



## UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH Sunday Virtual Service March 29, 2020

Introduction to virtual service - Ben Wideman

Prelude - Mike Bratt – “In the rifted rock I’m resting”

Words of welcome – Ben Wideman

Call to worship:

Based on Psalm 130, by Joanna Harader

**Leader:** In the wilderness

**All:** we cry out to our God.

**Leader:** In the wilderness

**All:** our souls wait.

**Leader:** In the wilderness

**All:** we hope in God’s word.

**Leader:** In the wilderness

**All:** we know God’s steadfast love.

**Leader:** And so, in the wilderness

**All:** we worship together.

Lighting of peace lamp

Children’s time - Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Offering and offertory

Scripture - John 13:1-17

*Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, ‘Lord, are you going to wash my feet?’ Jesus answered, ‘You do not know now what I*

*am doing, but later you will understand.’ Peter said to him, ‘You will never wash my feet.’ Jesus answered, ‘Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.’ Simon Peter said to him, ‘Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!’ Jesus said to him, ‘One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.’ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, ‘Not all of you are clean.’*

*After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.*

Meditation - Kate Heinzl

Special music - HWB #307 Will you let me be your servant

Sharing - Kate Heinzl

Closing sharing with Taizé music

Announcements

Benediction:

*Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ-  
Go in love,  
For love alone endures.*

*Go in peace,  
For it is a gift from God.*

*Go with courage,  
For we cannot go where God is not.*

-Adapted from HWB #764

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## Announcements

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Here are some updates on how we plan to handle worship and church announcements and sharing during this time of social distancing.

**Announcements** to the general church can be shared in two ways:

1. Kate’s regular Wednesday email will begin to include announcements.
2. A church bulletin document will be sent out Saturday mornings with the invitation for Sunday’s virtual worship service. The bulletin will include the order of worship and announcements. Only the worship leader and/or pastor will make verbal announcements during our virtual Sunday worship services.

To have your announcement included in the Wednesday email or Sunday bulletin, just send to [umcbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:umcbulletin@yahoo.com). The deadline for the Sunday virtual bulletin will be Fridays at noon.

Prayer requests will continue to be sent out via the email list and can also be put in the bulletin and Wednesday email if you desire. Note: the web site bulletin and Wednesday email from Kate are public.

UMC website forums are another way to keep in touch. To start or participate in a forum, log into the UMC website and go to My UMC and then UMC Community Forum.

If you need help with logging into the website or joining our virtual church service, contact Joel Weidner, [joelpsu82@outlook.com](mailto:joelpsu82@outlook.com)

**Sunday Sharing** - We are experimenting with ways to make sharing time more prayerful and engaging for everyone in our Virtual Worship Service. ***If you have something to share with the community during worship, please email your joy or concern to Kate by 8:00 AM Sunday morning.*** This way we can continue to hold each other in prayer AND have a sense of flow in our service. Eventually we would like to have all sharing requests be emailed ahead of time. For the next week or two we will also have space for folks to share, live, during the service.

As we continue to grow together, learn together, serve together, may we grace-fully share what works and needs tweaks with one another. Kate welcomes your feedback.

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**3WC updates** - Please keep students in mind as they adjust to the impacts of the COVID-19 virus concerns changing the semester to exclusively remote classes. With the recent news that students will not return to campus this semester, 3rd Way Collective's in-person events have been canceled or postponed. We understand the fear and sadness from all students, but especially our graduating seniors who will now be dealing with a very different end to their Penn State journey. Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

During this Lent and Easter season, as we continue to move through self-isolation spaces, we are encouraging our community to walk for peace. Details and connecting points are available at the 3rd Way Collective website.

For ongoing updates and to find out how to support this ministry please visit [3rdWayCollective.org](http://3rdWayCollective.org) or contact [ben@3rdwaycollective.org](mailto:ben@3rdwaycollective.org)

**Out of the Cold hosting at UMC cancelled** - We have cancelled hosting OOTC at UMC for our scheduled time of April 20 – May 3. This was done because of the very high risk of transmitting coronavirus among both guests and volunteers. We are in communication with OOTC staff to determine other ways in which UMC members could safely contribute to meeting the needs of OOTC clients during these difficult times for them. Some possibilities will likely include providing food or meals, gift cards, and monetary donations for housing clients in hotels. We will provide additional information as soon as possible.

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## 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.

**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](mailto:university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com)

**Upcoming events:** For more details, go to: [www.universitymennonite.org/calendar](http://www.universitymennonite.org/calendar)

Due to social distancing needs, all in-person meetings at the church are cancelled until further notice.

Zoom church services are being recorded and the link to the recorded services will be shared via our church email list after the service.