



Welcome to
Boulder Mennonite Church
Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm & Passion Sunday: Tell the Story Again
A Service of the Word and Table



"Entry Into the City" John August Swanson, 1990

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** All glory, laud, and honor 315

Call to Worship

Leader: Why have we come today, all of us together?

People: To tell the story again—because it lives in us. Because it shapes who we are. Because we need to remember.

Leader: What story do we tell?

People: We tell the story of Jesus— riding on a borrowed donkey, welcomed with palms and shouted praise. We tell of the table, the basin, the bread, the cup.

We tell of the garden shadows, the betrayal kiss, the trials and taunts, the thorns and nails. We tell of the silence. The grief. And we do not turn away.

Leader: Why does this story matter still?

People: Because it is our story too— a story of love that refuses to quit, a story of peace stronger than violence, a story of a Love with us, even unto death. It tells us who God is. It tells us who we are.

All: So with open hearts and remembering hands, we tell the story again. We give thanks for Jesus—our teacher, our healer, our hope, our Lamb. O give thanks to our God, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

Welcome

CELEBRATING & PRAISING

The Psalm

Psalm 31.9-16

Be gracious to me, O God, for I am in distress;

my eyes are dim from weeping, my soul is deep with grief.

For my life is worn away with sorrow, and my years with sighing;

my body has weakened and my bones waste away with misery.

All my fears rise up to mock me, my neighbors turn away,
 my friends dread to see me and flee from my sickness of soul.
 My mind, too, has left me like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.
 Yes, I hear the voices around me whispering of my plight—fears rise up on every side!
 Isolation, rejection, fear surround me and conspire to overwhelm me.
 Still I trust in you, O God; I repeat, "You are my Life."
 My life is in your hands; deliver me from the fears which separate me!
 Let your face shine on me; save me in your steadfast love!

—adapted from *Psalms for Praying*, Nan C. Merrill

Singing Calm me, Lord 680

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

**TELLING THE STORY:
 Remembering Holy Week through Scripture, Song and Symbol**

Reflection *Hosanna, Still*

John 12.12-15
Singing Hosanna, loud hosanna 313

Luke 22.14-23
Remembering Jesus' Last Supper

John 18.1-19.27; Mark 15.33-38, 42-46

Singing	‘Tis midnight, and on olive’s brow, vv. 1, 2	318
	O sacred head, now wounded, v. 1	325
	Hold On, v. 1	612
	When I survey the wondrous cross, vv. 1, 3	323
	Were you there, vv. 1, 5	329

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Passing the Peace

Introductions

Announcements

*Benediction

*Sending Song

Go, my children, v. 2

830



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality, and The Five Gospels, Funk/Hoover/The Jesus Seminar

Psalm 31, —adapted from Psalms for Praying, Nan C. Merrill, 2004 Continuum

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Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker:	Pastor Randy Spaulding
Worship Leader:	Susan Graber
Readers:	Paul & Mary McKay, Susan Graber, Mike Tice, Laura Minter
Music:	Susan Graber, Randy Spaulding
Tech Support:	Bruce Wheeler, Steve Voran
Greeters:	Carole Suderman, Toni Diaz Bachus
Deacons:	Toni Diaz Bachus
Snacks:	Judy Classen, Gus Gouvas

April 6, 2023

Attendance: 42

***Offering: \$4,071**

Please Note: Offerings are falling significantly behind the annual budget (c. \$10,000). Thanks for your increased donations in recent weeks. While we are still behind budget, the gap has been reduced. *Thank you!*

TODAY at BMC

9:30am	Worship and mingling
11:00am	Education Hour; adults in sanctuary Youth Gathering –Room 102

THIS WEEK at BMC

4/16	Cultivating Peace Zoom meeting 11:30a or 6:30p (see Zing for info)
4/17	Maundy Thursday Communion meal and foot washing service, 6:00pm
4/18	Good Friday – no services at BMC

NEXT SUNDAY – April 17 – Easter Sunday

9:30a Easter breakfast/brunch, lower level

10:30a Worship in the sanctuary

Easter egg hunt after worship, hosted by high school youth

Speaker: Pastor Randy Spaulding

Worship Leader: Joan Tice

Readers: Congregation

Music: Randy Spaulding

Tech Support: Alfred Sawatzky

Greeters: Becky Neumann, Paul Classen

Snacks: Michelene Fast, Tammie Bernstein

COMING UP

4/22 Deacons meeting, 8:30a

4/22 Singing group, 6:30p

4/23 Meditation Centering Prayer, 11a

4/26 BMC work day, 8am

4/27 Heretics, Heresy and (dis) harmony, 4p

5/4 Inter-Mennonite Hymn Sing, Glennon Heights Mennonite, 1:15p

5/7-10 Constituency Leaders Council of MC USA – Wichita, KS

7/8-12 MennoCon25: Follow Jesus, Greensboro, NC

7/20 Holy Humor Sunday

7/20 BMC Annual Meeting – all invited to attend, following worship

8/1-3 Mountain States Mennonite Conference Assembly, Colorado Mountain College, Glennwood Spgs

~PRAYERS~

~ Prayers of gratitude that on Friday, **Herm Weaver's** oncologist declared him a “cancer survivor”.

Praise God ~ **Paul & Mary McKay**

April Birthdays		April Anniversaries
2 – Beau Bryant	26 – Joan Tice	25 – Kristi and Beau Bryant
9 – Becky McKay Epp	28 – Becky Neumann	
16 – Vilimar Saavedra	30 – Bruce Fast	
24 – Barry Janzen		

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: 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~

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION AND FOOT WASHING, April 17, 6pm: Singing, a simple meal, communion, foot washing and scripture readings. Please **sign up at the back of the sanctuary today if you plan to attend this special service of Holy Week.**



EASTER FLOWERS ORDERS: **Boulder Mennonite Church** is taking orders for Easter flowers to be displayed at our Easter Service. You may then take them home after the service. An “in honor of” list will be printed for the service. A sign-up sheet is located on the table by the door. Price for each plant will range from \$15-30.



HELP FOR EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH: There is a sign up at the entrance to help set up and clean up after the Easter brunch. Please let me know if you are willing to help. You can also call (303 666-6331 leave message) or send an email (elviraglen37@gmail.com). Come at 8:45 for set up. Most of the cleanup will happen after the service. Thanks for your help! Elvira Glenn

CHURCH WORKDAY: **Saturday, April 26, 8am - Noon.** It feels great to work together (and there will be doughnuts!), so come to help with various projects around our building and grounds. Let's be great stewards of our wonderful home.

EBENEZER SUNDAY is April 27, 2025. All are invited to bring a stone and a story of how God/The Universe/Love has been with you this year. In the Hebrew scriptures, Samuel led the people of Israel to erect an "Ebenezer," a "stone of help," to thank God who had helped bring them to that particular point in their journey (1 Samuel 4-7). During worship, tell us how you have seen Love, Justice, Peace, Grace, etc., present in your life in the past year. This sharing has been rich for us at BMC. Plan to participate!



~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

MENNONITE ACTION: Thursday, April 24, 4pm MT the Mennonite Action Mass Call will feature the Mennonite sibling band, [Girl Named Tom](#) on the theme of peace and justice through music. [Register for the link here!](#)

MC USA has launched the newest Learn, Pray, Join, initiative, titled Undoing Patriarchy. This educational initiative provides an opportunity for churches to deepen understanding around a common topic and to come together in prayer and support. Learn more about [Undoing Patriarchy here](#).

MC USA has launched an online storefront featuring hats, sweatshirts, mugs and more. [Check out the selection of merch](#) that displays Follow Jesus, The MC USA dove and a retro line of gear from past conventions. Every sale helps support MC USA ministries!

The Competent Pastor: Season One of MC USA's The Competent Pastor podcast addresses the question: What is the most important skill of a competent pastor? Find it [here](#). View the playlist [here](#).

Menno Snapshots: Abby Endashaw, a member of the MC USA Women in Leadership steering committee, shares how our uncertainty because of the many fears we face today can be quelled by offering ourselves compassion, as an access point to God. Read her reflections [here](#).

Menno Snapshots: A look at how the (Old) Mennonite Church addressed the crisis of decreasing youth involvement with innovative solutions and an emphasis on the value that young ideas offered. Read the article, written by Olivia Krall, archives coordinator for MC USA, [here](#).

Spread Kindness: College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, received a surprise grant to spread kindness and learned about the needs of their community in return. Read more [here](#).

Mennonite Disaster Service: Dear friends, we still need some help from folks with strong backs and chainsaw skills for the following MDS projects sponsored by Rocky Mountain Unit.

1. Hermits Peak Wildfire disaster in Las Vegas, New Mexico. We will do watershed recovery with chain saws and a chipper on May 1, 2, and 3.
2. Calf Canyon Wildfire disaster in Rosiata, New Mexico-July 21-26. We need cooks, drivers, chain saw operators and chipper operators.
3. We also need some experienced chainsaw operators and folks who are strong enough to pull willows out of the waterways near the Pueblo in Taos. This project is happening April 24, 25, and 26th and would include reconnecting with Kevin, who we met on our service learning trip a couple of years ago.

Please spread the word to your churches, neighbors, and friends who might be available and willing to help for even some of these days. As always, lodging and food will be provided.

PILGRIMAGE AT SAND CREEK MASSACRE SITE: You are invited to join the [Truth & Repair Pilgrimage](#) at the Sand Creek Massacre Site on May 23 – 24. Experts from the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery will lead the event at this place that is “profound, symbolic, spiritual, controversial, a site unlike any other in America.” Bruce Wheeler is planning to attend. Registration due by May 1.

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

ECOLOGY TIP: Each year on this special day, we commemorate Palm Sunday by waving palm branches. It is probable that the ones used to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem were from date palm trees. It’s interesting to note that nearly every part of the date tree can be used: leaves for roofing and fences, the kernels provide food for animals, and the seeds are often made into beads. And when the Bible mentions honey, it may refer to date palm liquor. May this remind us to use as much as possible of the foods we have. For example, we can eat radish and beet leaves as well as the root vegetables. (**Pastor’s note:** by the way, did you know that BMC secures our live palms from [EcoPalms.org](#)? It’s an organization that harvests palms through fair trade practices, working to protect natural palm forests and helping local farmers in Mexico and Guatemala support themselves.)



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