

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service April 23, 2017 9:30 am

Greeter: Leah Witzig	Worship Leaders: Doug Miller
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Rogers McLane
Hosts:	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

Earth Day Sunday

Prelude – Becky Kephart

Call to Worship (see insert)

Hymns of Praise

HWB #648, “Morning has broken”

HWB #96, “We plow the fields and scatter”

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome of Visitors

Children’s Time – Nel Kopp

Offering

Offertory – Mike Bratt, “For the beauty of the earth”

Creation – Birth, Life, Death, and Renewal

A collection of shared readings and stories focused on our relationship with Creation.

Special Music – Mike Bratt, “This is my Father’s world”

Hymn – HWB #117, “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Sharing of Joys and Petitions

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – STJ #77, “The peace of the earth be with you”

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Ben and Laurel Woodward Breckbill serve as Mennonite Mission Network interns in Belfast alongside peacebuilders at Mediation Northern Ireland (Ben) and WAVE Trauma Centre (Laurel). Pray for them as they learn to share the good news with people who have experienced trauma, and to work together with them for justice.

MEA: Thank God for the gift of music as the EMU Chamber Singers give their spring concert in Lehman Auditorium this evening. Pray that all those attending would be blessed.

Church Information:

www.universitymennonite.org
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Submissions for bulletin or email announcements: umcbulletin@yahoo.com

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN INCLUSION: Thursday, 12:00 noon

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

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

April

Tue 25 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Wed 26 Fellowship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

May

Wed 3 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 3 Leadership Team Meeting 7:30 pm

Sun 7 Community Café 5:00 pm

Tue 9 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Tue 9 Student Ministry Advisory Committee 7:30 pm

Sun 14 Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

Thu 17 Worship Committee 7:00 pm

Sun 21 Congregational Business Meeting 6:30 pm

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

Announcements, April 23, 2017

Sunday School: There will be Sunday school at 11:10 following the service. There will be adult Sunday school upstairs in the sanctuary and downstairs, and there will be options for children and youth in the basement.

Sunday School Offering: Genesis: Stories of the Patriarchs. All (ages) are welcome to attend in Room 3, first room to the left at the bottom of the stairs nearest to the parking lot.

Support Park Forest Preschool at the South American dinner and concert on **May 5th, 7-9 pm at the Unitarian Universalist building.** Los Tikis will be playing Chilean music and Ten Thousand Villages will be present with a craft table. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. See Joel Weidner (joelpsu82@outlook.com) for tickets.

Volunteer Positions for 2017-18: There are copies of the Volunteer Positions form in the lobby. Please fill one out and put it in Karen Rath's mailbox or email karenrath@gmail.com to indicate what positions you are volunteering for. If you wish to nominate someone, please ask them first.

THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF UNSELFISHNESS:

Interfaith Panel Discussion

Is living our lives unselfishly just a nice thing to do or does unselfishness transform and enrich ourselves and others?

Come hear what three faith traditions have to say about the power of unselfishness.

WHERE? First Church of Christ, Scientist - 617 East Hamilton Avenue, State College, PA - OR attend by phone: toll call--1-973-528-00000, at prompt enter code 162749#

WHEN? Thursday, April 27, 7:00-8:30 pm

PANELISTS: Fujiko Signs, Christian Science Practitioner; Rev. Dean Lindsey, State College Presbyterian Church; Rabbi David Ostrich, Congregation Brit Shalom.

The panelists will each talk for 15-20 minutes, followed by Q&A from audience after the entire panel has presented.

Refreshments served after the event.

All are welcome to join in person or by phone.

Call to Worship

Leader:

In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,
in the name of Christ, the pulse of life,
and in the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. Amen.

People:

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God's presence.

Leader:

Christ, we come into your presence
to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,

People:

a planet pulsating with your presence,
a presence quivering in the forests,
a presence vibrating in the land,
a presence pulsating in the wilderness,
a presence shimmering in the rivers.

Leader:

God, reveal yourself to us in this place,
and show us your face in all creation.

All:

Holy! Holy! Holy!

The whole earth is filled with your glory.

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3rd Way Collective Highlights

This is the final week before exams! Thanks for all of your support this semester. We are excited to be hosting the annual gathering of Mennonite Campus Ministers this weekend in State College. Our events this week include our final grad student pub night on Monday at 8pm at Otto's, as well as our final home cooked meal at Amy Sattler and Brendan Prawdzik's home on Wednesday at 6pm.

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/>