



Welcome to  
**Boulder Mennonite Church**  
Sunday, May 28, 2023

**A Service of the Word**  
*Pentecost Sunday – Happy Birthday, Church!*



*Pentecost*, by Dame Wurberg Welch, OSB,  
from the Chapter House Paintings

**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.

*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.*



**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** Summoned by the God who made us, vv. 1-4 1

### Call to Worship

Leader: The Spirit of Life calls us into the future,

All: *The Spirit of Hope calls us to new vision,  
The Spirit of Peace calls us in compassionate love!  
Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life  
in the presence of this Spirit!*

### Welcome

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**Singing** Holy Spirit, come with power 57

**Centering Prayer** from Psalm 104

### 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

### A Moment for All Ages

### New Testament Reading 1

Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. **Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of**

**fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them...**

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: “Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome— all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!”

**All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, “What does this mean?” But others said mockingly, “They’ve drunk too much new wine.”**

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: “Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think—it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! No, it’s what Joel the prophet spoke of: **‘In the days to come— it is our God who speaks— I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams.**

Even on the most insignificant of my people, of all genders, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke.

The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God. **And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved!**’

## **New Testament Reading 2**

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

No one can say, “Jesus the Anointed One reigns supreme,” unless under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit. There is a variety of ministries, but we serve the same One. There is a variety of outcomes, but the same God is working in all of them. To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one, the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse, to another, the word of knowledge through the same Spirit. Through the Spirit, one person receives faith; through the same Spirit, another is given the gift of healing; and still another, miraculous powers. Prophecy is given to one; to another, power to distinguish one spirit from another. One receives the gift of tongues; another, that of interpreting tongues. But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all these gifts and distributes them as she wills.

The body is one, even though it has many parts; all the parts—many though they are—comprise a single body. And so it is with God’s Anointed One. It was by one Spirit that all

of us, whether we are Jews or Greeks, slaves or citizens, were baptized into one body. All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit.

**Singing**                                      Breathe on me, breath of God                                      737

**Message**                                      *Considering Gifts*

**RESPONDING:**

**Singing**                                      There are many gifts                                      374

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

**SENDING**

**Announcements**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song**                                      Move in our midst, vv. 1, 4                                      827



**Resources used in worship:**

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

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*us today!*

**About our Guest Speaker:** Vickie Samland, ordained in the Church of the Brethren, sees her ministry as one of reconciliation and peacemaking. She retired after 22 years working at The Conflict Center teaching social emotional skills and restorative justice practices. She represents the Western Plains District on Standing Committee and serves on the Colorado Council of Churches. She loves watching her family grow up. *Welcome back, Vickie – we’re glad you’re among*

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

**Guest Speaker:**                                      Vickie Samland  
**Worship Leader:**                                      Ezra Tice  
**Readers:**    Paul & Mary McKay  
**Music:**     Susan Graber, Jean McPherson  
**A Moment for all Ages:**                                      Sandi Sanborn

**Tech Support:** Voran Family  
**Greeters:** Joan & Ezra Tice  
**Snacks:** Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn

**May 21, 2023                      Attendance: 32                      Offering: \$1,490**

**TODAY at BMC**

**9:30am                      Worship and mingling**  
No Education Hour or Youth Gathering (summer schedule)

**THIS WEEK at BMC**

**5/31                      Deacons meeting, 11:30a**  
**6/1                      Centering Prayer small group, 11a**  
**6/1                      Bible Study small group, 7p**

**NEXT SUNDAY – June 4: Many Faces of God Sunday**

**9:30a                      Worship & mingling**  
No Education Hour or Youth Gathering (summer schedule)

**COMING UP**

6/8                      Church Council, 6:30pm  
6/11                      Book Discussion small group, 12:15pm  
6/13                      Singing small group, 6:30pm  
6/15                      Centering Prayer, 11:00am  
6/15                      Bible Study small group, 7pm  
6/19                      [Juneteenth](#)  
7/3-8                      MC USA MennoCon 23, Kansas City, MO  
7/16                      BMC Annual Congregational Meeting, 11am  
7/21-23                      Annual Assembly, Mountain States Mennonite Conference  
8/3 – 6                      BMC Service-Learning Project, TiLT in Taos, NM

**~PRAYERS~**

~for **Pastor Randy** as he preaches today at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder, where he serves as a Community Minister.

~ from **Mary & Paul McKay**: We ask prayers for **EPIC** ([Ecumenical Project for International Cooperation](#)) as we enter the interview stage of our staffing search.

~from **Tim & Susan Hundsorfer**: We ask continued prayers for a former member of BMC, **Keeten Dundorf**, Karyn and Steve's oldest son in his recovery from a bicycle accident. They leave, if all goes well, this coming Friday for their long-awaited trip to Europe, which will

joyfully include 2 nights with us. We are so grateful for loving people we have met at BMC over the years. With our love and gratitude.

~for **Laura Minter** as she begins her summer job at [Rocky Mountain Village](#) camp this weekend, that God will bless her and that she may be a blessing to others!

## ~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.

June Birthdays	June Anniversaries
1 – Millie Unrau	5 – Naomi & Lyn Krause
3 – Jeremiah Osborne Gowey	8 – Ezra & Joan Tice
10 – Paul McKay	15 – Mary & Paul McKay
13 – Ryan Sanders	19 – Michelene & Bruce Fast
23 – Paul Classen	19 – Randy Spaulding & Gary Stephens
29 – Iris Loewer	20 – Cat & Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey
	30 – Anne Brubacher & Pablo Ceres

## ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY~

**CELEBRATE WITH THE COX FAMILY!** Mik and Victoria were married on May 20 in Glen Ellen, CA with Karen officiating and Anne and Aaron standing up for them as part of the wedding party. Prayers for a joyful and meaningful life together as a wedded couple! (Cards can be sent to Victoria Nakagawa & Mik Cox, 1050 W. Monroe St., Apt 102, Chicago, IL 60607.)

**ANABAPTIST WORLD:** If you would like to get a year's subscription to the Anabaptist World magazine sent to you, at reduced church group rates, contact the treasurer (Bruce) for details. The latest copy of the magazine is also available in the foyer for you to peruse.

**BMC SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT:** A schedule with lodging info and costs is located at the back of the sanctuary on the table. You can also view the information by clicking here: [BMC 2023 Service Learning Taos.](#)

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**Spirit of Power:** The theme of Mountain States Annual Assembly this year is Spirit of Power. July 21-23, 2023 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. The planning committee has been working hard already to bring you a meaningful and fun event, so make sure your calendars stay marked! For more information about MSMC visit.

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** Respond. Rebuild. Restore.

Rocky Mountain MDS has several projects and events planned in the coming months, and we would love to have you join us! Put these dates on your calendar: **June 2-4** MDS will be in Questa, NM, renovating an old video store to become a community center for formerly addicted or incarcerated folks. Contact Mike Smith, [crna\\_mike@hotmail.com](mailto:crna_mike@hotmail.com) **July 24-28** folks will be painting and roofing the MVS house in Alamosa. Contact Alice Price, [aliceprice1950@gmail.com](mailto:aliceprice1950@gmail.com)

**MDS needs your help in Florida!** There's an urgent need for weekly volunteers at our response in Southwest Florida in April. Individuals or groups of up to 10 volunteers are needed to repair and rebuild after the community was hit by Hurricane Ian. Are you able to help out? Call or email Alicia Hurst (800-241-8111 or [ahurst@mds.org](mailto:ahurst@mds.org)) to get signed up! Please check our website for more volunteer opportunities. Contact your church MDS representative Brad Shelly or Mary Johnson at 303-726-9890 for opportunities to serve.

## **MENNONITE CHURCH USA:**

**#MennoCon23:** The MennoCon23 worship planning committee has released the names of the worship speakers for the July 3-6 Mennonite Church USA denominational convention, which will take place at the Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center. The convention's overall theme is "#BeTransformed," which is inspired by Isaiah 43:19-21 and 2 Corinthians 5:17. [Read more here.](#)

**#BeTransformed:** When Becky Degan told her husband and teenage son that the theme for MennoCon23 worship is "Transformed by the Spirit," they broke out with the Transformers' theme song, "More than meets the eye." "Later, when I was asked what excites me about this year's convention, that song went through my head, and I realized that's what I'm excited about — catching glimpses of the Holy Spirit at work beyond what we can understand or imagine." [Read more here.](#)

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**Register Now For The Restorative Kansas Conference,** happening June 8-9 at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS. The conference theme is Growing Restorative Communities: Cultivating Change by Tending our Roots. Hear Keynote Speaker Chief Justice Emeritus Robert Yazzie of Navajo Nation and participate in breakout sessions on indigenous peacemaking; RJ in schools; youth-led efforts; community-based efforts; law enforcement and judicial efforts; and circle process. Enjoy a commissioned street opera entitled "The Return"

and lots more. MCC Central States is a sponsor for the 2023 conference. Please join us, find more information and register at [www.restorativekansas.org](http://www.restorativekansas.org).

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale October 20th–21<sup>st</sup>:** Please plan on joining us at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds in Rocky Ford, Colorado, for a fantastic event. We are moving...but NOT YET. There is still time to join in the fun in Southeast Colorado. We are planning a wonderful sale, as there is something for everyone - various auctions, fair-trade items, craft items, fabric for that next quilt, barrel train rides for the kids, and a lot of great food options. For more information, please [check out our website](#). We look forward to seeing you this fall!

**Summer Service Opportunities Are Still Available!:** SWAP is a service and learning program of Mennonite Central Committee. It is a home repair ministry that serves low-income families in Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. Typically, SWAP provides weeklong service opportunities to school, college, youth and other church/other groups, ages 15 and up, as well as individuals and families (for younger participants,). Shorter- and longer-term experiences are available on request during “non-summer” months, and are great options for retirees.

**ECOLOGY TIP:** As this weekend is the traditional opening of the summer season, it’s a good time to assess the best way to do outdoor grilling. Although gas and charcoal grills are the most widely used, they do not do the environment any favors. Natural gas and petroleum are non-renewable resources. Burning charcoal releases carbon and particulates into the air, which speeds up climate change and causes respiratory distress for some people. A much better choice is a pellet burning grill, which burns wood pellets made of pressed sawdust. This not only keeps wood waste out of the landfill, but it burns efficiently, thus putting out only a minute amount of pollutants. Consider setting an example for neighbors and friends by using this eco-friendly option!”



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