



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, September 1, 2024

A Service of Song and Prayer in a Taizé – Mennonite style



*"Have you seen how the wildflowers grow? Not even Chieftain Solomon...was dressed as well as even one of these. (from Matt. 6, First Nations Version)
"Indian Paintbrush Sunset – Shrine Mountain" by Jan Bushart*

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.

You are invited to find a posture of prayer that suits you, either seated on the floor, or in a chair, or standing, or kneeling.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Songs

Be still and know	37
In the rifted rock I'm resting	619
Come and fill our hearts	52

Psalm

Psalm 15

Sung response

Heleluyan

85

After each portion of the psalm is read, the Response "Heleluyan" will be sung. Continue to hum the final chord from the Response as the next portion of the psalm is read. The singing of "Heleluyan" on the Trail of Tears was a bold testament to the importance of Christian faith for the Muscogee people, demonstrating that their faith was more powerful than their abuse by the U.S. government.

One: O God, whom will you invite into the abode of your Heart? Who will dwell with you in Love? One who walks with integrity, who is in harmony with your Word, and sings the heart's song;

All: Heleluyan

One: Who will dwell with you in Love? One whose tongue speaks truth, judging not others and seeking only the good; whose eyes behold not the outer garments of the body, but see within the inner robe of Love;

All: Heleluyan

One: Who will dwell with you in Love? One whose own weaknesses are acknowledged and brought to light in prayer; who is just in all affairs of life and takes not advantage of another.

All: Heleluyan

One: One who does all these things, will join the Dance of Life! Will sing the Song of Joy!

All: Heleluyan

Offering

*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

Reading

Matthew 6.25-34

Song

My hope is built

621

Reading

Carol Penner, *God of the Working World*

Song

God, bless the work your people do

528

Silent Meditation

The people may take time to silently pray

Song

Lord, listen to your children praying

682

Prayers of Concern

Kyrie eleison

678

Please sing after each intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our God in heaven

673

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Concluding Prayer

Departing Songs

Be at rest once more, O my soul

532

Lead me forth

837



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

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VT 85 Heleluyan, Carl P. Daw Jr., *Glory to God: A Companion* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2016), 642.

Carol Penner, [God of the Working World: A Prayer for Labour Day - leadinginworship \(typepad.com\)](#)

What is Taizé-style worship? Taizé worship is an ecumenical type of worship, reaching people worldwide. It originated in the small village of Taizé, which lies in the southern part of Burgundy, France, by a monk named Roger Louis Schutz-Marsauche. Since its founding, the practice has spread worldwide since it is non-denominational and seeks to unite all people who follow the Way of Jesus and beyond. Its peaceful, contemplative nature has drawn millions from all over the world to enter into this kind of worship, particularly youth and young adults.



Taizé worship invites you to pray at times in simple, repetitive ways. We have adapted it for our own Mennonites style of worship, including hymns and songs. May the images in our sanctuary, the candlelight, the music, prayers, silence and singing bring you into communion with God, with those assembled, and with your own spirit! [Learn more here.](#)

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Sandi Sanborn
Readers:	Joanna Harrison, Toni Diaz Bachus
Music:	Bruce Fast, Elleanna Voran, Pastor Randy
Tech Support:	Tice Family
Greeters:	Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
Snacks:	Cindy Firnhaber

August 25:

Attendance: 40

Offering: \$2,475

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship and mingling
11:00a	No education hour (begins next Sunday)

THIS WEEK at BMC

- 9/4 Centering Prayer Small Group, 11am
9/4 MSMC Pastors meet (Zoom)
9/5 BMC Church Council, 5pm

NEXT SUNDAY – September 8: Labor in the Pulpit Sunday

- 9:30am Worship and mingling
10:50am Brief Congregational Meeting
11:10am Education Hour begins

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding; Robert Lindgren
Worship Leader:	Susan Graber
Readers:	Jen Dudenhefer, Elvira Glenn
Music:	Judy Classen, Susan Graber, Randy Spaulding
Tech Support:	Bruce Wheeler, Steve Voran
Greeters:	Carole Suderman, Toni Diaz Bachus
Snacks:	Sheng & Mai Wheeler
Moment for all Ages:	Karen Cox

COMING UP

- 9/8 Brief Congregational Meeting, 10:50am
9/8 Education Hour begins at BMC, 11am
9/10 Singing Small Group, 6:30pm
9/14 Walk & Wonder Small Group, Tucker Lake
9/22 School Kit Sunday @BMC
9/28 Walk & Wonder Small Group, TBD
10/19 Rocky Mountain [Memnonite Relief Sale](#), Castle Rock, CO
11/2 MSMC Faith & Life Forum
11/5 Election Day in the US

~PRAYERS~

~for: **Apache Stronghold**, if you follow the [Coalition on Facebook](#), you are perhaps already aware that [Apache Stronghold](#) is on a two-month long Prayer Journey to file their appeal of their court case [Apache Stronghold vs. the United States](#) to the Supreme Court on September 11. **Please pray with our Apache relatives to protect the sacred land of Oak Flat.**

~from [Community Peacemaker Teams](#): Prayers for the **Palestinian people**: that this cycle of destroyed hope and crushed dreams end one day. We pray for freedom and liberation. We pray for a Palestine without oppression and aggression. We pray to build a future for our children or at least pave the way for them. [Read more here.](#)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS		SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
8 - Lisa Voss	16 - Susan Graber	1 - Suzanne Classen & Ryan Loewer
9 - Brenda Fox	20 - Alfred Sawatzky	22 - Terry & Eldon Mast
11 - Kristi Swasko	25 - Anne Brubacher	
Booker Bryant	30 - Liz Burr	
12 - Jen Dudenhefer	30 - Wilburn Taylor	
12 - Miles Mathis		

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: 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. Schedule a home visit [here](#).

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

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

THERE ARE TWO UPCOMING MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE PROJECTS that seem tailored just for Boulder Mennonite people! The first, if there are enough volunteers, is to go to Taos September 11-12 and help clear water ways for the Pueblo people. Last August, many of us from church met Kevin and Harold and learned of their Indigenous ways. This is a chance to renew those connections and provide a much-needed service. The second opportunity is much closer to home, right here in Boulder! We are continuing to provide aid to folks in the trailer parks whose homes were damaged in the winds of the Marshall fire. On September 26-28 from 9:00-4:00 we'll be doing repairs at San Lazaro in north Boulder. Come for one or more days or even a half day to help our low-income neighbors. If you are interested, talk with Carole or contact Paul Johnson at 720-880-8773. Thanks to all who give their time to those in need!

NEW BMC DEACON: **Toni Diaz Bachus** has accepted the call from the congregation to serve as our newest Deacon. Deacons assist the pastor in caring for the spiritual health and life of the congregation. Deacons help promote small groups, support the pastor in administering our benevolence fund, assist with communion, baptisms, etc. and provide spiritual care when the pastor is away. Look for a blessing/commissioning for Toni soon, as well as a blessing/thank-you for our outgoing Deacon, **Carole Suderman!**

BMC EDUCATION HOUR BEGINS next Sunday, September 8. This season, Mike Tice will lead us through conversations and reflections on "Conflict in the Kingdom of Peace". We will

explore the tension between “we are in this together” and “we sometimes disagree on important things” and how we stay true to our Anabaptist principles, remain in fellowship and practice lovingkindness. Pastor Randy will gather with BMC Youth several times a month and will lead a 2-3 week session closer to Election Day on staying peaceful and grounded in the midst of possible strife. Some resources this season will include, David Brooks, ["How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen"](#); [MCC: Fear Not: Creating a Plan to Respond to Active Violence](#); [MCC: Peaceful Practices: A guide to healthy communication in conflict](#); and [John Paul Lederach, "The Pocket Guide for Facing Down a Civil War"](#).

CONNECTING SUNDAY AT BMC. In order to be able to build better connections between church members and participants, BMC leaders are encouraging **the first Sunday of each month to be Connecting Sunday** this year. There will be no Education Hour on Connecting Sunday; instead, BMCers are encouraged to spend time after worship enjoying a longer time of snacks, conversation and building deeper relationships with one another. Possible “conversation starter questions” and a “question-of-the-day” may be included in the bulletin for that Sunday. *May God continue to guide us as we grow deeper in connection together!*

A SHORT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, Sept. 8, after worship, beginning at 10:50am. to address some changes to the church budget. Education Hour will follow the meeting. Thank you.



**Mennonite
Central
Committee**

My Coins Count! Each year, spare change collected by children, families and churches adds up to more than \$600,000 toward MCC’s work around the world. Your coins count! **Bring your loose change and bills and add them to our change jar. They’ll be delivered to the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in October.** *Thank you!*

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

IMMIGRANT COOKBOOK: On September 18, 2024, at 6:30p, [Boulder Bookstore](#) will be presenting a cookbook, *Cocina Libre: Immigrant Resistance Recipe*. *Cocina Libre* is a testament to the resilience and rich cultural heritage of immigrant communities. Through personal recipes and heartfelt stories, we aim to foster understanding and solidarity while highlighting the challenges faced by immigrants. Proceeds from the book are donated to Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition. There is a flyer with more details on the bulletin board. Here is the link to get tickets: [CocinaLibreBBS.eventbrite.com](#).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE: Submissions for quilts are being accepted until September 1st! Review the guidelines and complete the registration form [here](#). How are you spending these hot summer days? Maybe inside making crafts? The Craft Booth will be part of the MCC Relief Sale at its new location at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Bring your handmade creations to the booth on October 19th. Contact Jeni Hiett Umble with

any questions at jeni.umble@gmail.com. To get a glimpse of what will be happening this year visit [RockyMountain Mennonite Relief Sale](#).

MENNONITE JOB POSITION: The Leadership Board of First Mennonite Church, Denver, is pleased to announce a new part time staff position for Mennonite Youth Community Builder. It will focus on community building, programming and outreach activities for Junior Youth Fellowship (Middle School) and Mennonite Youth Fellowship (High School) students within FMC and with the surrounding community. To see the full job description and/or apply please go to this [link](#). To Apply: Please send a cover letter and your resume to: admin@fmcdenver.org

OVERCOMING ISOLATION – THE LIFE GIVING POWER OF CONNECTION: It is becoming clearer every day that there is an epidemic of loneliness and isolation impacting our country. The Interfaith Network on Mental Illness (INMI) invites you to a Film Screening and Connecting event: [“Overcoming Isolation: The Life-Giving Power of Connection”](#) **Thursday, September 26, 2024, 6:15-9:00 pm, Community UCC (2650 Table Mesa)**. We will be showing the documentary “Join or Die” based on the work of Robert Putman, the author of Bowling Alone. See the flyer on the bulletin board or check out their website.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

MC USA’s Climate Justice Ministry has selected two recipients and one honoree for the Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge. The award winners are Taftsville Chapel Mennonite Fellowship, Taftsville, Vermont, and The Freeman Project, Freeman, South Dakota. Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa, has received an honorable mention. Read more [here](#).

#Bringing the Peace: Mennonite Church USA presented Tina Schlabach and Abby Endashaw with the 2024 MC USA Bring the Peace award. Read more [here](#).

Menno Shorts: The MC USA Women in Leadership steering committee gathered in Valley Village, California, on July 16-18, to plan the 2025 Women in Leadership Summit. Open to all women across MC USA, this one-day event will be on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, in Greensboro, North Carolina, immediately preceding the Follow Jesus ’25 convention. Read more [here](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: Just ask the animals, and they will teach you. Ask the birds of the sky, and they will tell you. Speak to the earth, and it will instruct you. Let the fish in the sea speak to you. — Job 12:7-8. This passage, from the unlikely source of Job, reminds us of all we can learn from the Earth, if we just take the time to listen. This week, take ten minutes to simply stand or sit on the earth and listen, observe, and feel God’s presence in nature.



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