

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service December 31, 2017 9:30 am

Pastor: In Transition	Worship Leader: Gloria Horst Rosenberger
Greeters: Esther Prins & Leland Glenna	Song Leader: Faith King
Hosts: Becky & Dale Kephart	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Pierce

Christmas: Yes! Let it be new

Focus statement: *We marvel at the vastness of God's plan. We celebrate in exuberant praise what God has done and will continue to do.*

GATHERING

Prelude – Mike Bratt

Call to Worship: read antiphonally from the back of the bulletin

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Congregational Singing

HWB #51, *Let the whole creation cry*

Welcoming Visitors

PRAISING

Congregational Singing

HWB #213, *Let all together praise our God*

Offering

Prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time – Eric Smith

Congregational Singing

Hymn # 203, *Break forth, O beauteous heavenly*

Scripture Readings – Mike and Gabrielle Robinson

Psalm 148 (p. 508); Luke 2:22-40 (p. 833)

Sermon Replacement – Society of Friends Unprogrammed, formerly known as Silent, Meeting for Worship

RESPONDING

Congregational Singing

STJ #13, *My soul is filled with joy*

Confession: read together from the back of the bulletin

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Announcements

SENDING

Benediction

Congregational Singing

Bulletin insert – *God be with you 'til we meet again*

No Sunday School today – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Tonight is Watch Night in many African-American communities. At midnight on January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though written 154 years ago, that law has not yet been completely fulfilled. Join Mennonite Mission Network in proclaiming and working toward salvation and justice for all people in the coming year.

MEA: May God fill Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano students with wisdom and blessings. May God help them to devote themselves to their studies and guide them through this learning process.

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

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

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 12:00 pm

Thu 18 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Mon 22 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 23 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Wed 24 Fellowship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

February

Wed 7 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 7 Elder Meeting 7:30 pm

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

Announcements, December 31, 2017

Quaker Meeting for Worship

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Sunday School: There will be no Sunday school for children or adults today or next week. Sunday school will resume on January 14.

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