



Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Last Sunday in the Season of Ordinary Time

A Service of the Word: The Reign of Love



Gentle Reign of Love. Frances Altwies

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

***Singing** We praise you, O God, our redeemer 34

Call to Worship

Leader: For the sun and the dawn which we did not create;

People: For the moon and the evening which we did not make;

Leader: For food which we plant but cannot grow;

People: For friends and loved ones we have not earned and cannot buy;

Leader: For this gathered company which welcomes us as we are,
from wherever we have come;

**People: For all our free churches that encourage us in our quest for beauty,
truth, and love;**

Leader: For all things which come to us as gifts of being from sources beyond
ourselves and from God;

**All: *For gifts of Life and Love and Friendship
we lift up our hearts in thanksgiving this day!***

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

Singing All hail the power of Jesus' name 411

Affirming our Faith

Leader: Let us affirm our faith

**People: We trust in a bright and amazing God,
who goes to the depths of despair on our behalf;
who rises in splendor and majesty;
who decorates the universe with sparkling water,
clear white light, twinkling stars and sharp colors.**

**We trust that the Way of Jesus is light to the world;
that God believes in us, and trusts us,
even though we make the same mistakes over and over again.**

**We commit ourselves to the Way of Jesus,
to one another as kindred companions,
and to being God’s helpers in the world.
This is the joyful Reign of Love! Amen.**

Singing

Now thank we all our God, vv. 1, 3

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Passing the Peace

Revelation 1.4b-8, adapted

Grace and peace to you, from the One who is, who was, and who is to come, from the seven spirits before the throne and from Jesus the Anointed One, the faithful witness, the Firstborn from the dead, sovereign of the rulers of the earth. To the Anointed—who loves us, and who has freed us from our sins and who has made us to be a kin-dom of priests to serve our God and Creator—to Jesus the Anointed be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Look! The Anointed One is coming on the clouds for every eye to see, even those who pierced Jesus, and all the peoples of the earth will wail in sorrow. So be it! Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says our God, “who is, who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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

Thy Great Goodness Never Ends

Beethoven

HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Gospel Reading

John 18.33-37

Pilate reentered the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. “Are you the King of the Jews?” asked Pilate. Jesus answered, **“Do you say this of your own accord, or have others told you about me?”**

Pilate replied, “Am I Jewish? It is your own people and the chief priests who hand you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, **“My realm is not of this world; if it belonged to this world, my people would have fought to keep me out of the hands of the Temple authorities. No, my realm is not of this world.”**

Pilate said, “So you’re a King?” Jesus replied, **“You say I’m a King. I was born and came into the world for one purpose—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who seeks the truth hears my voice.”**

Now Testament Reading*I Confess Jesus as King and Lord*, Jim Rice

What are the symbols of authority and power in the 21st century? What icons conjure images of power, wealth, and status? The great seal of the United States of America, with the powerful eagle holding both arrows of war and an olive branch of peace. Limousines, the GM Hummer, bodyguards, assault rifles, corporate headquarters skyscrapers, Hollywood and corporate media giants—these have become obvious symbols of the new kings and queens who hold power and wealth and title, often through shame and violence.

Jesus' farewell words in John foretell that the world will hate his followers because it has hated him for rejecting the kingdom of the world, which rules with physical and political power, violence, wealth, and shame.

Jesus has no desire to overthrow the Roman empire; about the only thing earthly monarchs have in common with Jesus Christ as king are their titles. I confess Jesus as King and Lord of my heart and my life. I invite you to do the same.

Reflection*The Way of Jesus – The Reign of Love***RESPONDING****Singing**

O God beyond all praising, vv. 1, 2

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Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People
SENDING**Announcements*****Benediction*****Sending Song**

O God beyond all praising, v. 3

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Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Call to Worship, adapted from *Singing the Living Tradition*, 1993 The Unitarian Universalist Association, Boston

Affirmation of Faith, adapted from Iona Abbey Worship Book, Wild Goose Publications, 2001

Jim Rice, in *Sojourners* lectionary commentary, c. 2003Cover art: [Frances Altwies Veil Paintings — Detroit Waldorf School](#)**Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!****Speaker:**

Pastor Randy Spaulding

Worship Leader:

Sandi Sanborn

Readers:

Mary & Paul McKay

Music: Judy Classen, Pastor Randy
Tech Support: Tice Family
Greeters: Ezra & Joan Tice
Snacks: Elvira Glenn, Sandi Sanborn
Moment for All Ages: Cheri Krause

November 17: Attendance: 68 Offering: \$2,334

Please Note: Offerings are falling significantly behind the annual budget in the past two months. Your regular donations and special gifts are gratefully received and important for the work of the congregation. *Thank you!*

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship and mingling
 11:00a

THIS WEEK at BMC

11/26 Singing small group, 6:30p
 11/28 Thanksgiving Day
 11/29 Native American Heritage Day
 11/29 Advent Visual Team, 2pm



NEXT SUNDAY – December 1: First Sunday in the Season of Advent

9:30am Worship and mingling

Speaker: Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader: Susan Graber
Readers: Frances & Mike Tice
Music: Bruce Fast, Elleanna Voran
Tech Support: The Tice Family
Greeters: Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
Snacks: Jen Dudenhefer

COMING UP

12/1 Advent Season begins
 12/4 Centering Prayer
 12/10 Singing small group. 6:30
 12/11 Deacon’s meeting, 8:30a
 12/12 Church council, 5p
 12/13 Pastor Randy & Gary’s Holiday Open House, 6p
 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

~PRAYERS~

~from **Jeremiah** and **Cat Osborne-Gowey**: Prayers of healing and strength for dear friends **Doug** and **Radha Schnitzsphan-Marcum** as Doug battles cancer. Prayers for financial gifts to flow. Prayers of thanksgiving for deep and meaningful friendships.

~for peace in the workplace. ~**Leane V.**

December Birthdays	December Anniversaries
2 – Karl Ortman 10 – Cindi Fausel 15 – Carol Grasse 16 – Kent Olson 18 – Bennet Mathis	6 – Felipe Diaz Hormigo & Toni Diaz Bachus 31 – Jonathan & Debra 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~

GOD IS GOOD! OUR AUCTION TOTAL from last Sunday is \$10,186! Thank you to all who bid high and contributed to the ongoing ministry of BMC to this community and beyond!

OSTRICH EGG AUCTION ITEM: The beautiful Ostrich Egg artwork, painted by Joan Tice, is still up for bid, as there was some confusion from last Sunday's auction. [Click here for a link to see it.](#) Starting bid is \$425. If interested, see Bruce Fast.

REPARING FOR ADVENT: The season of Advent is upon us. It's the time of preparing hearts, minds and bodies for the coming of God's Anointed One, for the arrival of God! This year, you are invited to wonder: *What does Advent mean to me? What does it mean to wait – sometimes in the shadows—for the arrival of Hope, Peace, Love or Joy?* See Pastor Randy if you would like to share a story during the Advent season. Thanks!



Pastor Randy & Gary
 Cordially Invite You to Our Annual
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
Friday, December 13, 6-8:30pm
 120 Edgeview Drive, Broomfield (Camden Apts)
Bring a holiday finger-food to share - Beverages provided
 Bring some new SOCKS to be donated
 to All Roads Boulder Shelter for the Homeless
 Please RSVP by December 6 to randy@bouldermennonite.org

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

READ ABOUT NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY here: [Native American Heritage Day](#). Friday, Nov. 29th. It's a day to celebrate the strength and resiliency of Native Americans today and every day!



MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE: There are still opportunities to serve this Fall! There are openings from October-December in Amory, Mississippi; Port Charlotte, Florida; Selma, Alabama; and Newton, Texas (RV). We expect to have several additional project locations for the winter season (January-March). **Weekly Volunteers:** Contact Kaelan Swartley (kswartley@mds.org or 800-241-8111) with any questions or to schedule a week of service! Weekly Volunteers can [join the waitlist](#) on the website if interested in serving after the fall season. Additionally, there are volunteers needed more locally in **Goessel, Kansas**. There are various tasks in need of completion in the **cabinet shop**, please contact: **Cleo Koop** at cleohkoop@gmail.com or 316-282-0797, if you are interested.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP: Come to enjoy the beauty and chill of RMMC in the winter once again. Come play in the snow and on the ice and then be ready to come inside for good food, fellowship and worship together. Visit the camp web page (www.rmmc.org) for additional snow camp details and to register that you're headed to the Colorado Rockies to start the new year! **Young Adult Snow Camp (Feb. 14-16)** Young Adult Snow Camp continues to join the Jr. and Sr. High Snow Camp activities and fellowship with participants serving as program assistants AND participants at just the right young adult price . . . free! **Scrapbook Retreat, (Jan. 31-Feb. 2)** is your opportunity to create paper or digital photo books and share ideas and good conversation with other scrapbook participants. Lisa Longacher will return as our program resource for the retreat and help facilitate a variety of activities. Please come for retreat and community in God's creation here at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Register online (www.rmmc.org) and save a space to join in.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

Anabaptism at 500! This January, the magazine, *Anabaptist World*, will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism with a **special commemorative issue of the magazine** highlighting the history of our movement. Special features in the January 2025 issues will include *How Anabaptism Began*, and how Anabaptism set the foundations for **democracy and the free-church movement!** Testimonies, a world map of where we are, and more! **BMC has pre-ordered 15 copies.** Let Pastor Randy or Ivanna know if you would like to purchase one. The cost is \$8.00.

Call For Blogs!: Members of MC USA who were not raised in a Mennonite tradition or people who grew up in MC USA but feel that they have actively chosen to remain Mennonite as they grew into their faith are invited to submit a 500-900 word “Menno by Choice” blog about why they have actively chosen to be a Mennonite. Learn more [here](#). View the PDF [here](#).

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Giving Tuesday at MCC, Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 6:30pm-8pm we’re excited to host this annual evening of service to kick off your holiday season! This all-ages event is focused on service and fellowship. *Please bring new dark colored hand towels with you* – the more you bring, the more hygiene kits we can pack! There will be Christmas cards to write in and comforters to tie AND snacks to enjoy. What a great way to give back on [Giving Tuesday!](#)

Yule love this! Join us for a live, online event on December 3, at 11:00 AM CST/10:00 AM MST as we take you behind the scenes of MCC's Christmas Giving Guide. Discover the impact behind each gift and how your generosity makes a difference. [Learn more and register to join this event here.](#)

ECOLOGY TIP: If you have read “Braiding Sweetgrass”, you’ve been introduced to the beautiful Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving address, coming from the Mohawk Indigenous people. If you look it up, you’ll see that each section addresses a unique gift of nature, honoring our natural creation. Each section closes with, “Now our minds are one.” As we gather for Thanksgiving, may we all come together with a common care and gratefulness for each other and the water, the fish, the plants, and so much more.



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