

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service March 19, 2017 9:30 am

Greeter: Jean Landis	Worship Leader: Esther Prins
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Evelyn Bartsch
Hosts: Brenda & Marv Friesen	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

Lent 3 – Restore us, O God! We thirst.

Focus Statement: Our bodies know the desperate need for water: we cannot survive without it. Likewise, our deepest selves are parched and yearn to be drenched in God's love. God, who is Love, quenches our thirst so that we can live into the fullness of life.

GATHERING

Prelude – Ruth Parrish Sauder

Call to Worship – back of the bulletin

Opening Hymns

HWB #12, “Come, let us all unite to sing”

HWB #515, “Jesus, Rock of ages”

Welcoming Visitors

CONFESSING/RECONCILING – bulletin insert

BABY DEDICATIONS

Dedications of Tiana Lee Markelz (daughter of Lindsey and Andy Markelz and Jonas Hawthorn Wideman (son of Meredith and Ben Wideman)

Baby Dedication Hymn – HWB #620, “Child of blessing, child of promise”

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time – Rick Stehouwer

Scripture Readings – Karen Brandes

Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 56); John 4:5-24 (p. 864)

Sermon – Marv Friesen, “What are we thirsting for?”

RESPONDING

Hymn of Response – STS #64, “There is a well” (Sister Song)

Offering – Nel Kopp and Cathy Bresee

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – HWB #372, “O Healing River”

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz have served with Mennonite Mission Network since 1985. Pray for C. Paul as he works with more than 50 business chaplains in Paraguay who reach out to employees in the workplace, and pray for Hildi as she provides spiritual direction to help people deepen their faith.

MEA: Pray for high school students who are considering testing their gifts for ministry and developing their leadership skills this summer at AMBS through “!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth.” May their pastors, teachers, parents and other trusted adults provide encouragement and affirmation.

Church Information: www.universitymennonite.org

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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

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

Sun 9 Palm Sunday Peace Walk 3:00 pm

Mon 10 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 11 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Tue 11 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Thu 13 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm

Fri 14 Ecumenical Good Friday Service at State College Presbyterian 12:00 pm

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

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: O God, *you* are the living Water. You restore us to life.

We confess that in the desert moments of our lives
we forget your faithfulness.
Our bodies grow tired;
our hearts dry up.
Our minds become clouded
and we do not remember that you are our
deliverer.

**People: When we see the dryness behind and before us,
we quarrel among ourselves and burden one another.
We cry out: “Is the Lord even among us?”**

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord,
for in the harshness of life’s desert journey
we quickly focus on ourselves.
We forget that you have been,
you are,
and you will forever be our deliverer.

**People: Restore in us a remembering spirit,
that we may hope in you again.
Renew our hearts, O Lord.
Make us generous in our praise,
that we may worship you anew!**

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, our living Water,

All: restore us.

Leader: Let all who thirst, come. Come and drink from the living Water.
Let all who have nothing, come to the Lord. Come—without
money or price. Come and draw freely from the well of our Lord,
which will never run dry.

Announcements, March 19, 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 there will be options for children and youth in the basement.

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: Ieva Perkons and Scott Woods will be sharing highlights of their faith journeys. 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: Lindsey and Andy Markelz will be sharing highlights of their faith journeys.

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

3rd Way Collective Highlights

Thank you to those who have pledged their support for 3WC in the coming year! Our weekly events this week include a home cooked meal at Susan Beyerle’s home on Wednesday night, and our first ever No-Agenda Retreat for students on Friday night at Gloria and Jim Rosenberger’s cabin (offering space to connect, rest, and breathe deeply). This week is also LGBTQ+ Pride Week on campus. We will be participating in several events including the Transgender Clothing Exchange on Friday afternoon in the HUB, and a guest lecture from Allyson Robinson and Austen Hartke on Sunday afternoon at 2pm with our friends from Receiving with Thanksgiving.

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/>