

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service March 5, 2017 9:30 am

Greeter: Cathy Bresee	Worship Leader: Karen Rath
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Evelyn Bartsch
Hosts: Evelyn & Karl Bartsch	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

Lent 1 – Restore us, O God! We hunger.

Focus Statement: As humans, we hunger for many things. God, our Provider, knows our deepest longings, offering both sustenance and deliverance from temptation.

Prelude – Jim Pierce

Call to Worship – back of bulletin

Gathering Hymns

STJ #97, “The Lord is my light”

STJ #86, “Taste and see”

Welcome of Visitors

Children’s Time – Betty Brockett

Offering

Offertory – Jim Pierce

Confession and Words of Assurance – see insert

Hymn – STJ #81, “Take, O take me as I am”

Scripture Readings

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (p. 2); Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 785)

Sermon – Marv Friesen, “Hungering for the Right Things”

Hymn of Response – HWB #472, “I am the Bread of life”

Sharing Time

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – HWB #433, “Go, my children”

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: A Mennonite Mission Network family with two young children is serving in Turkey. Pray that this family may hold the light and hope of Jesus in an uncertain political environment, and that they may find friends and other believers to encourage them in difficult times.

MEA: Pray for participants in the Goshen College Women's World Music Choir as they return from their spring break tour, and for all who are touched by their music.

Church Information: www.universitymennonite.org

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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.

To reserve space for your event or meeting in our meetinghouse, please contact Carolyn Brubaker, 237-6602. **To participate in the UMC email list**, sign up at www.universitymennonite.org/mailling-lists.

Upcoming Events: For more details, go to www.universitymennonite.org/calendar

March

Sun 12 Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

Mon 13 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 14 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Tue 14 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Wed 22 Lenten Supper 6:00 pm

Mon 27 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 28 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Thu 30 Lenten Supper 6:00 pm

April

Wed 5 Elders Meeting 7:00 pm

Mon 10 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 11 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

*Recordings of each worship service are available at
universitymennonite.org/worshiprecordings*

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: God of abundance, you give us *all* we need. We confess that, too often, we focus on what we *don't* have. We forget that it is you who truly sustains us. Forgive us. Satisfy us with your steadfast love, and help us to take refuge in remembering that what you provide is good. It is enough.

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God of abundant grace,

All: restore us.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad. Sing praises to the Lord! Taste and see that the Lord *is* good.

Announcements, March 5, 2017

This week, on the first Sunday in Lent, we begin a worship series, *Restore Us, O God, that will continue through Easter Sunday.* There are many distractions in our lives that keep us from focusing on our spiritual path. Lent is a time when we face our brokenness and set aside time and space to restore our lives and our relationship with God. Each Sunday, we will focus on a different part of us that needs to be restored. The table at the front will be slightly different each week to reflect the Lenten journey of restoration from barrenness to fullness of life through the resurrection. May God bless you during this Lenten season as you seek to find wholeness and restoration.

3rd Way Collective Highlights

Spring break begins this weekend! 3rd Way Collective is co-leading a service and learning trip to Washington DC with our friends from Lutheran Campus Ministry, Westminster Presbyterian, and Wesley PSU. Our group will be exploring and serving around issues of poverty, homelessness, racism, and justice in our nation's capital. We appreciate your prayers!

We have only one spot left for hosts for our weekly home cooked meals this semester. Sign up today at this site - <http://tinyurl.com/3wcmeals> For our full schedule and to find out how to support this ministry please visit 3rdWayCollective.org or contact ben@3rdwaycollective.org. A reflection is posted each month at <http://www.3rdwaycollective.org/category/blog/>

Announcements, March 5, 2017

Sunday School: There will be children's Sunday school at 11:10 following the service, with options for children and youth in the basement, but there will be no adult Sunday school today.

Fellowship Meal March 12 at Noon

Everyone is invited to a delicious carry-in meal. There is always enough for everyone and you are invited to stay whether you planned to or not. Regular attenders are encouraged to bring your own place settings (don't forget cups) and a dish to serve 12 or more.

Last names **A-L** bring a main dish

Last names **M-Z** bring a side dish, vegetables, bread, fruit or other dessert

An oven can be set to 350 for those who would like to cook. There will be labels on the food table for vegan, vegetarian, gluten free and especially any dishes containing nuts.

Lenten Suppers March 22 and 30: a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the nursery.

Wednesday, March 22, 6:00pm

Everyone is invited for a simple supper of soup, bread, and fruit in the fellowship hall followed by a brief devotional program upstairs (details to follow).

Please bring your own table service and have food in the kitchen by 5:45.

Thursday, March 30, 6:00pm

Everyone is invited to a simple supper of sandwiches, veggies, and fruit in the fellowship hall followed by a brief devotional program upstairs (details to follow).

Please bring your own table service and have food in the kitchen by 5:45.