

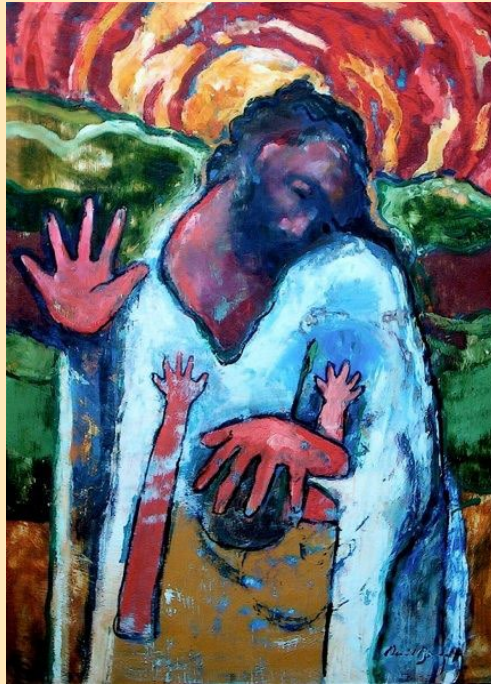


# Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, July 7, 2024

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

## A Service of the Word



*"The Healing of a Child"  
Daniel Bonnell 2011*

**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** Come, we that love the Lord 31

**Call to Worship** adapted from Psalm 30

**Leader:** Come, give thanks to Love’s holy Name.

**People:** Love withdraws when we close our hearts,  
yet ever awaits an open door.

**Leader:** In the evening we may weep,

**People:** yet joy comes in the morning.

**Leader:** May God turn our mourning into dancing

**People:** May God set us free and clothe us with gladness.

**All:** *Come, let us worship and celebrate the richness and diversity of life  
in the presence of God!*

**Welcome**

**CELEBRATING & PRAISING**

**Singing** Joyful, joyful, we adore thee 103

**Centering Prayer**  
**Singing** This is my song 710

**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

Lamentations 3.22-33

The Eternal One's steadfast love couldn't have run out. Merciful love couldn't have dried up. They're created new every morning. How great is your faithfulness!

"You are all I have," I cry. So, I will wait patiently. The Eternal proves to be good to the one who passionately waits, and who diligently seeks.

It is a good thing to quietly hope, quietly hope for help from God. It's a good thing when you're young to stick it out through the hard times. When life is heavy and hard to take, go off by yourself. Enter the silence. Bow in prayer. Don't ask questions: Wait for hope to appear. Don't run from trouble. Take it full-face. The "worst" is never the worst.

Why? Because the Eternal One won't ever walk out and fail to return. If God's way seems severe, God also works tenderly, whose stockpiles of loyal love are immense.

Love takes no pleasure in making life hard, in throwing roadblocks in the way.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 5.21-43

When Jesus had crossed again to the other shore in the boat, a large crowd gathered, and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials—Jairus by name— came up and, seeing Jesus, fell down and pleaded earnestly, saying, **"My little daughter is desperately sick. Come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life."**

Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed, pressing from all sides. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a vaginal flow for twelve years; after long and painful treatment from various doctors, she had spent all she had without getting better—in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She told herself, **"If I can touch even the hem of Jesus' cloak, I will be well again."** Immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Immediately aware that healing power had gone out from him, Jesus turned to the crowd and said, **"Who touched my clothes?"**

The disciples said, **"You see how the crowd is pressing you and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'"** But Jesus continued to look around to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at Jesus' feet and told him the whole truth. Jesus said, **"My daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace and be free of your affliction."**

While Jesus was still speaking, some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, **"Your daughter is dead. Why put the Teacher to any further trouble?"**

But Jesus overheard the remark and said to the official: **"Don't be afraid. Just believe."** Jesus allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and James' brother John. They came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. Jesus went in and said to them, **"Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep."** At this, they began to

ridicule him, and he told everyone to leave. Jesus took the child’s mother and father and his own companions and entered the room where the child lay. Taking her hand, he said to her, **“Little girl, I say to you, get up!”**

Immediately the girl, who was twelve years old, got up and began to walk about. At this they were overcome with astonishment. Jesus gave the family strict orders not to let anyone know about it and told them to give the little girl something to eat.

**Singing** Alleluia 66

**Reflection** *On Miracles*

## RESPONDING

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

*During the singing, you are invited to come forward and light candles to represent your prayers.*

**Singing** Healer of our every ill 644

## SENDING

### **Announcements**

### **\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song** There is more love somewhere 804

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

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality; and The Message by E. Peterson

Call to Worship, adapted from *Psalms for Praying*, by Nan C. Merrill, Continuum 2003

Centering Prayer: Anna of Freiburg, in *The Martyr’s Mirror*, ed. Van Braght, pp. 434-435

Cover art: <https://fineartamerica.com/featured/the-healing-of-a-child-daniel-bonnell.html>

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

**Speaker:** Pastor Randy Spaulding  
**Worship Leader:** Sandi Sanborn  
**Readers:** Judy Classen, Toni Diaz Bachus  
**Music:** Bruce Fast, Elleanna Voran  
**Tech Support:** Tice family  
**Greeters:** Elvira Glenn, Karl Ortman  
**Snacks:** Jen Dudenhefer  
**Moment for All Ages:** Cheri Krause

**January 28:** Attendance: 43 Offering: \$

**TODAY at BMC**

9:30a Worship and mingling  
11:00a No education hour – summer schedule  
4:00pm H^3 small group meets

**THIS WEEK at BMC**

7/9 Singing small group, 6:30p  
7/10 Centering Prayer small group, 11am  
7/11 Church council, 6:30p

**NEXT SUNDAY – July 14:** 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time

9:30am Worship and mingling  
11:00am Annual BMC Congregational Meeting

<b>Speaker:</b>	Pastor Randy Spaulding
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Susan Graber
<b>Readers:</b>	Jen Dudenhefer, Elvira Glenn
<b>Music:</b>	Bruce Fast, Elleanna Voran
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Bruce Wheeler, Steve Voran
<b>Greeters:</b>	Carole Suderman, Toni Diaz Bachus
<b>Snack:</b>	Sheng & Mai Wheeler
<b>Moment for All Ages:</b>	Karen Cox

**COMING UP**

7/14 Annual congregational meeting  
7/21 Holy Humor Sunday  
7/23 Singing small group, 6:30p  
7/24 Centering Prayer small group, 11am  
7/26-7/28 Annual Assembly @Beth-El Mennonite Church  
8/2-8/4 EPIC Board meeting  
8/7 Centering Prayer small group, 11a  
8/8 Church Council, 6:30p  
8/13 Singing small group, 6:30p  
8/14 PCRC, 9a  
8/15 Lifeline Screening @BMC

## ~PRAYERS~

~for all **people and creatures already impacted** and those who are in the pathway of **Hurricane Beryl**. Prayers that many lives will be spared and the road to recovery will be swift.

~from [Community Peacemaker Teams](#): Every day, **Palestinian families** face the uncertainty of whether their homes will still be standing tomorrow. The psychological toll of living under constant threat cannot be overstated. Children, in particular, bear the brunt of this instability. **Please pray for protection and justice for those whose homes have been demolished.** Let us hope for a day when all families can live without fear, in homes that are truly their own, on land that rightfully belongs to them. And let us continue to raise our voices in solidarity with those who suffer, advocating for a world where such injustices are no longer tolerated. [More here.](#)

July Birthdays	July Birthdays
3 – Ezra Tice	11 – Finn Osborne-Gowey
6 – Elvira Glenn	21 – David Edwin Ward
7 – Teresa Troester-Falk	30 – Sarah Falk

*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 ~

**COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE** is asking for donations for birthday supplies, like frosting/ icing, birthday candles, colorful gift bags, fun party supplies like balloons, hats and noisemakers, ect. This is for an event on August 4th. They have enough cake.

**EACH YEAR EARTH'S TABLE GARDENS** donate thousands of pounds of fresh local produce to Boulder area food banks to help feed our neighbors in need. We are in need of more volunteers for this invigorating important ministry. If you can help out even for an hour or two, contact [Carole Suderman](#). Thanks for considering!

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Please join us for our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, during the 11am hour.

**HOLY HUMOR – WACKY SOCK SUNDAY, JULY 21!** Start collecting your jokes and stories for our Holy Humor Sunday on July 21. It's one of our most popular Sundays of the year, and it's full of good, healthy laughter. There is no sermon; rather, the members of the congregation tell humorous stories and jokes. Kids and youth are especially encouraged to make us adults lighten up! **In honor of BMC's beloved Gretchen Williams, all are invited to wear your colorful, wacky socks on Holy Humor Sunday!**



## ~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

**MARTIN ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> this year. Stay tuned for more information.

**MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:** MDS dedicates one-of-a-kind cabinet shop and warehouse. Three hundred people gathered on June 9 in Goessel, Kansas to celebrate the dedication of the Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) cabinet shop and a new warehouse for storing materials. They toured the site, and many of them also experienced a simulated tornado through the MDS Storm Encounter trailer. Read the current edition of *On The Level* and learn more about the work of MDS [here](#).

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP:** **Plan Now** to spend your Labor Day holiday weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for the annual Work and Play Retreats! In exchange for your help with camp projects during the retreat, there is no charge for the weekend. For more information and to register click [here](#).

**MENNONITE ACTION:** While we prepare for these summer actions on the East Coast, we also urge our young adult supporters in Western States to join in a unique opportunity to show solidarity with indigenous people here in the US. Together with the [Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#), Mennonite Action is sponsoring a delegation of young adults (ages 18-30) to travel to Arizona and participate in the Mt. Graham Run with [Apache Stronghold](#) from July 18 to 21.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

### The MCUSA Executive Board and MC USA’s Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference

filed an amicus brief on April 25, 2024, in support of Apache-Stronghold’s petition for a new full-court hearing on the potential destruction of Oak Flat, a sacred Indigenous site in Arizona.

[Read more here.](#)

**“Lead/Follow”**: is a video podcast for pastors and congregational leaders, hosted by MC USA’s executive director, Glen Guyton. Find [season one here](#). View the PDF [here](#). View the PowerPoint slide [here](#).

**Menno Snapshots**: Carol Penner describes the history of the Together in Worship team and their website, which offers free worship resources in one convenient location. [Read her blog here.](#)

**Brenda L. Yoder**, author of “Uncomplicated: Simple Secrets for a Compelling Life,” has found that the uncomplicated life of living in a rural Amish/Mennonite community has appeal for many people, due to the slower lifestyle and values that come with living this way. [Read her blog here.](#)

**ECOLOGY TIP**: Are you observing “Plastic-free July”? This is a sustainability challenge to lower our carbon footprint. You can sign up for weekly emails to hear stories of how people are giving up single-use plastic items. By even considering it, we’ll realize how prevalent plastic is in our daily lives. If we reduce our consumption, there will ultimately be less of this item that contributes to climate change both in its manufacture and “disposal”. Plastic-free July started in Australia and is now a global movement!



*Donate to BMC*



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