



# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, June 9, 2024

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

## A Service of the Word



*Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego in the fiery furnace; Early Christian icons on the walls of St. Pricilla's Catacombs, Rome*

**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** Let's walk together 6

**Call to Worship** adapted from Psalm 20

**Leader:** May the One who created you in wholeness meet you when you call!

**People:** **May the Name of Love be our protection and our tower of strength!**

**Leader:** Let us shout for joy as Love triumphs over fear!

**People:** **We know that Love comes to all who open their hearts, bringing gifts of peace and harmony.**

**Leader:** Some boast of wealth and personal power. They will stumble and fall.

**People:** **Our pride is in the One who comes in the Name of Love.**

**All:** *We shall rise up strong and sure.*

*Come, let us worship the One who makes a home in our hearts!*

### Welcome

## CELEBRATING & PRAISING

**Singing** The Lord is my light 437

**Centering Prayer** *The Summer Day, Mary Oliver*

**Singing** This is God's wondrous world, vv. 1, 2 180

### 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

## Hebrew Scripture Reading

adapted from Daniel 3

King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue that was ninety feet tall and set it up on the Plain of Dura in Babylon. He called for all his officials and at the dedication of the golden god, King Nebuchadnezzar's herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the royal orchestra, you are commanded to fall down and worship the golden statue. Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire! And everyone fell down and worshiped the golden God!

At this time certain astrologers came and denounced the Judeans. "O king, there are certain Jews named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. You have appointed them over the affairs of Babylon, but they have ignored your order, O king. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up!"

Then Nebuchadnezzar in a furious rage called for the three people, telling them, "You must kneel and worship the golden statue or be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. Who is the god that will save you out of my hands?!" Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego answered the king, **"O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the blazing fire, let the God we serve deliver us. But if not, then know, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue you have made."**

Then the king was so filled with rage against the three that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than normal and had his guards throw Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego into the furnace of blazing fire. The fire was so hot that it instantly killed the guards, but the three Judeans walked straight into the flames, blessing and singing to the Eternal One. Then the king was astonished and sprang to his feet. "Was it not three people we threw into the fire? But I see four people walking in the middle of the fire and they are not hurt! And the fourth looks like a god! The king approached the door and said, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, faithful ones of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" They came out from the fire, and everyone saw that the fire had no power over them; the hair on their heads was not singed and no smell of smoke came from them. Then the king said, **"Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent an angel and delivered these faithful ones who trusted in God. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God!"**

**Singing**

What does the Lord require of you?

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**Gospel Reading**

Mark 2.23-3.6

One Sabbath day Jesus took a walk through the grain fields, and the disciples began to pick ears of grain as they went along. The Pharisees said to Jesus, **"Look, why are they doing something on the Sabbath day that is forbidden?"**

And Jesus replied, "Did you never read what king David did in his time of need when he and his followers were hungry—how David went into the house of God and ate the loaves of offering, which only the priests are allowed to eat, and how he also gave some to those with him?" Then Jesus said, **"The Sabbath was made for people, not people**

## for the Sabbath.”

Returning to the synagogue, Jesus met someone who had a withered hand. Now the religious authorities were watching to see if Jesus would heal the person on the Sabbath day, as they were hoping for evidence against Jesus. He said to the afflicted one, **“Stand and come up front!”** Then he turned to the authorities and said, **“Is it permitted to do a good deed on the Sabbath—or an evil one? To preserve life or to destroy it?”** At this they remained silent. Jesus looked around at them with anger, for he was deeply grieved that they had closed their hearts so.

Jesus said to the person, **“Stretch out your hand.”** The other did so, and the hand was perfectly restored. **The Pharisees went out and at once began to plot with the Herodians, discussing how to destroy Jesus.**

## Reflection

*Taking the knee*

## RESPONDING

**Singing**                      How firm a foundation, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5                      592

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

## SENDING

**Announcements**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song**                      Heart with loving heart united                      813



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

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality, Psalms for Praying by Nan Merrill

“The Summer Day,” by Mary Oliver ([saltproject.org](http://saltproject.org))

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

**Speaker:** Pastor Randy Spaulding  
**Worship Leader:** Cheri Krause  
**Readers:** Michelene Fast, Becky Neumann  
**Music:** Judy Classen, Susan Graber, Pastor Randy  
**Tech Support:** Bruce Wheeler, Steve Voran  
**Greeters:** Carole Suderman, Toni Diaz Bachus  
**Moment for All Ages:** Carole Suderman

**June 2: Attendance: 33 Offering: \$2,250**

**TODAY at BMC**

- 9:30a Worship and mingling  
11:00a Fundraiser Luncheon, with Venezuelan food made by Villimar Saavedra. Donations to support the Saavedra family. *Thank you for your generosity!*  
1p Hymn Sing @Glennon Heights Mennonite Church  
4p Heresy, Heretics, and (dis)Harmony Small Group

**THIS WEEK at BMC**

- 6/11 Singing small group, 6:30p  
6/13 Church council, 6:30p  
6/15 Maurice Miller funeral service @Beth-el Mennonite, 11a  
6/15 Sanctuary event with Motus Theater, 4p  
6/19 Centering prayer small group, 11a

**NEXT SUNDAY – June 16:** 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time

- 9:30am Worship and mingling  
11:00am No education hour – summer schedule

<b>Speaker:</b>	Pastor Randy Spaulding
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Becky Neumann
<b>Readers:</b>	Sandi Sanborn, Judy Classen
<b>Music:</b>	Jean McPherson, Susan Graber
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Alfred Sawatzky
<b>Greeters:</b>	Paul Classen, Michelene Fast
<b>Snacks:</b>	Toni Diaz Bachus
<b>Moment For All Ages:</b>	Cheri Krause

**COMING UP**

- 6/19 Centering prayer small group, 11a  
6/25 Singing small group, 6:30p  
7/3 Centering prayer small group, 11a  
7/9 Singing small group, 6:30p  
7/11 Church council, 6:30p  
7/14 BMC Annual congregational meeting, 12p  
7/26-7/28 Mountain States Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly @Beth-El  
8/2-8/4 EPIC board meeting

## ~PRAYERS~

- ~from **Paul & Mary McKay**: Prayers for the honoring and retirement celebration of pioneer agro-ecologist Felipe Tomas at the Maya Cultural Center next Saturday, in Guatemala.
- ~for healing for **Doris Demos, Gus Gouvas'** 83 year old sister who is in the hospital in Denver.
- ~for the **9 Cubans** leaving Mexico City for the border. Also pray that they will be safe without drama or delay as they cross into the US at 6a on June 5. ~**Toni**
- ~for healing for **Anita Jantz**, who continues to suffer auto-immune episodes.
- ~prayers for a healthy, fun, meaningful Senior High week at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for **Hannah and Kelcie Dudenhefer** and for **Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey, Jr.**

June Birthdays	June Anniversaries
1 – Millie Unrau	8 – Ezra & Joan Tice
3 – Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey	15 – Mary & Paul McKay
10 – Paul McKay	19 – Michelene & Bruce Fast
23 – Paul Classen	19 – Randy Spaulding & Gary Stephens
29 – Iris Loewer	22 – Cat and Jeremiah 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; Cheri Krause: 510-227-9712

**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 ~

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MDS UNIT** is looking for volunteers to help our response to the 2022 Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire in northern New Mexico. We are planning to work 27 June-1 July, and 15-18 July, focused primarily on debris removal. However, if we have enough volunteers with the requisite skills, we may also do some ramp building. "Requisite skills" does not mean you have to be a professional carpenter, by the way. Volunteers can serve all or part of the dates on each project week. As usual with MDS projects, lodging and meals will be provided. If you are feeling called to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus, contact Michael

Smith, Project Director, (505)603-5739, or by email at [rockymountainunit@mds.org](mailto:rockymountainunit@mds.org). This project is in response to a request from FEMA, AKA "Find Every Mennonite Available".

**THE SAAVEDRA FAMILY** is happily receiving some donations for their future home, and they are in need of a place to store these items. Do you have room in your home, basement, or garage to store a few things for several months? If so, let [Bruce Fast](#) or [Becky Neumann](#) know. Thanks!

**COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE:** In May, BMCers donated 264 pounds of groceries to Community Food Share. Community Food Share is grateful and thankful for our generous donation.

**NEW DEACON SEARCH:** BMC is beginning the discernment process for a new deacon, as Carole Suderman ends her term(s) this fall. A deacon discernment form is available at the back of the sanctuary, due **next Sunday, June 16**. Please prayerfully consider which active participant or active member may serve in this key role at BMC and submit your nominations a.s.a.p. Thank you!

**ANABAPTIST WORLD:** is a publication providing independent journalism that serves the global Anabaptist movement, a forum where Mennonites and anyone interested in Anabaptism can explore faith and culture. If you would like to get your own print subscription at our group rate (\$39) contact [Bruce Fast](#).

**WOMEN OF RESOLUTION EVENT IN BOULDER:** Join Motus Theater to honor Immigrant Heritage Month and learn about the role of sanctuary and the stakes in the current immigration debates with **Motus Theater's Women of Resolution** read by Boulder County law enforcement leaders. Women of Resolution weaves the stories of four Colorado women — **Ingrid Encalada Latorre**, Sandra Lopez, Rosa Sabido, and Araceli Velasquez — who took sanctuary to prevent the separation of their families through deportation. Special guests District Attorney Michael Dougherty, Boulder County Sheriff Curtis Johnson, and Longmont Police Chief Jeff Satur will read the stories of Ingrid Encalada Latorre, Sandra Lopez and Araceli Velasquez and Rosa Sabido will read her own story. The performance features award-winning photos by Joel Dyer and musician Teresita Lozano. It will be followed by a discussion of the role of sanctuary, and the stakes in the current immigration debates with Joel Dyer and Boulder Mennonite Church's **Pastor Randy Spaulding**. Join us Saturday June 15th at 4pm at the Dairy Arts Center. [Tickets are free but RSVP is required.](#)

## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**SABBATH AS LIFE ABUNDANT** with Rev. Anita Amstutz, June 24-28. Please read more about this retreat opportunity at [this link](#).



**PEACEFUL OPTIONS FOR TRAINING AND CAREERS (POTC)** has launched a website where young adults across the U.S. can find information about non-military careers, service and training opportunities. [Learn more here.](#)

**VISIT ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY.** Schedule a personal visit (either in person or online) to learn about how our affordable on-campus and distance-friendly programs can prepare you to lead effectively and live faithfully — wherever God calls you. Contact us to [learn more about the AMBS experience.](#)

## **MENNONITE CHURCH USA:**

**Mennonite Church USA** is launching two new podcasts, aimed at encouraging and equipping today's pastors and congregational leaders. [Learn more here.](#)

**Mennonite Church USA's Climate Justice** Ministry is receiving applications for the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund grant, from now through June 15, 2024. The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund provides funds to MC USA congregations seeking to install solar panels, car charging stations or other forms of renewable energy. The term, "net zero energy," describes buildings or communities that generate enough energy to meet their own needs. [Learn more here.](#) View the [PowerPoint](#) slide [here.](#) View the PDF [here.](#)

**Menno Snapshots:** Pasadena Mennonite Church helped foster Celeste Sharp's passion for the environment. This interest has led Celeste to pursue an education in agroecology, with hopes of providing people with more sustainable food systems and practices. Read more [here.](#)

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**ECOLOGY TIP:** If you are watering your lawn or garden in this hot dry time, be sure to water in the cool of the day. Experts estimate that 50% of the water we use outdoors goes to waste due to evaporation, wind, or runoff caused by overwatering. For a garden, a drip system will save up to 70% a season over a sprinkler. It also promotes root growth by delivering water directly to the plant. Let's be water wise and conserve this precious resource!



*Donate to BMC*



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