

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service February 16, 2020

**Joint Service with Albright Bethune
United Methodist Church**

Prelude - Hal Kunkel

Call to worship – Kate Heinzl

Welcome of visitors

Scripture - Deuteronomy 30:15-20, selected verses

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in God's ways, and observing God's ways, then you shall live.

But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying God, and holding fast to God; for that means life to you and length of days.

Lighting of peace lamp

Singing – Evelyn Bartsch

HWB 12 Come, let us all unite to sing

HWB 117 Fairest Lord Jesus

Children's time with Joel Weidner. Children are called forward as the congregation sings HWB 20, Come and see

Offering

Scripture - Matthew 5: 21-26

You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool," you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Sermon - Paul Amara - *Are You Ready to Let Go?*

Albright Bethune choir - Deep River, arranged by
Jan Esterline

Sharing - Kate Heinzl

Responsive hymn HWB 377 Healer of our every ill

Announcements

Closing hymn HWB 430 God be with you

Benediction

UMC Announcements

Pastor: Kate Heinzl	Greeter: Cathy Bresee
Ushers: Rodney Brubaker, Jim Rosenberger	Accompanist: Krista Weidner

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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 by sending an email to:
university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com.

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

February

- Feb 16 Joint worship with Albright Bethune United Methodist Church, 11 am in our building. No Sunday school, fellowship meal to follow worship
- Feb 17 Worship committee, 7 pm
- Feb 21 Women's fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 8:30 am
- Feb 22 Spiritual growth retreat, UBBC 9 am
- Feb 23 Congregational meeting, 11 am
- Feb 25 Men's fellowship breakfast, Corner Room 7 am
- Feb 26 Ash Wednesday service, 7 pm
- Mar 4 Leadership team meeting, 6:30 pm
Elders meeting, 7:30 pm
- Mar 8 Fellowship meal, noon
- Mar 10 Men's fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 7 am

Recordings of each worship service are available at
<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings>

We will have a fellowship meal today at noon - Everyone is invited to stay for a delicious carry-in meal. There is always enough for everyone and you are invited to stay whether you planned to or not. There will be labels for vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, and especially any dishes containing nuts.

Open "Outside the Office" hours - Kate will be at Good Day Cafe (286 W. Hamilton Ave.) on Tuesdays from 2-4, as a way of being available for conversation outside the church building. Stop by with questions, thoughts, or just to hang out together.

Parents of college students, please remember to take your child's gift bag today and deliver it to your student with greetings and a blessing from their church family at UMC. Let them know that although they are away, they continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

3rd Way Collective's next Thursday Theater event happens at Houseasaurus this week on Thursday at 6:30 pm! We'll be viewing *Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock*, a powerful film from the indigenous people who protested the pipeline at Standing Rock. We'll also have pizza and conversation. Also consider joining the weekly Standing at the Gates for Justice vigil, every Monday at 4 pm at the Allen Street Gates.

We are busy filling in dates for the spring semester! If you would like to help out this semester by hosting a home-cooked meal, joining us for a pub night, or helping to plan or coordinate some other event or activity, please contact Ben directly!

For our full schedule and to find out how to support this ministry please visit 3rdWayCollective.org or contact ben@3rdwaycollective.org

Our Sunday church bulletins are designed by Menno Media of the Mennonite Church USA. Last summer our congregation did not use those bulletins but designed our own. If you have a preference for this coming summer (June, July, August 2020) for using our own or using the Menno Media ones, please let me know. Gloria Horst Rosenberger for the worship committee (ghr4870@gmail.com).

UMC Announcements (cont.)

Need to renew your spiritual life? Need some time for reflection? Then consider attending a joint UBBC/UMC Spiritual Growth Retreat on February 22. The retreat will be based on ideas from Joyce Rupp's *The Cup of Our Life: A Guide for Spiritual Growth*. All are welcome, and you need not be familiar with the book to attend. The retreat will be co-led by UMC pastor Kate Heinzl and Bonnie Kline Smeltzer, pastor of University Baptist and Brethren Church. Both congregations are invited to attend. The retreat will be held at State College Friends Meeting at 611 East Prospect Ave. from 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, February 22. Lunch will be served. There is no cost, but please do register. To register, please call the UBBC office at 237-2708 and talk with or leave a message for Alysia, or email office@ubbcwelcome.org and put "Feb. Retreat" on the subject line and the full names of those wishing to register in the text of the email.

Out of the Cold Fund-Raising Dinner at the Penn Stater, Monday March 16 at 6 pm - A table for 10 has been reserved for our congregation at the Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center. The event raises funds for OOTC's general operating budget--staff salaries, day shelter expenses (at the 'old' Meetinghouse), transportation fees, etc. Volunteers will share their experiences about their work with OOTC. A second table will be reserved if needed. Please contact Pastor Kate (kate@universitymennonite.org) if you are interested in attending. A silent auction and cash bar will begin at 5:30 pm.

Singing and song leading school, March 21, 2-4 pm - Does your heart start to beat fast from discomfort when we sing in four-part harmony? Would you like to know a little bit more about how to find your pitch when we sing hymns? Would you lead singing if you had a little more know-how and confidence? All are welcome (tell your friends!) to the workshop offered by Marcy Hostetler, an amazing teacher from Lancaster, on Saturday, March 21 from 2-4, here in our sanctuary. More details to follow.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) - Last year, 5,569 MDS volunteers served 48,035 days, helping 762 households recover from disaster. Volunteers built 68 new homes, repaired 313 homes, cleaned up 352 properties, and built 5 new bridges. If you would like to be an MDS volunteer for a couple days or a couple weeks, go to <https://mds.mennonite.net/> to see the volunteer opportunities or check with Marvin Hall.