



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, May 12, 2024

7th Sunday in the Season of Eastertide

A Service of the Word



*Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Jesus Mafa, Cameroon,
from Art in the Christian Tradition*

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** *Andante* J. Stanley
- *Singing** Praise my soul, the King of heaven, vv. 1, 2, 4 75
- Call to Worship** adapted from Psalm 47 in *The Message*
- Leader: God Most High is awesome.
People: We sing our best songs to God.
- Leader: God Most High is stunning.
People: We sing praises and applaud God.
- Leader: God Most High soars over all.
People: Shout God-songs at the top of your lungs.
- Leader: God Most High is King of the Mountain.
All: We clap our hands and shout for joy.

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing O worship our God, all glorious above, vv. 1, 2, 3 74

Centering Prayer

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 *I Will Sing New Songs, from "Biblical Songs"* A. Dvorak

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

First Reading

Acts 1.4-8

As they met and ate meals together, he told them that they were on no account to leave Jerusalem but “must wait for what the Father promised: the promise you heard from me. John baptized in water; you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit. And soon.”

When they were together for the last time they asked, “Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?”

He told them, “You don’t get to know the time. Timing is the Father’s business. What you’ll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.”

Singing

How can I say that I love the Lord

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Second Reading

Ephesians 1.15-19

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Message

RESPONDING

Singing

Will you let me be your servant, vv. 1, 2, 4

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Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

We are people on a journey, vv. 1, 2, 3

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Message and The New International Version

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We welcome BMCer Jean (Basinger) McPherson as our guest speaker today. Jean was born and raised on a farm in the small farming community of Cheraw, CO, 15 miles northeast of Rocky Ford. She graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in nursing. Two months later she married Charles E. McPherson, III, a teacher, and together they parented a daughter and a son, and now enjoy four grandsons, two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren. Jean's husband died nine years ago. At the age of 45, Jean once again entered UC Boulder's college of music and earned two Masters of Music degrees in organ performance and choral conducting. She then attended Iliff School of Theology (Denver) and was ordained a deacon in the United Methodist Church, where she ministered mostly in music but pastored a small rural church for 13 years. *Thank you, Jean, for blessing us today – may God bless you as you share!*

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

- Speaker:** Jean McPherson
- Worship Leader:** Susan Graber
- Readers:** Jen Dudenhefer, Elvira Glenn
- Music:** Jean McPherson, Susan Graber
- Tech Support:** Bruce Wheeler, Steve Voran
- Greeters:** Carole Suderman, Toni Diaz Bachus
- Snacks:** Mai Wheeler, Sheng Wheeler
- A Moment for All Ages:** Karen Cox

May 5: Attendance: 60 Offering: \$1,548.00
April 28: Offering: \$ 980.00

TODAY at BMC

- 9:30a Worship and mingling
- 11:00am Adult/Youth Education Hour: *Genesis 1-11*; facilitator Ezra Tice

THIS WEEK at BMC

- 5/15 Centering Prayer small group, 11am

NEXT SUNDAY – May 19: Pentecost Sunday. All are encouraged to wear **red, orange, or yellow!** Guest Speaker: Rev. Amy Zimbleman



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- 11:00am Education Hour: Joint adult/youth, sanctuary. Ezra Tice, facilitator.

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- Worship Leader:** Toni Diaz Bachus
- Readers:** Susan Graber, Judy Classen
- Music:** Judy Classen, Justin Mathis
- Tech Support:** Alfred Sawatzky
- Greeters:** Paul Classen, Becky Neumann
- Snacks:** Michelene Fast

COMING UP

- 5/19 Pentecost Sunday. Guest Speaker Rev. Amy Zimbleman
- 5/21 Deacons meet, 1pm
- 5/22 PCRC meets @BMC, 9am
- 5/22 Boulder Area Sanctuary and Immigration Coalition, 2p @BMC
- 6/9 Mennonite Hymn Sing, Glennon Heights Mennonite Church, 1pm
- 7/14 Annual BMC Congregational Meeting
- 7/26-28 MSMC Assembly at Beth-El Mennonite, Colorado Springs

~PRAYERS~

~of thanksgiving from **Jill and Douglas Minter**. They went to the ER on May 1. Doug woke up in the middle of the night with chest pain. The good news is that they got to the ER early and the doctors were able to treat the problem. All is well. They feel very fortunate.

~for **Maurice Miller**, husband of first and former BMC pastor **Marilyn Miller**. Maurice fell and broke his hip on May 4 and needed surgery. He remains in the ICU. Maurice and Marilyn are godparents of **Lisa Voss**.

For our kindred in **Kenya Mennonite Church**, who have asked for prayers that the continuous rain in Kisumu County would subside. Weeks of heavier than usual rains for the season have wreaked havoc in many parts of East Africa, a region vulnerable to climate disasters. [Read more prayers here.](#)

May Birthdays		May Anniversaries
1 – Kurt Firnhaber	12 – Hannah Dudenhefer	1 – Susan Graber & Tom Jirak
4 – Jonathan Falk	12 – Kelcie Dudenhefer	13 – Duane & Joanna Harrison
4 – Erin Dudenhefer	12 – Sheng Wheeler	19 – Linda Hardesty & Chris Friedman
7 – Sandi Sanborn	20 – Linda Hardesty	26 – Jen & David Dudenhefer
10 – Gwen Grasse	22 – Cheri Krause	
10 – Cindy Reeves Janzen	24 – Eldon Mast	
10 – Olive Loewer	28 – Duane Harrison	
10 – Douglas Minter		

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) announcements by Thursday, 7:00am.

DEACONS: Carole Suderman: 303-494-8527; Paul Classen: 316-217-2355; Cheri Krause: 510-227-9712

PASTOR RANDY'S OFFICE HOURS: Pastor Randy and Gary are away this week. Contact the church or one of the Deacons if you have any concerns or needs with which BMC may help.

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

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

CONGREGATIONA/PASTORAL EVALUATION 2024: If you are an active participant in BMC, you should have received an invitation to respond to a congregational/pastoral evaluation. Responses are due today. Contact [Ezra Tice](#) if you are an active participant at BMC and did not receive an invitation.

HYMN SING: All Denver area Mennonite Churches are invited to gather for a hymn sing hosted by Glennon Heights Mennonite Church in Lakewood on Sunday, June 9th, at 1p.m. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow our time of singing. Special musical numbers from churches are welcome and encouraged.

BMC/MDS/PRAAYERSTREAM PARTICIPANTS: Kevin Whitefeather, the leader we worked with during our service-learning adventure last summer, has invited us to continue our cleanup and clearing of the water ways that deliver water to the Taos Pueblo bison herd. If you are interested in participating in a 2- or 3-day work project on the land possibly sometime between late May and mid-July, Please contact Brenda Fox, brendainboulder@yahoo.com or 720-252-7939.

THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY BIBLE IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PREORDERS.

Celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism with the Anabaptist Community Bible. This study Bible features commentary from 60 Anabaptist scholars, biblical insights from 16th-century Anabaptists, and marginal notes from nearly 600 study groups from Anabaptists around the globe. Preorders are discounted, up to \$20 off, and the bibles are available in hardcover, soft touch and genuine leather. If you would like BMC to place a preorder for you, please see Pastor Randy. [More info by clicking here.](#) BMC contributed notes to this 500-year endeavor!

THE TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE SLIDE PRESENTATION may be found by [clicking on this link.](#) This was part of our education hour on Sunday, April 21, presented by Maya John and the Colorado Hosting Asylum Network.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE:

The April Zing! is available at this link: [Zing!](#) Read about Mennonite Action in Mountain States.

SUPPORT THE SOAR CHOIR: BMC was blessed by the beautiful singing of the SOAR choir and Emily Martin's direction. Want to help them continue their ministry? May is [National Foster Care Month.](#) SOAR exists to support youth in foster, adopted and kinship care

as well as those aging out of the foster care system. Consider [donating](#), singing in the choir, volunteering to help or spreading the word about the need for foster and kinship care. Thanks!

INDIGENOUS ALLIES NEWS: **Breathing Healing Into the Banks of Sand Creek**, an immersive land-based learning experience sharing the history-into-present of the 1864 Sand Creek Massacre. Bus visit to sites where this history lives, with embodied participatory performance at each site. May 2-19. [Click here for more info](#). **Pilgrimage to Sand Creek**, May 25. Join Marrton Dormish on an annual pilgrimage to the site of that terrible and formative event in the history of the Tsitsistas (Cheyenne) nation, Hinono'eiteen (Arapaho), the State of Colorado and the American West. 10am – 4pm. RSVP via email. [Click here to RSVP](#).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

Camp Can Be Life-Changing: Jenna Liechty Martin identifies what makes camp such a special place for faith formation. “[C]amp is a place where our connection to and interconnectedness with all creation can be experienced and felt through time spent in nature.” Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/camp-can-be-life-changing/>

Reimagining church: Following Jesus in fresh expressions: Dr. Lesley F. McClendon reflects on what reimagining the church means and how we can stay true to the gospel message, while also accommodating our rapidly changing needs as a culture. “Reimagining church isn’t about abandoning tradition; it’s about building upon it. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/reimagining-church/>

Native Mennonite Ministries meeting honors faith, language and tradition: Representatives of Native Mennonite Ministries, an MC USA Indigenous assembly composed of three congregations in Montana and Oklahoma, recently gathered for their biannual business meeting in Billings, Montana, on April 26-27, 2024. [Read more here](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: Do you know that the Colorado River is the primary source of water for over 36 million people? It serves seven western states, including 5 of the fastest growing states in the country. Due to increasing water demands, the Colorado River now runs dry before it reaches the sea. Each of us can save up to 30% on our water usage if we have not yet taken conservation steps. Some old showerheads use 7 gallons per minute, newer ones use 2.5 gallons, but many water efficient showerheads use just 1.5 gallons of water per minute. Consider switching to a more efficient showerhead.



*Blessings and Peace to all mothers, grandmothers, and to all –including all genders and orientations—who are a helpful, loving, **mothering** presence to others. To all who have lovingly mothered us – Thank You! A special prayer for those whom Mother’s Day is a painful time, and in remembrance of those mothers who are no longer with us. Here is a meaningful Prayer for All Who Mother:*
<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/meditation/5827.shtml>

Notes and Reflections on Worship today:



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