

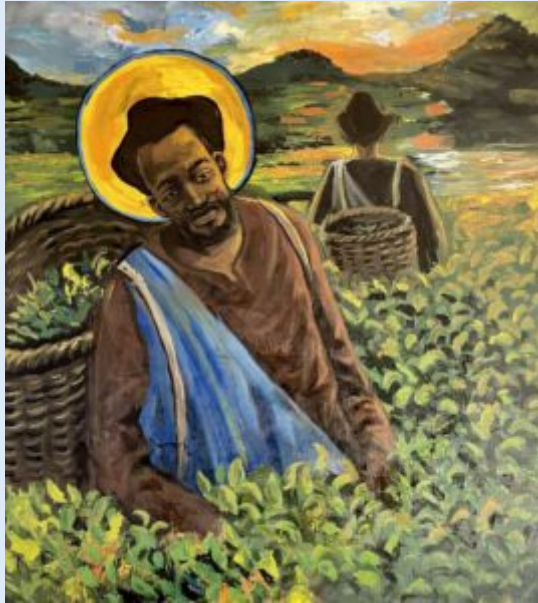


Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Labor in the Pulpit Sunday

A Service of the Word



The Harvest: Rwandan Jesus as a worker in the field harvesting tea, a staple of Rwandan agriculture. 19-year-old artist Henry Munyaneza

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** We praise you, O God, our Redeemer 34

Call to Worship

Leader: The God of Work and Labor gives us the communal Spirit of Solidarity,

People: For we cannot flourish without the labor of others.

Leader: The God of the Sabbath dreams of webs of mutual aid, of communities of care,

People: sharing the labors of living so we may take turns resting.

Leader: God imagines a flourishing kindom of distributive justice-compassion.

All: Come, let us celebrate Life. Let us worship our God of Solidarity.

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing All things bright and beautiful 177

Centering Prayer Psalm 23 for Busy People, adapted

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 Exodus 20.8-11

And God said, "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy! For six days you will labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath for the Eternal One. Do no work on that day, neither you nor your daughter nor your son, nor your workers—women or men—nor your

animals, nor the foreigner who lives among you. For in the six days the Eternal One made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that they hold, but rested on the seventh day; this is why the Eternal One has blessed the Sabbath day and made it sacred.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3.10-14

When the people asked John, “What should we do?” John replied, “**Let the one with two coats share with the one who has none. Let those who have food do the same.**”

Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to John, “Teacher, what are we to do?” John answered them, “**Exact nothing over and above your fixed amount.**”

Soldiers likewise asked, “What about us?” John told them, “**Don’t bully anyone. Don’t accuse anyone falsely. Be content with your pay.**”

New Testament Reading

James 1.22-25

You must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves. Those who hear but don’t do the word are like those who look at their own faces in a mirror. They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like. But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don’t listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives. They will be blessed in whatever they do.

Singing

Breathe on me, breath of God, vv. 1, 2

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Sermon

The Kingdom of Distributive Justice-Compassion

Reflection

by Robert Lindgren

RESPONDING

Singing

God bless the work your people do

528

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

The Lord lift you up

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality



About our Guest Speaker: Robert Lindgren brings a passion to his work as Political and Organizing Director for the Colorado AFL-CIO. He grew up in Lakewood and graduated from Arvada High School - current home of a cutting-edge Building Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Program that gives students a chance to have hands-on experience in electrical, plumbing, HVAC, construction, pipefitting and other trades. He graduated from Metropolitan State University of Denver in 2005 and was introduced to political organizing in 2008 with the fight against Amendment 47. He worked for several years at Colorado WINS - Local 1876, the state employees union. While at WINS he worked to improve the lives of hard-working state employees by making their concerns known at the worksite and the Colorado State capitol. *Welcome, Robert – we're glad you're among us today!*

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

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 Wheeler, Mai Wheeler
Moment for all Ages:	Karen Cox

September 1: Attendance — 31 Offering – \$2,192

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship and mingling
10:50a	Brief Congregational Meeting
11:00a	Education Hour (adults in sanctuary; youth gathering in Rm 112)

THIS WEEK at BMC

9/10	Singing Small Group, 6:30pm
9/14	Walk & Wonder Small Group, Tucker Lake

NEXT SUNDAY – September 15: 24th Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time

9:30am	Worship and mingling
11:00am	Education Hour
4:00pm	Heresy, Heretics, & (dis)Harmony (H3), small group meets on BMC deck

Guest Speaker:	Cheri Krause
Worship Leader:	Toni Diaz Bachus
Readers:	Susan Graber, Judy Classen
Music:	Jean McPherson, Justin Mathis, Judy Classen
Tech Support:	Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters:	Paul Classen, Becky Neumann
Snacks:	Michelene Fast, Tammy Bernstein

COMING UP

- 9/15 Heresy, Heretics, and, (dis)Harmony (H3) BMC small group, 4PM
- 9/15-26 Boulder Peace Week
- 9/22 School Kit Sunday @BMC
- 9/28 Walk & Wonder Small Group, TBD
- 10/19 Rocky Mountain [Mennonite Relief Sale](#), Castle Rock, CO
- 11/2 MSMC Faith & Life Forum, First Mennonite (Denver)
- 11/5 Election Day in the US

~PRAYERS~

- ~for **Joan Tice**: Joan fell this week. She broke a toe and injured her back. Prayers are appreciated.
~**Ezra Tice**.
- ~for **Tim Hundsorfer**: Tim's autoimmune disease has begun harming his brain again. He started having more fatigue in spring. In the last month, he has been in the emergency room because of dizziness and other neurological problems. Antibody levels are more elevated than in March and June. Tim will need to start steroids again.
- ~for the family of my dear nephew, **David Corley**, who passed away yesterday. Prayers especially for his wife **Linda Corley Lopez**. ~ Paul and Mary McKay
- ~for the families and classmates of those involved in the mass shooting at **Apalachee High School** in Winder Georgia.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS		SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
8 - Lisa Voss	16 - Susan Graber	1 - Suzanne Classen & Ryan Loewer
9 - Brenda Fox	20 - Alfred Sawatzky	
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.

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

~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~

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

2024 MDS Region 3 Annual Meeting: Join us in Hydro, OK for the 2024 MDS Region 3 Annual Meeting. We are gathering on November 15-17 to hear updates on what MDS is doing around the country and in our region. This isn't just a business meeting! Our theme is "Spreading the News: Effective (and timely!) communication within your unit." Plenary sessions and workshops are available to help everyone get involved in the work of MDS. We will worship together, eat together, and have fun together. Nathan Luitjens, Executive Conference Minister of Central Plains Mennonite Conference is speaking Friday evening during worship. [Learn more and register here.](#)

VOTE FORWARD: [Vote Forward](#) is a grassroots organization which encourages citizens to write non-partisan letters to people who might not ordinarily vote. By sharing a short paragraph of why we feel voting is important, we may encourage historically underrepresented voters to make their voices heard. You can choose how many voters you wish to write to; Vote Forward sends you names and addresses, and people then receive a hand-written letter in a real envelope in the mail! For more information, visit [Vote Forward \(votefwd.org\)](#).

BMC EDUCATION HOUR BEGINS today, Sunday, September 8. This season, Mike Tice will lead us through conversations and reflections on "Conflict in the Kindom 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!*

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

BOULDER PEACE WEEK: September 15-26, sponsored by Boulder Rotary Club in recognition of the United Nations International Day of Peace. There will be keynote speakers, discussion panels, a workshop, music and arts, a kids' passport to peace, a scavenger hunt, and a Peace fair with many peace-minded organizations participating. The theme this year is "Boulder Builds Peace" with the goal of involving and highlighting diverse Boulder-connected organizations and individuals who focus on international and local peacebuilding. **Friday, Sept. 20th, BMC's own Dr. John Paul Lederach will offer the keynote address,** 11am at the Jewish Community Center (60076 Oreg Ave, Boulder). Don't miss it! See the schedule of events on the bulletin board and the table by the entrance.

QUILTERS RETREAT: Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2024, Quilters Retreat gives you space to work on a project while sharing ideas, tips, and stories with fellow quilters. Even if you are not a quilter and still would enjoy attending this retreat for the fellowship or to work on another project (needlepoint, embroidery, cross-stitch, etc.) please join us! Our leaders for the weekend are Barb Swartzendruber and Mary Yoder. These retreats are geared towards (but not limited to) members of Mountain States Mennonite Conference churches with a purpose of connecting by faith fellowship and fun through quilting. The weekend will conclude with Sunday Morning Worship and brunch. [Click here to register.](#)

HEALTH AND WELLBEING STORIES: In recognition and celebration of our 15 years of service, [The Corinthian Plan](#) invites all interested persons who are **part of an MC USA conference or congregation** to submit a health and/or wellbeing story. *You do **not** need to be an active health plan member nor part of a participating congregation to offer a submission.* To be considered for October's stories, please submit by **Monday, September 23.** Submit your story [here.](#)

ADVOCATING FOR A LIVING WAGE is a matter of faith. *Don't take advantage of poor or needy workers, whether they are fellow Israelites or immigrants who live in your land or your cities.* (Deut. 24.14). Every worker - regardless of where they come from or what they look like - deserves a living wage that allows them to support themselves and their families. Boulder County Commissioners have already led the way by committing to a gradual minimum wage increase to \$25 by 2030 in unincorporated areas. **Now, it's time for cities across the county to implement the same wage increase schedule so that our communities can continue to grow and support one another.** BMCers, you can help! Email your elected officials - corporate interests are already flooding city councils with emails. Visit bit.ly/raisetheminimumwage to make your voice heard. [Together Colorado](#) thanks you!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

Virginia Mennonite Conference reaffirmed its relationship with Mennonite Church USA at its 2024 Summer Delegate Assembly. Read the full story by June Miller [here.](#)

Menno Snapshots: Doug Luginbill reflects on a Mennonite Mission Network Civil Rights learning tour that he took with Central District Conference earlier this year. During this tour, he learned the broader meaning of “potlikker,” a word he and his siblings used during their youth. [Read more here.](#)

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

MCC immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas, Oct. 6-11: MCC learning tours present a unique opportunity to engage directly with the work done by MCC and partner organizations. The tour will give participants the chance to meet with law enforcement officials from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), gain insights into the complexity of immigration enforcement, including deportation and apprehensions, and visiting migrant response shelters. The tour will shed light on the challenges faced by migrants on their journey and raise awareness about the asylum process, and conditions faced by displaced and uprooted individuals. [Find out more and register for the trip by Sept. 20.](#) Questions, please contact Becky Teiwes, MCC Central States Borderlands Program Coordinator at beckyteiwes@mcc.org.

Join MCC Great Lakes for the Dismukes Project Learning Tour on October 9-13: This learning tour provides a unique experience to learn more about Black history and experiences in the coalfields of Appalachia, while also learning the incredible story of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician in the early 1900’s. Participants will visit various sites connected with Dr. Dismukes, hear from local speakers, learn about MCC’s work to preserve Black history in the area and attend the Dismukes Gala featuring John Ellison. Learn more and register [here](#). [Tickets are also available](#) separately for the [Dismukes Gala](#) on October 12. Learn more about Dr. Dismukes and the project, including a video and podcast, [here](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: Many see the start of the school year as a time to begin new routines. Whether you are packing a lunch for school or work, or just interested in altering your diet for the good of the planet, consider the following fact: “According to the United Nations, raising animals for food generates more greenhouse gases than all the cars and trucks in the world combined.” If each person could choose to eat at least three meatless meals a week, think of the impact that could make!



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