

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service April 2, 2017 9:30 am

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| Greeters: Ben & Meredith Wideman | Worship Leader: Leah Witzig |
| Pastor: Marv Friesen | Song Leader: Rogers McLane |
| Hosts: Sue & Doug Miller | Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, |
| Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery | and Jim Rosenberger |

Lent 5 – Restore us, O God! We breathe.

Focus Statement: When we come to the end of our own human strength, vitality, and purpose, we recognize the reality of death in and around us. God, who is Spirit, breathes life into us, revealing God's glory and purpose. We, and the community, are restored.

Prelude – Jim and Jessie Pierce

Call to Worship (on back of bulletin)

Gathering Hymns

HWB #356, "Breathe on me, breath of God"

HWB #336, "When peace, like a river"

Confession and Words of Assurance (see insert)

Welcome of Visitors

Children's Time – Jim and Jessie Pierce

Offering

Offertory – Jessie Pierce

Hymn – HWB #26, "Holy Spirit, come with power"

Scripture Readings – Vonda Yoder

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p. 704); John 11:1-25 (p. 873)

Sermon – Marv Friesen, "God's Spirit—the Breath of Life"

Hymn of Response – STS #121, "Nothing is lost on the breath of God"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns – Marv Friesen

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – HWB #420, "Heart with loving heart united"

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Ministries among refugees are a significant part of Mennonite Mission Network's engagement in Australia, Turkey, the United States, Southeast Asia, and Western Europe. Pray for peace in the world, safe places for all people, and that mission workers will continue to share Jesus' love in culturally appropriate ways.

MC USA: Please be in prayer for the "Sent" gathering taking place April 6-8 in Fort Myers, Florida. Church planters and others will come together to take about creating new "Jesus-centered communities" in Mennonite Church USA.

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

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

Sun 16 Easter Breakfast 8:00 am

Thu 20 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Mon 24 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 25 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Wed 26 Fellowship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

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

Announcements, April 2, 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 downstairs, and there will be options for children and youth in the basement.

Sunday School Offering: Genesis: Stories of the Patriarchs. All (ages) are welcome to attend in Room 3, first room to the left at the bottom of the stairs nearest to the parking lot.

We are updating the church directory. If you have never been in the directory before, or would like to update your information, please contact Joel Weidner at Joel Weidner at joelpsu82@outlook.com, or 814.777.4494. Being part of the directory that includes addresses, phone numbers, anniversary and birth dates.

We've changed the UMC Sharing list email address. Effectively immediately all UMC Sharing emails should be sent to university-mennonite-sharing-list@googlegroups.com<mailto:university-mennonite-sharing-list@googlegroups.com>. The new sharing email list works just like the old one. All you need to do is send your emails to the new email address. If you have multiple email accounts, remember that you need to send your email from the address where you receive the sharing emails. If you try to send from a different email account, your message will be rejected and not forwarded on to list members. If you are not a member of the sharing group, but would like to be added, contact Joel Weidner (joelpsu82@outlook.com<mailto:joelpsu82@outlook.com>).

3rd Way Collective Highlights

We join our friends from The co.space on Wednesday evening at 7pm. They will be our hosts for our weekly home cooked meal this week! We also hope you'll join us for the second annual Palm Sunday Peace Walk, next Sunday at 3pm starting from University Baptist & Brethren Church!

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/>

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: God, we confess that when we look into the valleys of our lives,
we are tempted to fix our gaze on the remnants of our past.
We see the dry bones, and we doubt in our minds—
“Will these bones ever live?”

**People: But in the midst of our doubt,
we proclaim that you are the life-giving Spirit.
You breathe new life into all that is dead.**

Leader: For you, O God, raised up the dry bones in the valley.
Your Son, Jesus, brought Lazarus out from the tomb,
and your Spirit lifted anew the hearts of the disciples.
Teach us, O Lord, to wait for your breath.

**All: Blow your mighty wind into the hollow chambers of our hearts,
that we may never settle for death
but rise again as your beloved people.**

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, Holy Breath,

All: Restore us.

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you, once more. Our whole selves waited for you, O Lord, and you answered us. In you there is unfailing love and full redemption.
You redeem us from all our sins. Amen.