

# UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service March 4, 2018 9:30 am

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| Greeters: Karl & Evelyn Bartsch                 | Worship Leader: Karen Rath                           |
| Pastor: In Transition                           | Song Leader: Rogers McLane                           |
| Host: Nel Kopp                                  | Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,<br>and Jim Pierce |
| Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery |  |

## Third Sunday in Lent

**Focus Statement:** *We are in relationship with a God whose foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. We need relational guidelines to guide the between, although rigidly adhering to rules has the potential to come in between. How might we seek God each day and tend to the space between (for example, between relationship), rather than focus solely on the rules?*

**Prelude** – Mark & Sally Minnich

**Call to Worship** (back of bulletin)

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Hymns**

HWB #16, *God is here among us*

HWB #6, *Here in this place*

**Welcoming Visitors**

**Children's Time** – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

**Offering** – Doug & Sue Miller

**Confession & Words of Assurance** (back of bulletin)

**Hymn** – STS #72, *We are often tossed and driv'n*

**Scripture Reading** – Dale Kephart

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (p. 926)

**Sermon** – Dale Kephart, "But We Proclaim Christ Crucified"

**Hymn of Response** – STS #65, *Open my eyes*

**Sharing Time** – Karen Rath

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn** – STS #117, *How can I say*

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Sunday School – see announcements insert

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## Prayer Requests

**MMN:** Pastors and their wives who minister in Ukraine's militarized zone look forward to a retreat this month. Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network, serving as a resource person, requests prayer for a restful gathering for those who have given their all to congregations for several stress-filled years.

**MEA:** Pray for a meaningful discussion on culture, empathy and respect when KIPCOR at Bethel College shows the film *The Empathy Gap: Masculinity and the Courage to Change* this afternoon.

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**Church Information:** [www.universitymennonite.org](http://www.universitymennonite.org)

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Submissions for bulletin or email announcements: [umcbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com).

**Upcoming Events:** For more details, go to [www.universitymennonite.org/calendar](http://www.universitymennonite.org/calendar)

March

Mon 12 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 13 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Foxdale) 7:00 am

Wed 14 Lenten Supper 6:00 pm

Thu 15 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Tue 20 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Thu 22 Lenten Supper 6:00 pm

Sun 25 Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

Sun 25 Palm Sunday Peace Walk 3:00 pm

Mon 26 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 27 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Corner Room) 7:00 am

April

Sun 1 Easter Breakfast 8:00 am

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

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For our full schedule and to find out how to support this ministry please visit [3rdWayCollective.org](http://3rdWayCollective.org) or contact [ben@3rdwaycollective.org](mailto:ben@3rdwaycollective.org). A reflection is posted each month at

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