



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, November 10, 2024

A Service of Lament, and some Hope



Sitting in the Vast Expanse of Grief,
Merle Davidson, acrylic on canvas

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	<i>Chant of the Cross</i>	Cesar Franck
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Call to Worship	<i>If you are delighted to be here...</i>	853
Welcome		

HEARING, LAMENTING, HOPING

A Moment for All Ages

Reflection *Our lament* Pastor Randy

The Psalm Psalm 77.1-9

I yell out to my God, I yell with all my might, I yell at the top of my lungs so that I’ll be heard. I found myself in trouble and went looking for God; my life was an open wound that wouldn’t heal. When friends said, “Everything will turn out all right,” but I didn’t believe a word they said.

I shake my head and wring my hands. I’m awake all night—not a wink of sleep; I can’t even say what’s bothering me. I go over the days one by one, I ponder the years gone by. I play my guitar all through the night, wondering how to get my life together.

Will God walk off and leave us for good? Will God never help us again? Is God’s love for us worn out? Has the promise of healing burned out? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Did God angrily stomp off and leave us?

Singing What comfort can our worship bring 623

Naming our Concerns – adding them to our Community Bowl

Singing Jesus, Rock of Ages (refrain) 622

Reading *Fear*, Howard Thurman

Fear is one of the persistent hounds of hell that dog the footsteps of the poor, the dispossessed, the disinherited. There is nothing new or recent about fear—it is doubtless as old as the life of man on the planet. Fears are of many kinds—fear of objects, fear of people, fear of the future, fear of nature, fear of the unknown, fear of old age, fear of

disease, and fear of life itself. Then there is fear which has to do with aspects of experience and detailed states of mind.

Our homes, institutions, prisons, churches, are crowded with people who are hounded by day and harrowed by night because of some fear that lurks ready to spring into action as soon as one is alone, or as soon as the lights go out, or as soon as one's social defenses are temporarily removed.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11.28-30

Jesus said, **“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”**

Singing

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, v. 1

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Gospel Reading

John 20.19-22

When it was evening on the third day—the first day of the week—and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **“Peace be with you.”** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Anointed One. Jesus said to them again, **“Peace be with you. As Abba God has sent me, so I send you.”** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit.”**

Passing the Peace

Singing

O healing river

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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

Petit Offertoire

Cesar Franck

Reflection

The Upper Room

Brenda Fox

Story

Loving our enemies

Stanley Green

Singing

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, vv. 1, 3

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

* **Benediction**

Isaiah 43.1-5

* **Sending Song**

O God, our help in ages past, v. 6

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The New Revised Standard Version, Updated; The Message

Cover art: [Sitting In The Vast Expanse Of Grief 36x48 Art](#) | [Blackbird Unlimited Art](#)

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speakers:	Pastor Randy Spaulding, Brenda Fox
Worship Leader:	Becky Neumann
Readers:	Judy Classen, Berit Jany
Music:	Jean McPherson, Randy Spaulding
Moment for All Ages:	Karen Cox
Tech Support:	Bruce Wheeler, Steve Voran
Greeters:	Carole Suderman, Toni Diaz
Snacks:	Mai Wheeler, Sheng Wheeler

November 3:

Attendance: 51

Offering: \$ 1,337

TODAY at BMC

9:30a	Worship and mingling
11:00a	Adult education, sanctuary; Youth Gathering, Rm 112

NEXT SUNDAY – **November 17:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: BMC Birthday and Auction

9:30am	Worship and mingling
11:00am	BMC Auction. Bid high!

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Berit Jany
Readers:	Susan Graber, Jean McPherson
Music:	Jean McPherson, Randy Spaulding
Tech Support:	Alfred Sawatzky
Greeters:	Becky Neumann, Paul Classen
Snacks:	Michelene Fast, Tammie Bernstein

COMING UP

11/17	BMC Auction and Birthday
11/28	Thanksgiving Day in the US
11/29	Native American Heritage Day
12/1	Advent Season begins
12/13	Pastor Randy & Gary's Holiday Open House
12/14	Casa de Paz fundraiser, Posner Center
12/15	Heresy, Heretics, and (dis)Harmony, 4p
12/24	BMC Christmas Eve Soup Potluck, 5:30pm Christmas Eve Carols and Candlelight, 6:30pm
1/6/25	Epiphany
2/1/25	Black History Month begins

~PRAYERS~

- ~from **Susan Graber**: for the friends and family of my forever co-worker, **Tina Porter**. Tina lost her life to an aggressive cancer this week. For the family and friends of **Nancy Riley**, my cousin. She lost her long battle with cancer and her memorial is Nov. 4. I'm thankful for Zoom so I can watch it. For my husband's friend, **Dick**, and his family. Dick had a massive stroke last week and is now in hospice care.
- ~for **Elvira Glenn**, that all goes well in the surgery to do a cochlear implant on Nov. 7, and then to practice listening in a different way.
- ~for **Toni Diaz**: I am heading to Cuba on Nov. 15th to take medicine, medical supplies and money. Cuba is in a very bad place with days without electricity, water and food. Please pray for discernment in what I carry in my suitcases. I will be driving, looking for gas, trying to find food and grain for the many animals we have on our farm—all by myself since my husband can't leave the U.S. There are many control points on the highways where your car is searched. I pray my Spanish will be good enough to speak calmly to the *policia*, who can be very intimidating.
- ~for the nephew of **Lisa Voss**, **Mark Voss**, who has a tumor in his shoulder, which they believe is not cancerous. He will have it operated on next month.

November Birthdays
1 – Suzanne Classen
14 – Carter McKay Epp
18 – Xelda Spaulding
20 – Debra Falk
22 – Benjamin Falk

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

Please call in or email (info@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Thursday, 7:00am.

DEACONS: Paul Classen: 316-217-2355; Cheri Krause: 510-227-9712; Toni Diaz Bachus: 303-579-4290

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~

THE BMC AUCTION IS NEXT SUNDAY, November 17th. We will share some finger foods after worship and begin the live auction at 11:00 a.m. Click this link to **donate an auction item:** [AUCTION DONATIONS](#), or visit the BMC website under "Events". Our annual auction helps BMC remain active in our ministries and programs in the community. Thank you!



ON NEUTRAL GROUND: From a friend of the church, Glenda Faus: On Neutral Ground, a supervised visitation and exchange program, is looking for someone who can help with supervised exchanges of an 18-month-old at the King Soopers on Table Mesa in Boulder on Saturday mornings and every-other-Monday morning. Training is provided. It is a paid position. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, contact Glenda Faus at (303) 827-5246, glenda.faus@gmail.com

HARVEST OF HOPE: Harvest of Hope, our local food pantry needs donations for the food insecure in our community. For years, Boulder Mennonite has partnered with Harvest of Hope to provide food and other non-perishable items to those in need, in our community. If you are able, please bring your nonperishable items to the church and place them in the blue bin at the back of the sanctuary. Your donations will be dropped off at the end of the month. Thank you.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

ASSOCIATED MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY: Take a seminary course this spring! AMBS's distance-friendly options include Apocalypse Against Empire: The Book of Revelation; Doing Theology in the Anabaptist Tradition; Faith Formation and Spirituality: Youth and Young Adults; Immigrant-led Movements; Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence; Spiritual Practices: Water of Life; and more. In-person courses are also available. Non-

admitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours. Courses run Jan. 14 – May 2; sign up by Jan. 6. Learn more [here](#).

MINISTRY REFLECTION CIRCLES: Pastors, need help with ministry challenges?

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's year long Ministry Reflection Circles program provides the support of consultants within a community of peers. An in-person cohort in Elkhart, Indiana, begins March 31; apply by Feb. 24. Learn more [here](#).

AMBS IS HIRING!: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for an Assistant or Associate Professor of Practical Theology and an Assistant or Associate Professor of Biblical Studies. Please share about these openings with people you know who may be interested. [See job descriptions here](#).

MENNONITE VOLUNTARY SERVICE: Friends of Mennonite Voluntary Service: There is currently an opening posted by Mennonite Mission Network for the national director for MVS and Service Adventure. While the position is listed as based in Indiana or KS, Alice Price's understanding is that - apart from travel to local service sites and occasional meetings - this position can be filled remotely. Please consider this possibility, whether for yourself or to share more broadly with others in your various networks. Though being an MVS or other service program alum is not required, it definitely provides strong background to the position. Alice Price, the long-time local coordinator for MVS in Alamosa, would be happy to chat with anyone interested in knowing more about this work. aliceprice1950@gmail.com

PEACEFUL OPTIONS for TRAINING and CAREERS: POTC is a collaboration between Mennonite Central Committee U.S. and Mennonite Church USA. It aims to counter the military recruitment of U.S. youth. The project's vision is to connect young people with volunteer advisors or counselors who can assist them in finding non-military career, service, and training opportunities. In this webinar, hear more about the project from our panelists: Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA, Joe Roos, chair of POTC and pastor at Peace Mennonite Fellowship, Melissa Atchison, pastor at Manhattan Mennonite Church and a spiritual director, and Titus Peachey, retired peace educator for MCC US and current counselor on the GI Rights hotline. Follow on Instagram [@explore_potc](#)
View a pre-recorded resource webinar [here](#). Go to the [website](#)

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

Mennonite Church USA's Church Vitality Office has awarded the 2024 Thrive: Church Planting Grants to five church plants across the denomination: Iglesia Cristiana Roca de Refugio, in San Antonio, Texas; Moveable Feast, in Chicago, Illinois; Summit Street Church,

in Beatrice, Nebraska; The Intention Church, an online church community; and Wild Church Fresno (California). Read more [here](#).

Season Two of MC USA’s “Lead/Follow” podcast for pastors and leaders has begun! This season focuses on reimagining church. Watch new episodes on YouTube or listen on Apple or Spotify! Watch or listen [here](#). View the PDF [here](#).

MC USA’s “Learn, Pray, Join: Conflict Transformation” initiative provides tools and resources to help church communities peacefully engage in dialog around difficult and divisive topics. Visit the webpage [here](#).

MC USA’s Church Vitality: “What is the most important skill of a competent pastor?” That’s what Michael Danner and Rachel Ringenberg Miller of MC USA’s Church Vitality department ask pastors in their new podcast, “The Competent Pastor.” Learn about this new podcast specifically for pastors [here](#). View the PDF [here](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: As you probably know, Colorado now has a ban on using Styrofoam in restaurants. Yet somehow it keeps appearing, at churches, festivals, and fundraisers. A coffee cup might keep your coffee or hot chocolate warm for 15 minutes and then it will lie in the landfill for 500 years, leaching toxins into the soil. A good solution for this is to bring your own mug, plate, and silverware any place where they might serve food or drink in Styrofoam. Ultimately it comes down to education and legislation to eliminate it. Can we step up and advocate for this?



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