

Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

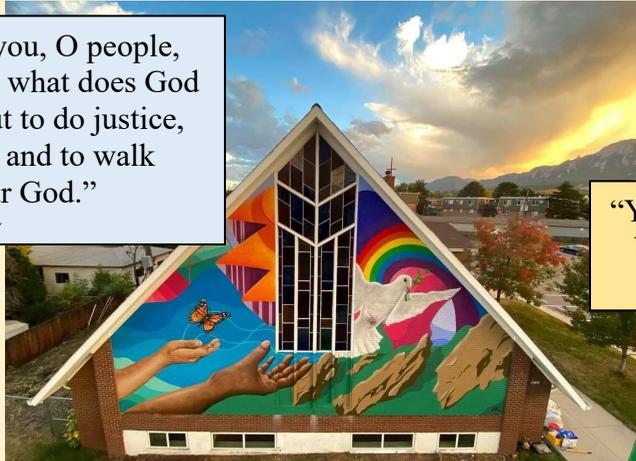
Sunday, November 20, 2022

The Reign of Love Sunday

A Service of the Word Happy Birthday, BMC! 38 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 22.38a

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](#)

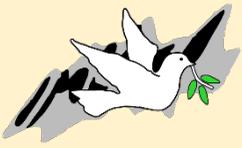
Welcome to the worship service today.

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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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, 5 36

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 the Source of Life 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 Source of Life 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 We sing to you, O God 80

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

HEARING

Gospel Reading

Luke 23.33-43

When they had reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there— together with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Abba forgive them. They don't know what they are doing." Then they divided his garments, rolling dice for them.

The people stood there watching. The rulers, however, jeered him and said, "He saved others, let him save himself—if he really is the Anointed of God, the Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him. They served Jesus sour wine and said, "If you are really the King of the Judeans, save yourself!" There was an inscription above Jesus that read, "This is the King of the Judeans."

One of the criminals who hung there beside him insulted Jesus, too, saying, "Are you really the Anointed One of God? Then save yourself—and us!" But the other answered the first with a rebuke: "Don't you even fear God? We are only paying the price for what we have done, but this one has done nothing wrong!"

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory." Jesus replied, "The truth is, today you'll be with me in paradise!"

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?

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

Leader: So what is the greatest commandment?

All: *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:

All: *Love your neighbor as you love yourself.*

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

All: *You will recognize them by the fruits they bear.*

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

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

Singing God of justice 772

Reflection *Celebrating 38 years, and more*

RESPONDING

Singing We are people of God's peace 797

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** The Lord (May God) lift you up 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:	Toni Diaz Bachus
Readers:	Sandi Sanborn
Music:	Pastor Randy, Susan Graber
Moment for all Ages:	Elvira Glenn
Tech Support:	Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters:	Paul Classen, Becky Neumann
Snacks:	Michelene Fast, Elvira Glenn

November 13, 2022

Attendance: 47

*Offering: \$4,210

* Our offerings in mid-November are lagging behind budget by \$7500 (13%). You are encouraged to give generously, via offerings or at the auction, to help us meet our congregation's goals for the year. *Thank you!*

TODAY at BMC

9:30am	Worship
10:30am	Tasty finger-foods pre-auction
11:00am	BMC Annual Auction

THIS WEEK at BMC

11/22	Singing small group, 6:30p
11/24	Thanksgiving Day in the US
11/25	Native American Heritage Day

NEXT SUNDAY – November 27, 2022: 1st Sunday in the Season of Advent; guest preacher

	Ezra Tice
9:30am	Worship and mingling
11:00am	No Adult Education or Youth Gathering

COMING UP

11/27	The Season of Advent Begins
12/2-12/3	Ten Thousand Villages Pop Up Shop @BMC
12/24	BMC Christmas Eve Soup Potluck, Carols and Candlelight, 5:30p
12/25	Christmas Day (Sunday) – No services at BMC

~PRAYERS~

- ~ **Carole Suderman** asks for prayers for her **mom, Alice's family**. Alice lost both of her sisters, **Anette Eisenbeis** and **Lorraine Ortman** in the span of 3 days. Both services will be held near Freeman, SD on November 22. Prayers for Carole as she travels for these services.
- ~for **Kent Olson** and **Cornelia Krahn** and for Kent's family. **Kent's mother** died at 102 years last week. They are in Kansas tending to her estate.
- ~from [Community Peacemaker Teams](#): In [Colombia](#), there is no peace for women: 445 [femicides](#) were registered there in 2022 since September. We raise our prayers, voices, songs, and pleas for **all the women who today suffer violence** and those who are not here. [Read more](#).

November Birthdays

1 – Suzanne Classen 1 – Carolyn Clement	14 – Carter McKay Epp 20 – Debrah Falk 22 – Benjamin Falk
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~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 from 6:30a to 2:30p and Wednesday from 6a to 2p.

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

WAYNE & ELLEN MORRISON'S NEW ADDRESS is 291 Kentmere Lane. Clover, SC 29710, please make note of it.

HALLETT ELEMENTARY: Please consider gifting a Target gift card of \$40 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 gift card to the church by December 12th. They will be delivered to the Hallett Families the last week of class, before Christmas break. If you have questions, please contact Ivanna.

COME HELP DISMANTLE THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY: (no deconstruction experience necessary!) This will be a 3-part, interactive course on how the church is responsible

for much of the ill treatment of indigenous peoples in this country and around the world. Suggested reading is Sara Augustine's book, *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*.

HARVEST OF HOPE is looking for partners that can help provide meals to community members while they are closed. Several faith communities and partner agencies have been very gracious with this request in the past. They are hoping BMC may provide a meal (which can be anything from a sack lunch to a hot meal) for our afternoon (without kitchens) clients in their parking lot from 12:00-2:00pm on December 27, 28, 29, and 30. Interested persons, please contact the BMC admin, Ivanna for more info.



Pastor Randy & Gary
Cordially Invite You to Our Annual
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
Friday, December 9, 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 2 to randy@bouldermennonite.org

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

MennoCon23 Mennonite Church USA's largest faith formation gathering, will be held July 3-8, 2023, in Kansas City, Missouri. There will be programming for all ages, including a one-day Climate Summit for youth and young adults. [See the tentative block schedule here.](#)

Menno Snapshots: In this blog, Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, speaks out against the tokenization of immigrants and people of color. "Over and over in our system, those in the dominant culture have used immigrants and other people of color as political pawns to justify their bias, insecurity and phobias." [Read his reflection here.](#)

Learn, Pray, Join Mass Incarceration: Casa Alterna, is a ministry of hospitality that serves asylum seekers who have recently arrived in the U.S. It's co-founder, Anton Flores-Maisonet, reflects on the story of one of the asylum seekers that he had the privilege of welcoming to his

house. His story is part of Mennonite Church USA's Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration" initiative. [Read it here.](#)

Gardening for Peace: Artist Mandy Martin of Salford (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church created "Justice Grows in the Garden" for Salford 2022 Gardening for Peace event, featuring RAWtools, a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA. [See Mandy's art and video here.](#)

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

MCC BUCKET OF THANKS: This Thanksgiving season, show your gratitude and provide hope to those in need by collecting relief supplies for MCC. The supplies you donate will fill a Bucket of Thanks (aka a Relief Kit) for people affected by conflict or disaster around the world. For more information, including supply lists and a ready-to-use curriculum for children, [visit here.](#)

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be shipped until every single item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by helping to fill the following needs: New infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); shampoo (20 oz or more), thin sanitary pads (28 count minimum) and dark colored bath and hand towels. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring item to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). A full list of MCC kit contents can be found [here.](#)

ECOLOGY TIP: Have you heard the statement, "we vote with our pocketbooks"? We can only vote for political leaders every couple of years. But everyday we cast a vote by what we purchase. By our choices, we can vote out Styrofoam, plastics, and other non-recyclable packaging. Our priorities are clear in what we spend our money on, so "vote in" sustainable values!

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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