

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service March 31, 2019 9:30 am

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| Pastor: Kate Heinzl | Worship Leader: Karen Rath |
| Song Leader: Rogers McLane | Greeter: Gloria Horst Rosenberger |
| Accompanist: Hal Kunkel | Hosts: Jim & Gloria Horst Rosenberger |
| Ushers: Rodney Brubaker, Fidele Lumeya, and Jim Rosenberger | |
| Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery | |

Lent 4: God reaches out with open arms

Focus statement: *When we are lost and far from God, God reaches out with open arms. We get up and enter the feast of reconciliation.*

Prelude – Jim Pierce

Call to Worship (back of bulletin)

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Hymn

HWB 580, *My life flows on*

Welcome of Visitors

Offering

Offertory – HWB 139, *Far, far away from my loving father*

Children's Time – Nel Kopp

Sermon – Kate Heinzl, “Thoughts on the parable of the prodigal son, the waiting father, and the elder brother”

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

Confession

Confessional Response – Karen Rath, “Psalm of Personal Complaint”

Prayer of Confession (back of bulletin)

Sharing – Kate Heinzl

Hymn – HWB 347, *Through our fragmentary prayers*

Announcements

Benediction – Kate Heinzl

Sending Hymn – HWB 430, *God be with you*

Sunday school: see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure units from Albuquerque, New Mexico, Anchorage, Alaska, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Jackson, Mississippi, and Johnstown, Pennsylvania are beginning a week of team-building and service with Mennonite Disaster Service in Bloomington, Texas. Pray for God's love to flow through them.

MEA: The annual Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science is taking place this weekend, with guest speaker Katharine Hayhoe. Pray for all participants as they discuss faith, science, and climate change.

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

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| Mon 1 | Elders Meeting 6:30 pm |
| Wed 3 | Meditation Group 8:45 am |
| Thu 4 | Lenten Supper 6:00 pm |
| Tue 9 | Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Foxdale) 7:00 am |
| Sun 14 | Joint Worship Service at University Baptist & Brethren Church 9:30 am |
| Sun 14 | Palm Sunday Peace Walk 3:00 pm |
| Tue 16 | 3 rd Way Collective Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Thu 18 | Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm |
| Sun 21 | Easter Breakfast 8:00 am |
| Tue 23 | Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Corner Room) 7:00 am |
| Wed 24 | Meditation Group 8:45 am |
| Wed 24 | Fellowship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Mon 29 | Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm |

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

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Lenten Supper April 4 Thursday, April 4, 6pm

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the nursery. Everyone is invited to a simple supper of **sandwiches, veggies, and fruit** in the fellowship hall followed by a “This I Believe” essays program upstairs. Please bring your own table service and have food in the kitchen by 5:45.

Easter Breakfast April 21 at 8am

Everyone is welcome to a delicious potluck Easter breakfast. Regular attenders are invited to bring eggs, breakfast casseroles, pastries, bread, or fruit, plus your own table service. Beverages will be provided. There will be labels for vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, and especially any dishes containing nuts. We will have no Fellowship Meal in April.

You are invited to a Lenten concert at Grace Lutheran Church, 205 South Garner Street, State College, on Wednesday, April 3, beginning at 7 pm (prelude starts at 6:50). The concert will feature a Centre Region ecumenical choir supported by chamber orchestra, harp, and organ. The choir will sing a contemporary version of the Seven Last Words, by Michael John Trotta. Karen Brandes and Krista Weidner from UMC are singing in the choir.

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