

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service March 27, 9:30 am

Greeter: Karen Rath	Worship Leader: Bethany Spicher Schonberg
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Evelyn Bartsch
Hosts: Easter Breakfast	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

Focus Statement: *“The End of the Beginning.” As the people of God, we place our faith, trust, and hope in the resurrected Christ, who brings meaning to all unhappy endings by inviting us to a new beginning and a new hope—the hope of the happily-ever-after chapter. All the pages and chapters of our lives find their place within God’s grand covenant narrative—a narrative that culminates in a powerful, glorious good news story in which the Author has redeemed, is redeeming, and will redeem us and the world forever!*

Prelude – Becky Kephart

Call to Worship – see bulletin insert

Lighting the Peace Lamp – Micah and Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Opening Hymns

HWB #280, *Christ the Lord is risen today*

HWB #275, *Lift your glad voices*

Children's Time – Joy Miller

Scripture Reading – Joy and Shane Miller, Tim Derstine, Joel Weidner

John 20:1-18

Special Music – UMC Choir, *The Lord is risen indeed*

Sermon – Marv Friesen, “Letting Go and Going Forth”

Offering – Our Tithes and Ourselves

Offertory – Mike Bratt and Jessie Pierce

Welcome of New Members **Jessie Pierce, Allison and Jeremy Gernand, Roy and Hope Brubaker, Fidele and Leah Lumeya, and Baptism of Cathy Shannon**

Special Music – UMC Choir, *This joyful Eastertide*

Sharing and Prayer

Welcome of Visitors

Announcements

Benediction – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Sending Song – HWB #273, *Low in the grave he lay*

There will be no Sunday school today.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen and their sons, Jacob and John-Clair, as they begin an assignment in South Africa, working with Oscar Siwali, director of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency. Pray for their adjustment and their work with peace education and conflict transformation.

Mennonite Education Agency: We pray for all Mennonite college and university students as they continue working into the final quarter of the year. Pray that they may find the energy and motivation that they need to finish the school year well.

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 www.universitymennonite.org/mailling-lists.

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

March:

Mon 28 Bridge of Hope Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Mon 28 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

April:

Sun 3 Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

Tue 5 Sister Song Practice 7:00 pm

Wed 6 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 6 Leadership Team Meeting 7:30 pm

Sat 9 Church Retreat at Camp Krislund 10:00 am

Mon 11 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 12 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Wed 13 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Sun 17 Community in Prayer 6:30 pm

Wed 20 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

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

Call to Worship – Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Congregation: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Leader: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

Right Side: The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

Left Side: The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things.

Leader: I will not die but live and will proclaim what the Lord has done. The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

Right Side: Open for me the gates of righteousness: I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

Left Side: This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Announcements, March 27, 2016

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday school today for either children or adults because of the longer Easter service.

Sign up now for the church spring retreat, scheduled for April 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Camp Krislund. We are planning a fun day of activities and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. **In order to provide counts to the camp, each family or individual needs to sign-up by today, Sunday, March 27.** You can sign up on the web by going to <http://goo.gl/forms/Or30gaOJ31> or use a paper form available in the foyer. Contact Joel Weidner or Vonda Yoder with any questions.

Joel and Vonda need 4-5 volunteers to help at the April 9 retreat to lead some specific activities. We will be planning the activities and providing instructions, but we need some additional folks to help facilitate some activities for children, youth, and intergenerational groups. If you can help with this, contact Joel Weidner, jlw2@psu.edu or Vonda Yoder, vmoyer@verizon.net.

3rd Way Collective Highlights: Our regular events this week will include participating in Tuesday night's Candlelight Vigil for Global Violence (Tuesday at 7:45pm), Pause for Peace on Wednesday at 12:30pm, our Peace & Justice Bible Study (1pm in 216 Pasquerilla) and 3rd Way Conversations (8pm in HUB 107) on Thursday. Please note - pledge forms are now available in the church foyer to re-commit to our campus ministry! For our full schedule and to find out how to support this ministry please visit 3rdWayCollective.org or contact ben@3rdwaycollective.org. A monthly reflection is posted at <http://www.3rdwaycollective.org/category/blog/>

Fellowship Meal April 3 at noon

Michael King, Dean of Eastern Mennonite Seminary, will be visiting.

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

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.