

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service March 11, 2018 9:30 am

Greeter: Carolyn Brubaker	Worship Leader: Karen Rath
Pastor: In Transition	Song Leader: Rogers McLane
Hosts: Leah & Fidele Lumeya	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, and Jim Pierce
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Focus Statement: *Allowing darkness and negativity to come in between people or in between people and God is sometimes easier than the vulnerability and humility of being exposed to the light. What are the things we don't want to see that may be standing between you and me?*

Prelude – Fidele Lumeya

Call to Worship (back of bulletin)

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Hymns

STJ #54, *Longing for light*

STJ # 95, *I want to walk as a child of the light*

Welcoming Visitors

Children's Time – Mike & Gabrielle Robinson

Offering

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

Confession & Words of Assurance (back of bulletin)

Scripture Readings – Numbers 21:4-9 (p. 122);

John 3:14-21 (p. 864); Ephesians 2:1-10 (p. 949)

Sermon – Dave Mishler, “Getting to the Cross Through Resurrection”

Hymn of Response – HWB #570, *We walk by faith*

Communion

Hymn – HWB #472, *I am the Bread of life*

Sharing Time – Karen Rath

Announcements

Benediction – Dave Mishler

Sending Hymn – HWB 163, *Obey my voice*

Sunday School – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Last month, Taiwan experienced a powerful earthquake that killed at least nine people. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the people of Taiwan as they grieve the loss of loved ones and rebuild their lives.

MEA: The Lancaster Mennonite High Campus Chorale spring concert season begins today. Pray that God may be glorified and that students and listeners are blessed through each concert. Pray also for safety as students travel to different locations to perform.

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

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

Wed 4 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 4 Elders Meeting 7:30 pm

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

Announcements, March 11, 2018

Sunday School: There will be Sunday school at 11:10 following the service. There are classes for children in the basement, and a discussion for adults in the sanctuary.

3rd Way Collective Highlights

We had an incredible spring break service trip in Houston, Texas working with those who are rebuilding after Hurricane Harvey. Thank you for your love and support! This week we will be back into our regular schedule with a home cooked meal at the home of Krista and Joel Weidner's home on Wednesday evening at 6pm. We will also be joining with our Muslim friends for Free Pizza Friday at 1pm on Friday.

3rd Way Collective is starting a pledging season, asking people beyond University Mennonite Church, to commit to this effort moving forward! Interested persons can pledge at <https://goo.gl/forms/26MoknwxgXdVTagk1>

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/>

You are invited to the 15th annual Heritage Hymn Sing at the Valley View Amish Mennonite Church at 110 Apple House Road in Belleville on March 18 at 6:30 pm. Hymns and gospel songs will be sung acapella in four-part harmony. Bring finger foods if you wish to participate in a time of fellowship following the service. Sponsored by Mifflin County Mennonite Historical Society.

USED BOOKS AVAILABLE:

There is a **table of used books in the UMC library** being offered. These books are worn, do not fit into the library collection, or, are duplicates of existing titles. Many of the books being offered are from the shelves of Roy Brubaker and Marv Friesen, others are from members weeding their personal collections. We would appreciate a small donation to help toward the purchase of new books or supplies used to process library materials. Donations can be placed in the bank on the table. Thank you.

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Lenten Suppers March 14 and 22: a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the nursery.

Wednesday, March 14, 6pm

Everyone is invited for a simple supper of **soup, bread, and fruit** in the fellowship hall followed by a brief devotional program upstairs (details to follow).

Please bring your own table service and have food in the kitchen by 5:45.

Thursday, March 22, 6pm

Everyone is invited to a simple supper of **sandwiches, veggies, and fruit** in the fellowship hall followed by a brief devotional program upstairs (details to follow).

Please bring your own table service and have food in the kitchen by 5:45.

There will be no fellowship meal today. It has been scheduled for March 25 when Drew Hart from Messiah College will be our visitor.

The Sunday worship speakers for the rest of March and April are:

March 18 – Marvin Hall

March 25 – Drew Hart, Messiah College & author of *Trouble I've Seen*

April 1 – Taryn Mattice, Cornell University Campus Minister

April 8 – Karen Rath

April 15 – Michelle Burkholder, Hyattsville Mennonite Church Minister

April 22 – Leland Glenna

April 29 – Carlos Romero, Director of Mennonite Education Agency