

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service April 29, 2018 9:30 am

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

Prelude – Mark and Sally Minnich

Call to Worship (back of bulletin)

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Hymns

HWB #100, *Praise him, praise him*

Hymn #81, *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*

Welcoming Visitors

Children's Time – Joel Weidner

Offering – Carolyn and Rodney Brubaker

Offertory Hymn – STS #49, *I will come to you in the silence*

Prayer (back of bulletin)

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance (bulletin insert)

Scripture Readings – Amy Sattler and Brendan Prawdzik

Acts 8:26-40 (p. 892); 1 John 4:7-21 (p. 991); John 15:1-8 (p. 878)

Sermon – Leland Glenna, “Abide in Me”

Hymn of Response – HWB #373, *Thou true Vine, that heals*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – HWB #575, *Precious Lord, take my hand*

Sunday School – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network serve the Bolivia Mennonite Church in many capacities. Pray for them as they work with young congregations, coordinate Christian education ministries, provide pastoral leadership, and train church leaders.

MEA: Pray for the students and teachers at all Mennonite schools and colleges as they are coming near to the close of another school 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

May

Wed 2 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 2 Elders Meeting 7:30 pm

Sat 5 Candidate Weekend Ice Cream Social 7:00 pm

Sun 6 Candidate Weekend Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

Tue 8 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Foxdale) 7:00 am

Sun 13 Congregational Business Meeting for Candidate Processing 11 am

Tue 15 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Sun 20 Congregational Business Meeting 6:30 pm

Tue 22 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Corner Room) 7 am

Thu 24 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

June

Wed 6 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 6 Elders Meeting 7:30 pm

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

Prayer of Confession (based on 1 John 4, from *Ministry Matters*)

Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love.

(Silence)

Words of Assurance (based on John 15, from *Ministry Matters*)

Christ is the vine. We are simply branches. If we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us. Ask for whatever you wish in Christ's name and it will be granted. In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!

Announcements, April 29, 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.

April 15 - May 20 will be MCC's My Coins Count during children's time each Sunday. Our children will be learning about MCC's work around the world and collecting coins to donate to MCC. Please bring your loose change and join us in supporting MCC.

Please return the Volunteer Positions for 2018-19 forms by May 6.

There are hard copies of the forms on the counter near the nursery door that can be filled out and put in Karen Rath's mailbox, or you can email Karen at karenrath@gmail.com with the position(s) you are volunteering for. If you want to nominate someone, please ask him or her first.

There are two small group conversations with candidate Kate Heinzl scheduled for Saturday May 5. They are at 2:10 pm and 3:10 pm and are in addition to candidate meetings with leadership team and committee chairs. **Sign-up sheets for these small groups are on the bulletin board by the nursery.**

Announcements, April 29, 2018

Pastoral Candidate Weekend

The Fellowship Committee is excited to have two gatherings welcoming Kate Heinzl for the pastoral candidate's weekend.

Ice Cream Social at 7pm May 5 in the Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Meal May 6 at Noon

Everyone is invited to a delicious carry-in meal. There is always enough for everyone and you are invited to stay whether you planned to or not. Regular attenders are encouraged to bring your own place settings (don't forget cups) and a dish to serve 12 or more.

Last names **A-L** bring a main dish

Last names **M-Z** bring a side dish, vegetables, bread, fruit, or other dessert

An oven can be set to 350 for those who would like to cook. There will be labels on the food table for vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, and especially any dishes containing nuts.

3rd Way Collective Highlights: We've arrived at final exams! Please remember those for whom this time of year means added stress and pressure in our faculty, staff, and students! Study spaces are available this week at the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center, Penn State Libraries, Abba Java Coffee House, State College Presbyterian, and Albright Bethune UMC. Also consider attending Standing at the Gates for Justice on Monday afternoon at 4pm.

3rd Way Collective is in the midst of 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/>