

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service September 22

Prelude – Becky Kephart

Call to worship

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord

Response: May our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.

Leader: God, the All Powerful, has done great things for us. His name is holy.

Response: His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Leader: God has brought down kings from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.

Response: He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

All: Let us glorify the Lord. Let us rejoice in God, our Savior.

(Based on Luke 1:46-55)

Gathering hymn – HWB #6 Here in this place

Lighting peace lamp

Hymn – HWB #367 For the healing of the nations

Introduction of visitors

Confession:

Read together: We ask forgiveness from those we have offended and harmed, those among whom we have caused discord and division. We ask forgiveness for pride, jealousy, ambition, and greed that sometimes resulted in being unfaithful to our mission as peacemakers. By way of repentance, we offer ourselves anew as a living sacrifice, acceptable to God to promote the divine plan of love, pardon, reconciliation, and peace to every human. Give us this grace. God of mercy, give us your eyes of compassion and mercy to see the terrible ordeals of humanity: wars, terrorism, refugees, floods of immigrants, famine. Come and help us in our indifference.

Leader: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Children's time – Jess McCormick

Scripture readings:

Psalms 139:1-18 (page 503 in pew Bible)

Philemon 1: 8-21 (page 970 in pew Bible)

Speaker – Rebecca Stoltzfus - *Formed and transformed in love*

Sermon hymn – HWB #372 O healing river

Offering

Blessing the offering

Sharing time – Kate Heinzel

Announcements

Benediction

Closing hymn – HWB #336 When peace like a river

Announcements

We welcome Rebecca Stoltzfus to bring this morning message. Rebecca is president of Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, where she is also an alumna. Previously, she was vice provost for undergraduate education and professor of human nutrition at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. She is married to Kevin Miller and is the mother of young adults Lydia Miller and Gabe Miller.

Peace Sunday - Today is Peace Sunday. The peace pins we received are a gift from Mennonite Mission Network. Their statement is: "When you wear this pin strive to take Jesus and his teachings seriously. Live the holy imagination. Cultivate peace in yourself and in the world."

Fellowship Meal Today - We will have a 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.

Open "Outside the Office" Hours - Kate will be at Good Day Cafe (286 W. Hamilton Ave.) on Tuesdays from 2-4, as a way of being available for conversation outside the church building. Stop by with questions, thoughts, or just to hang out together.

3rd Way Collective Highlights - After a very busy start to the semester, there are no 3WC events scheduled this week. Instead, Ben will have office hours for student support throughout the week on campus. Students can find these times and locations in our newsletter or on social media. Thanks for your support!

If you would like to help this semester by hosting a home-cooked meal, joining us for a pub night, or helping to plan or coordinate some other event or activity, please contact Ben directly!

For our full schedule and to find out how to support this ministry, please visit 3rdWayCollective.org or contact ben@3rdwaycollective.org.

12 Scriptures Project: EVERYONE, regardless if you submitted scriptures up to this point, is welcomed to be a part of the voting process as we choose which 12 scriptures are our "canon inside the canon." In the hallway outside the fellowship hall you'll find the scripture verses named. Take up to 12 yellow sticky notes (stored on the blue cubbies) and place one on a verse that you believe is a scripture that helps lead us, shape us, teach us what it means to be the body of Christ.

Voting will continue through the end of September. Join us in this discerning process.

Campus lecture, *The Challenge of Translating the Bible*, by Robert Alter, professor in the graduate school and emeritus professor of Hebrew and comparative literature, University of California, Berkeley. Tuesday, September 24, 5:30 pm in 112 Chambers building. Sponsored by the Jewish Studies program.

Out of the Cold - If you will be volunteering with OOTC during the 2019/20 season, please attend a training session at Calvary Harvest Fields, 150 Harvest Fields Dr., Boalsburg, PA either Sunday, Sept. 29 or Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm. There will be dinner, appreciation, and training. RSVP to Kendra Gettig, kendra@calvarysc.org

Pastor: Kate Heinzl	Worship Leader: Leland Glenna
Song Leader: Mark King	Greeter: Carolyn Brubaker
Accompanist: Hal Kunkel	Ushers: Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	Jim Rosenberger

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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.

Church directory: We maintain a pictorial directory for UMC attenders. If you would like to be part of the directory, or update your directory information, let Joel Weidner know (joelpsu82@outlook.com).

To participate in the UMC email list, sign up by sending an email to:
university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com.

Upcoming events: For more details, go to: www.universitymennonite.org/calendar

September

Sun 22 Guest speaker – Rebecca Stoltzfus, Goshen College president
Tue 24 Men's fellowship breakfast (Corner Room) 7 am
Sun 29 Hymn sing during worship 9:30 am

October

Oct 2 Elders meeting 6:30 pm
Oct 8 Men's fellowship breakfast (Foxdale) 7 am
Oct 13 Potluck fellowship meal noon
Oct 21 Worship committee meeting 7 pm
Oct 23 Fellowship committee meeting 7 pm

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