



UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday May 16, 2021

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – One by U2, cover by South to Cedars

Call to worship – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Scripture – John 17:6-19 read by Eviella Sefu

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Abba, Holy God, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Lighting the Peace Lamp – Ben Wideman

Children's time – When I Pray for You by Matthew Paul Turner
read by Meredith Wideman

Voices of our congregation – Sara Albrecht-Soto
and Rosita Derstine

Sermon – Pastor Kate

Sermon response – *One Voice* by The Wailin' Jennys
rendition by Sister Song

Preparation for communion and confession – VT 937 & 938

Communion - with HWB 471, *Eat this bread, drink this cup*

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements, birthdays, & introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Adult Sunday School – There will not be Sunday school today. In its place we will hold a congregational meeting following worship using the same link as for worship. Next Sunday, May 23, we'll resume our series Lamenting Racism 3 – *God of Racism, Knowing What the Bible Says*, led by Laura and Ken Litwiller.

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.

Cultural Conversations – *Powerful Voices: Asian Americans in Centre County Speak Out*, Monday, May 17, from 7-8 pm on Zoom. “We’ve got to come out of our silos and talk about what’s real for people outside our demographics.” - Shih-In Ma, moderator of *Powerful Voices* conversation. To register for this event, click [HERE](#).

Announcements (cont.)

Out of the Cold - University Baptist and Brethren Church is hosting overnight guests May 17-31 and welcomes us to bring a meal. Sign up [HERE](#).

Calling All Bikers - You are invited to join 19 riders from the **Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions** (July 24-28) for the last segment of their 2-month trip ride across the country, promoting climate solutions. You will ride 326 miles along the renowned Great Allegheny Passage and the C&O Canal Towpath, culminating in the last day event in Washington DC, visiting senators and representatives to express how the journey affected your concern for climate change. CSCS Director of Pastoral Ecology, Doug Kaufman, will lead reflections during this 5-day journey, as the group learns together what it means to faithfully respond to the climate crisis. Interested? Sign up [HERE](#).

From MCUSA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War" - Jonathan Brenneman reflects on how the militarized state of Israel causes children to suffer and how our taxpayer dollars aid in causing that suffering. Click [HERE](#) to read his blog, “Investing in Justice Rather than Militarism at Home and Abroad.”

Defund the Police? An Abolition Curriculum – The call for the abolishment of police, policing, and the police state is not a new call. Did you know that Mennonite Church USA has developed an Anabaptist-grounded resource for clergy and congregations to engage in learning about the call for police abolition? UMC’s racial justice group is looking into how our church might engage with the curriculum. Find out more on the MC USA website [HERE](#).

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

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

Announcements (cont.)

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.

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
- [Donate on the church website](#)
- Set up an automatic payment with your bank (bill pay service)
- Use a service like [Zelle](#)

Questions? Contact Jim Rosenberger JLRosenberger@gmail.com



Mennonite Central Committee Announcements

MennoCon21

Have you been wondering whose faces you will see on stage at MennoCon21, Mennonite Church USA's biennial convention on July 6-10? Read about who the worship speakers are and what topics they will be covering at this first hybrid (in-person and online) convention: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon21-worship/>.

Menno Snapshots

For a variety of reasons, regularly attending Sunday morning church services is just not feasible for many people. Beryl Jantzi, in his blog, "Revisioning Church: Sabbath Diaspora and Christian Synagogues," addresses this issue by offering several ways that churches can accommodate a non-traditional Sabbath.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/diaspora-synagogues>

Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War

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<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/justice-over-militarism>

#BringThePeace

In response to increased violence and hate crimes against Asian American Pacific Islander people, the Mennonite Church USA Women in Leadership Steering Committee made a statement urging the church to work together to call out anti-Asian rhetoric and abuse. Read more here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/aapi-statement/>.

So romantic... Olguita was in love. Her story is like that of a quick read romance novel. The love story that makes the reader sigh, holding her hand to her heart and whispering, "That's so romantic."

[Journey with Olguita and her family as their life intersects with MCC's immigration program in South Florida.](#)

CHURCH INFORMATION

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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/>