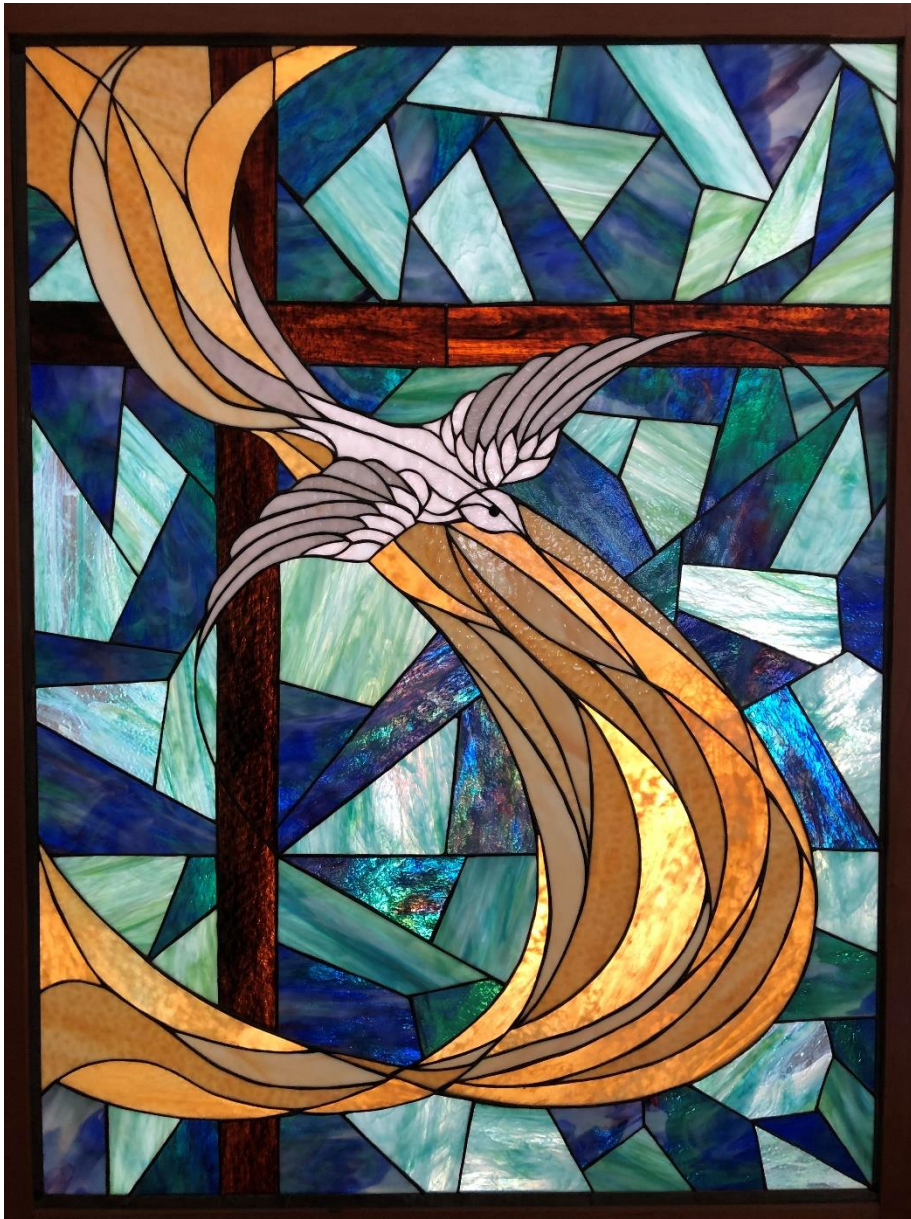




UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday February 7, 2021

Zoom Worship Service

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – A cappella rendition of *Fireflies* by Owl City

Call to worship

Lighting the peace lamp

Offertory – *The peace of the earth be with you*, Mike Bratt

Children's time – Esther Prins

Voices of the congregation – Joel Weidner

Scripture Exodus 2:11-25 (from Inclusive Bible) read by
Rachel Aikins-Mawuko

Some years later, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and saw their forced labour. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his kinsfolk. He looked this way and that, and seeing no one he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. When he went out the next day, he saw two Hebrews fighting; and he said to the one who was in the wrong, 'Why do you strike your fellow Hebrew?' He answered, 'Who made you a ruler and judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?' Then Moses was afraid and thought, 'Surely the thing is known.' When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses.

But Moses fled from Pharaoh. He settled in the wilderness of Midian, and sat down by a well. The priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came to draw water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. But some shepherds came and drove them away. Moses rose up and came to their rescue, and watered their flock. When they returned to their father Reuel, he said, 'How is it that you have come back so soon today?' They said, 'An Egyptian helped us against the shepherds; he even drew water for us and watered the flock.' He said to his daughters, 'Where is he? Why did you leave the man? Invite him to break bread.' Moses agreed to settle down with the family, and eventually married one of the daughters, Zipporah. She bore a son, and he named him Gershom; for he said, 'I have been an alien residing in a foreign land.'

Many years later, the ruler of Egypt died, but the Israelites still groaned under oppression. They cried from the depths of their bondage to God, who heard their moaning, and remembered the covenant that had been made with Sarah and Abraham, with Rebecca and Isaac, and with Leah and Rachel and Jacob. God saw the children of Israel. And God knew.

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon response song – *I am with you*, Mike Bratt

Sharing Time – Meredith Wideman

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction – STS 57 *Go, my friends, in grace*

Announcements

Wednesday sharing and prayer time - Join us Wednesdays at noon for a time of scripture, prayer, and an opportunity to share more fully with one another. The Zoom meeting link will be distributed via our email list.

If you're interested in attending the **mindful meditation sessions** on Monday evenings and Thursday or Friday mornings, contact [Kate](#), as times and dates vary.

Looking ahead for adult Sunday school (11 am ET)

February 7 – This morning Krista and Sophia Weidner will lead us in the second of a two-part Sunday School series on the Enneagram. Sophia writes: What is the Enneagram, you ask? Unlike other personality tests that measure how you do tasks, the Enneagram is an ancient tool that describes your personality in terms of who you are and how you relate to God, to others, and to yourself. During the first session, we will go over the basics of the 9 different personality types and give you resources to dig deeper on your own. For the second session, we will be exploring the ways in which the different types can connect with and deepen their spirituality. If you are wanting to deepen your self-awareness and learn more about why you are the way you are, this series is for you!

Announcements (cont.)

February 14 - Former EMU professor Melody Pannell will bring our morning message and join us for discussion during our Sunday school hour.

Pastoral care will be provided by the elders, Leland Glenna (814-769-3313), Rosita Derstine (814-360-8789), Meredith Wideman (626-808-2306), and Laura Litwiller (717-543-3419) in Kate's absence, through Thursday 2/11. Please reach out to any of our elders with your needs this week.

UMC racial justice group invites you to attend a series of discussions based on a New York Times podcast, *Nice White Parents*, led by Dr. Seria Chatters, director of equity and inclusion at SCASD. The series will explore the complicated realities of race, privilege, and power across all American schools. To register for the daytime (noon) click [HERE](#) or evening (6:30 pm) group, click [HERE](#), to receive the Zoom info. Meeting dates: Tuesdays, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 9. The discussion guide can be accessed [HERE](#). Let's continue the work of educating ourselves. These meetings are open to ALL, no need to live in the district or have children attending SCASD.

Speak the truth in love - In honor of Black History Month and in response to the Mennonite Church USA denominational mandate to support, build, and cultivate peace across our denomination, Mennonite Mission Network is excited to host the *Speak the truth in love* webinar, hosted by Ann Jacobs of Mission Network, with pastors Kevin Himes and Vikki Pruitte-Sorrells. Thursday, February 18, 7 pm EST on Zoom. [Click here to find out more and register](#)

Stream bank restoration project A hearty bunch of UMCers continue to work monthly removing invasive plants and preparing to plant native species in the spring at Walnut Springs Park. Our next workday is Thursday February 18. Mark your calendar and come on out! Contact Kate for more details.

Announcements (cont.)

Centre House, a shelter for those experiencing homelessness here in Centre County, needs meals to serve their residents. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to bring a meal.

Interfaith Human Services (IHS) is in need of gently used furniture or large electric appliances for their Free Furniture and Appliance Recycling Program. Items especially needed right now include beds, dressers, and sofas. Large electric appliances always are needed, including washers, dryers, and refrigerators. IHS does NOT accept pianos/organs, baby cribs, large desks, large entertainment centers, or large file cabinets. Anyone wishing to donate furniture or appliances may call the IHS office at 814-234-7731. A date and time can be arranged to pick up the item(s).

Need help? We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need some extra help - gathering groceries, taking care of leaves, etc., let Kate know. There are some here who might be able to lend a hand.

Financial struggles? As you continue to live into the realities of COVID-19, please let Kate or one of the [elders](#) know if you are living with financial uncertainty and could use some help. UMC, in partnership with [Everence](#), has funds available to help those in need.

Missed worship? Our Zoom worship services are recorded and can be watched on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

Your offerings support UMC – Don't forget to support UMC with your financial gifts during this time of remote gatherings. You can make your offering the following ways:

- Mail a check to the church to the attention of our treasurer, 1606 Norma Street, State College PA, 16801
- Set up an automatic payment with your bank (bill pay service)
- Use a service like Zelle

Questions? Contact Jim Rosenberger JLRosenberger@gmail.com

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University Mennonite Church's safe-child policy demonstrates our commitment to the physical safety and the spiritual growth of all our children and youth, ages birth to 18, as well as to our volunteers who care for them. The complete policy is posted in the lobby entrances and in the nursery room.

Our church maintains a Google Group email list to keep members informed about prayer requests and happenings in the community. Join the email list by sending an email to:

university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Zoom church services are being recorded and published on our [YouTube channel](#). You can also view service videos and listen to audio recordings at on our website at:

<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>