

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service February 24, 2019 9:30 am

Pastor: Kate Heinzl	Worship Leader: Esther Prins
Song Leader: Jeremy Gernand	Greeters: Doug & Vonda Yoder
Accompanist: Hal Kunkel	Prelude: Becky Kephart
Ushers: Rodney Brubaker, Fidele Lumeya, and Jim Rosenberger	
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Opening Hymns

HWB 51, *Let the whole creation cry*

HWB 117, *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Welcoming Visitors

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confession and Assurance of Pardon (bulletin insert)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time – Joel Weidner

Scripture Reading – Gloria Horst Rosenberger: Genesis 1:29-2:2 (p. 1);

Matthew 13:31-34 (p. 795); James 3:13-18 (p. 982)

Sermon – Cricket Eccleston Hunter, "Sabbath: Joy, Pain, and Restoration"

RESPONDING

Prayer – by Sophie Churchill (bulletin insert)

Offering

Sharing of Joys & Concerns – Joel Weidner

Hymn – HWB 348, *O Lord, hear my prayer*

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction (adapted from the Church of Scotland by Sam Hamilton-Poore, in *Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation*)

Go in the peace of God,
in whom there is no darkness,
but the night shines as the day.
May God renew your heart with quietness,
your body with untroubled sleep;
and may God waken you to use the gift of life with faith and joy.

Sending Hymn – HWB 71, *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Sunday school: see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Today ends the three-day Festival Tournament in Ulaanbaatar. JCS, Mennonite Mission Network's partner agency in Mongolia, requests prayer for their Eagle Wings hockey team. Pray that the 15 boys and their coach will demonstrate God's love throughout the competition.

MEA: Pray for participants in and leaders of AMBS's annual Pastors and Leaders event this week on the theme, "Loving Our Neighbors in Tense Times." May God use this experience in their lives in ways beyond which they might dare ask or imagine.

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

February

- Mon 25 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm
- Tue 26 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Corner Room) 7:00 am
- Wed 27 Mennonite Women 7:00 pm

March

- Sun 3 Bluegrass Sunday and Communion at UMC 9:30 am
- Wed 6 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
- Mon 11 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm
- Mon 11 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- Tue 12 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Foxdale) 7:00 am
- Wed 13 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm
- Wed 13 Elders Meeting 7:30 pm
- Sun 17 Guest Speaker: Bradley Kauffman, Mennonite Worship & Song Committee
- Tue 19 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- Sun 24 Guest Speaker: Tom Airey, author of *Descending Like a Dove*

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

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We have forgotten who we are.
We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of the cosmos.
We have become estranged from the movements of the earth.
We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.

People: We have forgotten who we are.

Leader: We have sought only our own security.
We have exploited simply for our own ends.
We have distorted our knowledge.
We have abused our power.

People: We have forgotten who we are.

Leader: Now the land is barren.
And the waters are poisoned.
And the air is polluted.

People: We have forgotten who we are.

Leader: Now the forests are dying.
And the creatures are disappearing.
And humans are despairing.

People: We have forgotten who we are.

Leader: We ask forgiveness.
We ask for the gift of remembering.
We ask for the strength to change.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

Moment of silence

Leader: God creates and loves creation and God creates and loves us also. Just as surely as God makes creation new each morning God offers us a new beginning each new day. Sisters and brothers, we are a forgiven people.

Prayer (by Sophie Churchill; reprinted in *Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation*)

People: We believe in one God,

Leader: who gave birth to the cosmos and to us,
creating out of nothing but God's own will,
a world of rocks, plants, and human longing;
whose eyes will not fail to cry for it all.

People: We believe in one God,

Leader: who redeems the waste of all things good,
weaving, from the griefs of our freedom,
new and unhopd-for things;
whose mercy will not fail
to heal it all.

People: We believe in one God,
Leader: who lives among all people in all places
calling us from our despair and sleep
to live out Easter in our generation;
whose love will not fail
to hold us all.

Announcements, February 24, 2019

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.

For approximately 50 years the women of University Mennonite Church have been making baby comforters for the expectant mothers whose preschool children attend Park Forest Preschool. It is time again to enjoy this project together. **All UMC women are invited to knot baby comforters on Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 pm in room 3 at the church.** You do not need to bring any sewing tools or fabric. Just come and enjoy some sisterhood time while we work. If you have any questions, contact me. ~ Gloria Horst Rosenberger

There will be a church ice skating party on Sunday, March 17 from 1-3 at the Pegula Ice Arena. After the morning service, we'll eat a bag lunch and then head up to Pegula. Cost is \$5/person which includes skate rental. Please RSVP to Marvin (mhh2@psu.edu, 231-1447) by March 11 if you plan to participate.

3rd Way Collective Highlights: This is our final week of classes before Spring Break! We have one event this week - a pizza and movie night on Thursday at 6:30pm at Houseasaurus exploring a film about a neighborhood in Philadelphia impacted by gun violence. We are excited to be co-leading a group of 18 students to the USA/Mexico border for an immersion trip starting next weekend. Also consider joining Standing at the Gates for Justice vigil at the Allen Street Gates which takes place every Monday at 4pm. 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/>

Upcoming Special Services:

- 1. Next Sunday, March 3, will be Bluegrass Sunday,** a variation on UMC's tradition of Music Sunday, with bluegrass musicians performing and leading us in music. **We will also have Communion during the worship service.**
- 2. We will have an Ash Wednesday service on March 6 at 7 pm.**