

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday Service November 10, 2019

1979

Prelude – Becky Kephart

Call to Worship – Todd Davis

Poem from *Sabbath Poems 1979*, Wendell Berry
(opposite page)

Lighting of the Peace Lamp - Poem—*The End and the Beginning*
by Wislawa Szymborska (insert)

Gathering Hymns – Faith King

STJ #3 Jesus calls us here to meet him

STJ #5 Come and be light for our eyes

Welcoming of Visitors

Children's Time with Marvin Hall—Children are welcomed forward
while congregation sings HWB #20 Come and see

Offering—Doug and Sue Miller

Offertory music—Becky Kephart

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 30: 11-15 (page 163 in pew Bible)
Matthew 13: 31-35 (page 795 in pew Bible)
Gospel of Thomas 77 & 91

Sermon by Jeff Gundy, Mystery in Plain Sight

Responding Hymn - HWB #224 The kingdom of God
with the help of Sister Song

Sharing—Kate Heinzl

Announcements—Kate Heinzl

Benediction—Jeff Gundy

Sending Hymn - STS #57 Go, my friends, in grace

I

I go among trees and sit still.
All my stirring becomes quiet
around me like circles on water.
My tasks lie in their places
where I left them, asleep like cattle.

Then what is afraid of me comes
and lives a while in my sight.
What it fears in me leaves me,
and the fear of me leaves it.
It sings, and I hear its song.

Then what I am afraid of comes.
I live for a while in its sight.
What I fear in it leaves it,
and the fear of it leaves me.
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After days of labor,
mute in my consternations,
I hear my song at last,
and I sing it. As we sing,
the day turns, the trees move.

—Wendell Berry

The End and the Beginning

After every war
someone has to clean up.
Things won't
straighten themselves up, after all.

Someone has to push the rubble
to the sides of the road,
so the corpse-filled wagons
can pass.

Someone has to get mired
in scum and ashes,
sofa springs,
splintered glass,
and bloody rags.

Someone must drag in a girder
to prop up a wall,
Someone must glaze a window,
rehang a door.

Photogenic it's not,
and takes years.
All the cameras have left
for another war.

We'll need bridges back
and new railway stations.
Sleeves will go ragged
from rolling them up.

Someone, broom in hand,
still recalls how it was.
Someone else listens
and nods with unsevered head.
But already there are those nearby
starting to mill about
who will find it dull.

From out of the bushes
sometimes someone still unearths
rusted-out arguments
and carries them to the garbage
pile.

Those who knew
what was going on here
must make way to
those who know little.
And less than little.
And finally as little as nothing.

In the grass which has overgrown
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Accompanist: Hal Kunkel	Hosts: Fellowship Meal
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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 by sending an email to:
university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com.

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

November

Nov 10 Potluck fellowship meal noon
Guest worship speaker Jeff Gundy

Nov 12 Men's fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 7 am

Nov 15 Women's fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 8:30 am

Nov 18 Worship committee meeting 7 pm

Nov 20-23 Ten Thousand Villages Rug Sale 10 am to 7 pm (daily)

Nov 26 Men's fellowship breakfast, Corner Room 7 am

Nov 28 Thanksgiving meal at the church 1:30 pm

December

Dec 1 Guest worship speaker David Evans

Dec 4 Elders meeting 6:30 pm

Dec 8 Potluck fellowship meal noon

Dec 10 Men's fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 7 am

Dec 16 Worship committee meeting 7 pm

Dec 20 Women's fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 8:30 am

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

Announcements

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 - Campus Pastor Ben is preaching at Faith UCC this morning. All are welcome at a potluck here at UMC at noon today, when we will have cake celebrating 3rd Way Collective's fifth birthday! Our next home-cooked meal will be Wednesday evening at 6 at the home of Vonda and Doug Yoder.

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.

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.

Fair Trade Rug Event, November 20-23 – Volunteer and help spread the word for the four-day rug sale coming up later this month. Information and signup sheets are in the foyer or sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2j9k3am>. Twenty-five percent of proceeds will benefit our local Ten Thousand Villages store.

Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving - All are welcome to a Thanksgiving potluck meal in the fellowship hall at UMC. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors. Come any time after 1:30 pm and we will eat at 2. Turkey will be provided. There will be labels on the food table for vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, and especially any dishes containing nuts. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board next to the nursery. If you would like to join us, please sign up or contact Vonda Yoder so she will know how many turkeys to roast: 814-237-6324 or vmyoder1@gmail.com.

Automatic Regular Tithing to UMC - If you would like to have your tithes and offering contributions sent to the church automatically, many banks offer free check writing and bill paying for a single transaction or for a regular monthly schedule. PNC and FNB banks both provide this service, as do many other banks. Let me know if you have any questions about setting up automatic monthly giving to UMC. Jim Rosenberger, JLRosenberger@gmail.com