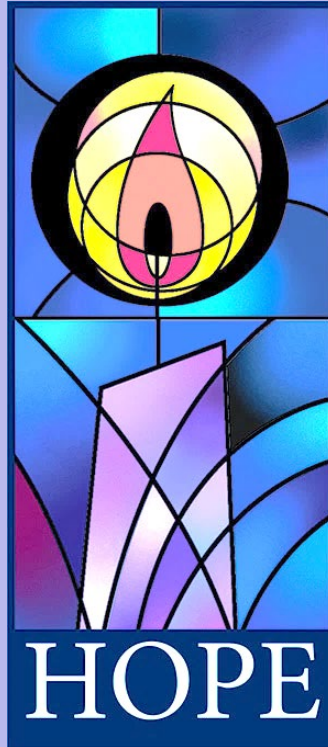




Welcome to  
**Boulder Mennonite Church**  
Sunday, November 27, 2022

**A Service of the Word**  
*First Sunday in the Season of Advent*



**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**

*People Look East*

French Carol

**\*Singing**

O come, O come Immanuel, v.1

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### Call to Worship and Candle Lighting

adapted from Isaiah 2.1-5 and 40.27-31

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

**All: *Come, let us go to the house of God!***

Leader: Divine energy flows through the world even when we are bone-tired,

**All: *God's power gives strength to the vulnerable and weak.***

Leader: Let us pray for the peace of the world:

**All: *Peace be to all creatures great and small!***

Leader: Don't give up hope: our salvation is close.

**All: *We shall walk boldly together toward the hope and peace of God in the light of the Eternal One!***

*The Advent candle is lit...*

**Singing**

Hope is a candle, v.1

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**Welcome**

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**Singing**

Rejoice, rejoice, come sing with me

Words: Adam M.L. Tice; Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk song

1. Re-joice, re-joice, come sing with me: "This is the house of God!" The temple gates swing  
 2. In market square and city street we seek the peace of God. Be-fore the ru-ler's

wide and free- *this is the house of God!* For ev - ery tribe and ev - ery race *this*  
 judg - ment seat, *we seek the peace of God.* In joy - ful song and whis - pered prayer *we*

*is the house of God! God calls us to this ho - ly place- this is the house of God!*  
*seek the peace of God. God's ci - ty can be an - y - where we seek the peace of God.*

### Confession and Assurance

Leader: God of shadows and light, our thoughts are not your thoughts. Our ways are not your ways.

*All: We offer our confession. May our hearts be healed; may our sins be forgiven.*

*(silence)*

Leader: In the Way of Jesus, we are called to hope

*All: that justice will prevail—that the hungry will be fed and the lowly lifted up.*

Leader: In the Way of Jesus, the peace of God is revealed

*All: that nation shall not lift up weapons against each other, neither shall we learn war no more.*

*(silence)*

Leader: In the Light of the Anointed child, in the shadow of the Most High, we make our confession and receive your forgiveness.

*All: 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.](#)*

HEARING

**A Moment for All Ages**

**Hebrew Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 2.1-5

This is what Isaiah ben-Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days, the mountain of the Eternal One's Temple will be established as the most important mountain and raised above all other hills— all nations will stream toward it.

Many people will come and say: **“Come, let us climb the Eternal One's mountain to the Temple of the God of Jacob, that we may be instructed in God's ways and walk in God's paths.”** Instruction will be given from Zion and the word of the Eternal One from Jerusalem.

God will judge between the nations and render decisions for many countries. **They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation will not raise the sword against another, and never again will they train for war.**

O house of Leah and Rachel and Jacob, come, **let us walk in the light of the Eternal One!**

**Singing**

Prepare the Way! The prophet called, vv. 1, 3

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**New Testament Reading**

Romans 13.8-14

Owe no debt to anyone—**except the debt that binds us to love one another.** If you love your neighbor, you have fulfilled the Law. The commandments—no committing adultery, no killing, no stealing, no coveting, and all the others—are all summed up in this one: **“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love never wrongs anyone—hence love is the fulfillment of the Law.**

Besides, you know the time in which we are living. It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, **for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith.** The night is far spent; the day draws near. **so let us cast off deeds of shadow and put on the armor of light.** Let us live honorably as in daylight, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual excess and lust, not in quarreling and jealousy. **Rather, clothe yourselves with our savior Jesus, God's Anointed, and make no provision for the desires of the night.**

**Reflection**

*We seek the peace of God*

RESPONDING

**Singing**

Bless'd be the God of Israel

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# Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

## SENDING

### Announcements

#### \*Benediction

\*Sending Song      Angels we have heard on high, v. 1

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#### **Resources used in worship:**

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Rejoice, rejoice, come sing with me: Adam M.L. Tice, © 2011 GIA Pub., Music: harm. Michael Joncas, 1987 GIA Pub. OneLicense 728744-A

Call to Worship and Confession liturgy adapted from Joanna Harader, *Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women who Prepared the Way*, 2022

Herald Press



**We welcome Rev. Ezra Tice once again as our guest speaker this morning.** Ezra is a retired Mennonite pastor who moved from Pennsylvania to Lafayette in 2019 and he and his wife, Joan, are now members at Boulder Mennonite. They are parents of three and grandparents of six. They are delighted that living here places them close to Mike, Francis, Josh and Noah. **Thank you for ministering among us today, Ezra. Blessings!**

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

<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	Ezra Tice
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Berit Jany
<b>Readers:</b>	Alfred Sawatzky
<b>Music:</b>	Jean McPherson, Susan Graber
<b>A Moment for all Ages:</b>	Karen Cox
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Steve Voran, Elleanna Voran
<b>Greeters:</b>	Joan & Ezra Tice
<b>Snacks:</b>	Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn

November 13, 2022

Attendance: 44

\*Offering: \$5,605

\*Thanks to all for your generosity in recent weeks. Last week's auction raised \$9200 for the church, and offerings are again on pace with our annual budget!

#### **TODAY at BMC**

**9:30am      Worship and mingling (No Education Hour)**

## THIS WEEK at BMC

- 12/1 Bible Study small group, 7p  
12/2-12/3 Ten Thousand Villages Pop Up Shop @BMC

## NEXT SUNDAY – **December 4, 2022:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the Season of Advent

- 9:30am Worship and mingling  
11:00am Adult Education and Youth Gathering

## COMING UP

- 12/9 Holiday Open House @Pastor Randy & Gary's, 5-8pm  
12/11 Enneagram small group, 3p  
12/13 Singing group, 6:30p  
12/15 Church Council  
12/24 BMC Christmas Eve Soup Potluck, Carols and Candlelight, 5:30p  
12/25 Christmas Day (Sunday) – No services at BMC  
12/27 Singing group, 6:30

## ~PRAYERS~

~for: **Sojourn Mennonite Church**, in Ft. Collins and in Greeley. Gratitude for the Spirits movement with Sojourn's unanimous consensus was reached for a direction forward that will reinvigorate small groups and provide for monthly Anabaptist worship with part-time hired leadership. Please continue to pray as Sojourn considers "out-of-the box" ideas for being followers of Jesus.

~for the **families** and **friends** of the victims of the mass shooting at Club Q in Colorado Spring, CO, and for the **19 injured** and all those traumatized. Prayers for healing, hope, strength and resilience.

December Birthdays		December Anniversaries
9 – Eve Kia	16 - Kent Olson	6 – Felipe Diaz Hormigo & Toni Diaz Bachus
10 – Cindi Fausel	18 – Bennet Mathis	31 – Jonathan & Debra Falk
15 – Carol Grasse		

*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 ADMINSTRATOR:** Ivanna is in the office on Tuesday from 6:30a to 2:30p and Wednesday from 6a to 2p.

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

**BMC ANNUAL AUCTION** total from last Sunday (Nov. 20) is **\$9,200.00!!** Thanks to everyone who offered an auction item and for all who bid generously and participated. And thanks to everyone who brought finger-foods and helped with set-up and clean-up, and with handing out auction items, keeping totals and being good-sport auctioneers!! Youth and adults included!

**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](#).

**ADVENT BEGINS this Sunday:** Advent crowns the beginning of the Church Year. It is a time for us to remember where Jesus enters God’s story and our own stories. It is a time to remember what it means to live *righteously* (a church-y word that means to live well, with integrity and honesty), and to look to the future as we seek a way forward for us as a faith-filled community. The colors of the Advent season are blues, purples and rose. Each Sunday has a different theme: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.



Advent is a time of remembering the Bible stories that prepare us for the coming of Jesus into the world. *Maranatha – Come, O Love, Come!*

**Thanks to those who helped visually prepare our campus for the Advent and Christmas season:** Sandi Sanborn, Becky Neumann, Elleanna Voran, Gwen Grasse, Steve Voran and Pastor Randy.

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

### **MENNONITE CHURCH USA:**

**Save the date!:** Hope for the Future, an annual gathering of Black, Indigenous and people of color leaders from across Mennonite Church USA, will be held February 3-5, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia. [Learn more here.](#)

**“The Beauty of Peace”:** Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship artist Christian Dallas painted a mural that makes a powerful statement to the church’s neighborhood. Titled (by a church vote)

“The Beauty of Peace,” the approximately 500 sq. ft. mural spans three walls. [See a photo and learn more here.](#)

## **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:**

**Volunteer Opportunities:** MDS has volunteer opportunities for this fall and winter in the U.S. You can see the full list of volunteer opportunities when you click [here](#). For the months of October - December 2022, MDS is offering financial travel assistance for anyone who serves for a week or more in McAllen, Texas or Jennings, Louisiana. Contact Deanna Frey (dfrey@mds.org) or call 1-800-241-8111 with any questions or to schedule a week.

**Beyond the Project:** Are you unable to serve on an MDS project, but still want to participate in the work of MDS? These year-round service opportunities are for people of any age who would enjoy volunteering with MDS beyond MDS projects.

**Project Prayer Partners:** You will be matched with a specific MDS project to pray for volunteers, homeowners, and community partners. [Please find more information here.](#)

**The House Warmer Project:** Volunteers are invited to sew wall hangings for MDS homeowners. The wall hanging is presented at a home dedication. Visit the [Mennonite Women USA website for more information.](#)

**Financial Support:** Donations to support the ongoing work of MDS volunteers are appreciated. One-time and monthly donations help position MDS to respond, rebuild and restore in the wake of disaster. MDS can be named as a beneficiary in planned gifts like estates, wills, and trusts, and donors can support underfunded and underreported disasters through the [MDS Legacy Fund.](#)

**ECOLOGY TIP:** Ten Thousand Villages and other Fair-Trade organizations provide opportunities for people to make a living in their home communities, thereby preventing workers from needing to travel far distances or immigrate in order to support their families. We can be a part of this local-global partnership by purchasing gifts they have made.

*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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