic and spiritual practice, small group discussion and large group reflection. If the group is mixed in terms of racial identity, there will be small group caucusing for safer and deeper conversations. The group arrives at a conversation “agreement” that creates a brave and soft space for discussion that leads to growth. The last date to register is September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please [complete this form](#) to register. October 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:45a to 4:30p. Lunch is included.

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**Peace Camps:** Mennonite Central Committee U.S. is excited to offer two peace camps for young adults (ages 18-30) to develop their peace theology and practice. We would like to encourage you (or the young adults close to you) to consider participating! [Read more and apply here.](#) We recognize funding is often a barrier for young adults so MCC will be covering all costs of travel, lodging and meals beyond the \$200 registration fee. We encourage churches, schools, families, and friends to support participants with the registration fee where possible.

**Peace Camp Puerto Rico:** The first Peace Camp will run from November 6-11 in Puerto Rico, looking at issues of decolonization, community building and hospitality. Participants will stay at the Centro de Retiros Paraíso en la Montaña (Paradise Retreat Center in the Mountain) during the experience, which will provide a place to rest, enjoy the beautiful creation of Puerto Rico and learn together. The week will focus on tying Anabaptist theology with practical application and visiting organizations engaged in transformational work. A Christ-centered approach to the Biblical text will guide each day, helping participants analyze current realities and reconstruct narratives of resistance and healing. This experience will be facilitated entirely in Spanish, so all participants need to have a minimum level of proficiency to be able to understand and engage fully.

**Peace for the Weary in upstate New York:** The second Peace Camp is a partnership with Camp Deerpark, called Peace for the Weary. It will run from January 2-7 in the woods of upstate New York at Camp Deerpark and is designed for young adults from metropolitan areas. In a time when stress and anxiety are at a peak, this experience will offer an invaluable opportunity for participants to understand trauma and develop strategies for self-care as well as tools to work at healing, for themselves and for their communities.

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Sale:** What is happening at the Rocky Mountain MCC Sale? Lots! Come join us for all the wonderful food items, handmade quilts, fair trade items, wonderful hand-crafted items, antiques or other unique items in the auctions, books, plants, quilting materials and much, much more. The 2022 Rocky Mountain Relief Sale is October 14-15! Join us at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds in Rocky Ford, CO. See [here for more info](#). Spend some time helping with the sale, meeting new people, helping others. We could use you! We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities, so help as little or as much as you'd like. [Please take a few minutes to check out what you could do to assist at the sale.](#)

**ECOLOGY TIP:** Incredibly, with all we know about how styrofoam harms God's creation, both while being produced as well as never biodegrading, many restaurants still use styrofoam boxes for takeout containers. Let's start a movement to ban Styrofoam! The first step can be as simple as bringing your own container to a restaurant if you think you'll have leftovers. Other steps can include writing to Congress asking for bans on styrofoam or sharing information with people about the health effects of chemicals leaching into our food from these containers. We can also ask the restaurants to choose another option, thus making them more aware. Each small act does make a difference!

*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.*



*Donate to BMC*

