

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service December 17, 2017 9:30 am

Greeter: Eric Smith	Worship Leader: Esther Prins
Pastor: In Transition	Song Leader: Faith King
Hosts:	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, and Jim Pierce
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	

Advent 3: Let it be whole

Focus statement: Rejoicing in God's comfort, we catch God's vision of shalom. We choose to join the Spirit that is already at work restoring creation.

GATHERING

Prelude – The Circle Singers

(Let There Be Peace on Earth and Mary Had a Baby)

Call to Worship (back of bulletin)

Lighting of Advent Candles

Opening Hymns

HWB #14, *Come, we that love the Lord*

HWB #318, *Joy to the world*

Welcoming Visitors

CONFESSING AND RECONCILING

Confession and Words of Assurance (back of bulletin)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time – Joel Weidner

Scripture Readings & Hymns

Isaiah 61:1-4; HWB #184, *Hark! the glad sound*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; *Rejoice in the Lord always* (insert)

John 1:6-8, 19-28; HWB #183, *On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry*

Luke 1:46b-55; STS #124, *My soul cries out*

Reflection – “An exhortation: Daily to join the sisterhood of Mary”

(from *Preparing for Jesus: Meditations on the Coming of Advent, Christmas, and the Kingdom* by Walter Wangerin, Jr.)

RESPONDING

Hymn – STS #12, *Magnificat*

Congregational Singing

Offering – UMC kids

Offertory – *Jesus, Jesus, oh what a wonderful child* (Sister Song)

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction (bulletin insert)

Sending Hymn – STJ #76, *The Lord bless you and keep you*

Prayer Requests

MMN: Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program invites teens and young adults (ages 16-22) to participate in a short-term learning and service experience during the summer of 2018. Pray for open hearts in those whom God is calling to Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Peru, or Spain.

MEA: Pray for the 40 Instituto Bíblico Anabautista volunteer tutors who serve at study centers across the country. May God bless them as they give of their time for this ministry and contribute to the training of new leaders for the Hispanic churches of Mennonite Church USA. May God grant them wisdom, patience, and lots of energy as they continue to serve with IBA in the coming year.

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** university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com.

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

December

Sun 17 Children's Christmas Program 11:15 am

Sun 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

Tue 26 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

January

Wed 3 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 3 Elders Meeting 7:30 pm

Mon 8 Shape Note Singing

Tue 9 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Tue 9 Student Ministry Advisory Committee 7:30 pm

Sun 14 Potluck Fellowship Meal

Thu 18 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Recordings of each worship service are available at
<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-reco>

Benediction

May the God of restoration
make you holy and whole.
May your body, spirit, and soul be knit together
in preparation for the coming of the One
who calls all to dwell in the fullness of grace.
Amen.

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