

# UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service March 25, 2018 9:30 am

Greeter: Karen Rath	Worship Leader: Ben Wideman
Pastor: In Transition	Song Leader: Rogers McLane
Hosts: Fellowship Meal	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Pierce

## Sixth Sunday in Lent: Palm Sunday

**Focus Statement:** *The crowds, as informed by Scriptural teaching, have certain expectations of the coming Messiah that come between their understanding and Jesus' lived experience, which defies their expectations. What does our reading of Scripture lead us to believe, and how might our encounters with Jesus challenge our expectations?*

**Prelude** – Mike Bratt

## Call to Worship and Peace Candle Lighting

### Gathering Hymns

(children will process with palm branches during the first song)

HWB #238, *Hosanna, loud hosanna*

HWB #237, *All glory, laud, and honor*

**Children's Time** – Meredith Wideman

### Offering

**Offertory** – Mike Bratt

**Hymn** – STJ #42, *Listen, God is calling*

**Scripture Reading** – Ieva Perkons

Mark 11:1-25 (p. 823)

**Sermon** – Dr. Drew Hart, "Trouble Won't Last Always"

**Hymn of Response** – STJ #72, *One is the body*

**Sharing Time and Prayer** – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

### Announcements

**Welcoming Visitors and Birthday Blessings**

### Benediction

**Sending Hymn** – STJ #78, *Sizohamba naye (We will walk with God)*

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Sunday School – see announcements insert

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### Prayer Requests

**MMN:** Last month, soon after Deb Byler began a Mennonite Mission Network assignment in Guatemala, she had a medical emergency that necessitated surgery in Chicago. Pray for health and energy for Deb as she prepares to return to work with women's leadership development in the Kekchi Mennonite Church.

**MEA:** Pray for Warwick River Christian School in Newport News, Virginia, as they begin a search for a new principal/head of school.

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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

Sun 25 Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

Sun 25 Palm Sunday Peace Walk (starting at UBBC) 3:00 pm

Mon 26 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

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

Thu 29 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm

### April

Sun 1 Easter Breakfast 8:00 am

Wed 4 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 4 Elders Meeting 7:30 pm

Mon 9 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 10 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Foxdale) 7:00 am

Tue 17 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Mon 23 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

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

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## Announcements, March 25, 2018

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**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.

### **Fellowship Meal Today at Noon**

Everyone is invited to stay for a delicious carry-in meal. There is always enough for everyone and you are invited to stay whether you planned to or not. There will be labels for vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, and especially any dishes containing nuts.

### **Easter Breakfast 8am April 1**

The Fellowship Committee and Marvin Hall invite you to a sausage and pancake breakfast (6 kinds!) beginning at 8 am Easter morning. The congregation is asked to bring our own table service plus either a side dish or topping. Some ideas are: fruit, hard cooked eggs, sliced Swiss or cheddar cheese, maple syrup, jam or jelly, whipped cream, sweetened Greek yogurt, cottage cheese, ricotta cheese. Beverages will be provided. The worship service starts at 9:30.

### **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.

**Contribution Pledges Requested:** Each year members and attenders of University Mennonite Church are asked to submit anonymous pledges indicating how much financial support they plan to give to the church budget in the coming fiscal year (September through August). The practice of making these commitments follows the Biblical principal of "first fruits giving"—the faithful practice of putting God first in our giving—not waiting to see what is left over after all the bills have been paid. Please put pledge forms in the box in the foyer, or in the mailbox of our treasurer, Jim Rosenberger, or email your pledge to our treasurer at JLR@psu.edu.

**Pledge forms are due by April 1** and the finance committee will use the pledge amount to draft the church budget for the May meeting.

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**EASTER SUNDAY:** Please bring your favorite Easter plant or flower next Easter Sunday morning, for all to enjoy. They will be placed on the platform during the service. Please take them home after the service. Thank you,  
The Visuals Committee

**3rd Way Collective Highlights:** Join us today for the third annual Palm Sunday Peace Walk, starting from University Baptist & Brethren Church at 3pm! On Tuesday we are hosting a table at the Out of the Cold/Hearts for Homeless fundraising banquet. Join us for our home cooked meal this week at the Houseasaurus Co-op (527 W. Beaver Ave) at 7pm on Wednesday evening. Also consider attending Standing at the Gates for Justice on Monday afternoon at 4pm, followed by the monthly CCU meeting at 5pm at the Municipal Building.

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](http://3rdWayCollective.org) or contact [ben@3rdwaycollective.org](mailto:ben@3rdwaycollective.org). A reflection is posted each month at <http://www.3rdwaycollective.org/category/blog/>

**SAVE THE DATE for Park Forest Preschool:** Thursday, April 26 at 10:30 am, Park Forest Preschool 50th anniversary celebration at the Park Forest Village United Methodist Church. More information will be forthcoming on the minister's welcome, children's program, oral history, alumni stories, and reception.

**Our church maintains a pictorial directory for regular attenders.** The directory can be accessed online at [members.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com) or on the Instant Church Directory smart phone app. A printed copy can also be provided if you would like one. If you have questions about using the directory, corrections/updates, or would like to be added to the directory, contact Joel Weidner ([joelpsu82@outlook.com](mailto:joelpsu82@outlook.com)<<mailto:joelpsu82@outlook.com>>).