

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service March 26, 2017 9:30 am

Greeters: Joyce & Marvin Hall	Worship Leader: Catherine Bresee
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Evelyn Bartsch
Hosts: Joyce & Marvin Hall	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

Lent 4 – Restore us, O God! We see.

Focus Statement: We are bombarded by visual images, and can mistake what is seen for what is true. God reveals hidden truths, surprising us and challenging our assumptions. Once our eyes and hearts are opened, we can see with greater clarity.

Prelude – Becky Kephart

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymns

HWB #166, “I’ll praise my Maker”

STS #65, “Open my eyes”

Welcome of Visitors

Time of silent prayer, followed by Unison Prayer (see insert)

Children’s Time – Marvin Hall

Offering – Fran and Osseo Osseo-Asare

Offertory Hymn – HWB #384, “We give thee but thine own”

Scripture Reading – Leland Glenna

John 9:1-41 (p. 871)

Sermon – Ben Wideman, “What Does It Take for Eyes to Be Opened?”

Hymn of Response – STS #115, “Beauty for brokenness”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns – Marv Friesen

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – HWB #545, “Be thou my vision”

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Beginning on Thursday of this week, local leaders of Mennonite Mission Network’s Mennonite Voluntary Service program will gather in Tucson, Arizona for four days of worship, fellowship, and to envision next steps. Pray for the Holy Spirit’s unity in relationships and in purpose.

MEA: Praise God for the generosity of Bethel College friends and donors who will be honored with a reception this afternoon, and for the gifts of the Concert Choir as they wrap up their tour with the Home Concert this evening.

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 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

Fri 14 Joint Good Friday Service at Albright-Bethune 6:00 pm

Thu 20 Easter Breakfast 8:00 am

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

Prayer in Unison

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment and light rises up in darkness for the godly, grant us in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou would have us to do, that the spirit of wisdom may save us from false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path we may not stumble, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Lenten Supper: 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. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the nursery.

3rd Way Collective Highlights

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