



**UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Sunday Virtual Service April 19, 2020**  
**Finding God in the Ordinary**

Introduction to virtual service – Ben Wideman

Prelude - Karen Brandes

Call to worship and welcome – Ben Wideman

Lighting of peace lamp – Ben Wideman

Congregational singing

STJ 112, *I owe my Lord a morning song*

Scripture - John 20:19-29 - Jason Spicher

Introduction to theme – Kate Heinzl

Children's time - Finding God in the Ordinary

Offertory - Mike Bratt

Short meditations - Finding God in the Ordinary

Leah Witzig, Todd Davis, Fran Osseo-Asare

Special music - *I am with you* - Wideman family

Short meditations - Finding God in the Ordinary

Noah Davis, Evelyn Bartsch, Jim Pierce, Jesse Weidner

Sharing - Kate Heinzl

Closing sharing with *We Cry Mercy*

Announcements, visitors, and birthdays – Kate Heinzl

## Benediction

Brothers and Sisters, siblings in Christ-

Go in love,

For love alone endures.

Go in peace,

For it is a gift from God.

Go with courage,

For we cannot go where God is not.

-Adapted from HWB 764

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## Announcements

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[Check out the website](#) for information on how we plan to handle worship and church announcements and sharing during this time of social distancing. As we continue to grow together, learn together, serve together, may we grace-fully share with one another what works and what needs tweaks. Kate welcomes your feedback.

**Update from our treasurer, Jim Rosenberger** - We are 7.3 months into our fiscal year (61% of the year) and we have received \$126,000, or 60% of our budget, in unrestricted income. So, a big THANKS to our faithful contributors. Most folks are mailing their checks to me at the church, some have set up automatic payments, and two contributions came through the new PayPal link on the church website. The last two weeks' deposits were \$5,000 and \$4,000, which is just about the average needed (\$4,900 per week) to meet our budget. So, the faithful continue their support.

**Wednesday sharing and prayer time** - Join us Wednesdays at noon for a time of scripture, prayer, and an opportunity to share more fully with one another. The Zoom meeting link will be distributed via our email list.

**3WC updates** - Please keep students in mind as they adjust to the impacts of the COVID-19 virus concerns changing the semester to exclusively remote classes. With the news that students will not return to campus this semester, 3rd Way Collective's in-person events have been canceled or

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postponed. We understand the fear and sadness from all students, but especially our graduating seniors who will now be dealing with a very different end to their Penn State journey. Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

For ongoing updates and to find out how to support this ministry please visit [3rdWayCollective.org](https://3rdWayCollective.org) or contact [ben@3rdwaycollective.org](mailto:ben@3rdwaycollective.org)

**Out of the Cold fundraiser and meals** - The COVID-19 pandemic has been disruptive and trying for all of us and has hit the homeless community particularly hard. OOTC reports they are currently serving 33 guests and have received inquiries from an additional 21. All 33 guests are being housed in hotels rather than churches. To help meet the financial cost of doing this, OOTC has launched a fundraising drive with a goal of raising \$40,000. All money given to Out of the Cold during April will go directly toward their guests and their specific housing needs. The funds will allow OOTC to put guests in hotels and to provide first month's rent and security deposit, which will allow guests to find permanent housing. Please consider contributing to this urgent need in our community. Donations can be made online by clicking on the button or link below:

[I WANT TO HELP](#)

<https://ootc3.networkforgood.com/projects/94326-main-giving-page> or by writing a check payable to Out of the Cold and mailing it to:

Out of the Cold, P.O. Box 784, State College, PA 16804.

UMC was to have hosted OOTC from April 20 – May 3. OOTC is asking that we still provide meals for guests during this time. Please use the SignUp Genius link below to volunteer to provide meals (dinner or breakfast). Meals can be dropped off at the OOTC day shelter at the Meetinghouse (our former church building) at 318 S. Atherton. Further instructions are given on the SignUp Genius page.

[Sign Up](#)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f45a9ad2ba5fa7-outofthe12>

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**UMC YouTube channel:** Check out our [YouTube channel](#) to see our worship services, short meditations by Kate, and more! We will regularly post new content, so consider visiting it regularly to stay connected.

**Staying connected** - The elders encourage each person/family in the directory to check in this week with the person/family this week three entries directly following you in the directory listing. The check-in could be via a phone call, video chat, email, or text. Note, persons near the end of the alphabet would rotate back to the top as needed.

**Accessing the directory** – You can access the directory on the web at <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> or by downloading the Instant Church Directory app on your [Android](#) or [iPhone](#) smart phone. The first time you use the directory, you will need to create an account and login with your email address that is in the directory.

**Virtual gatherings** - Our UMC Zoom account that we've been using for church and weekly sharing and prayer could also be used for small groups to gather for things like small group meetings, Bible/book studies, craft demonstrations/projects, or lectures (think TED Talks).

If you are interested in leading something, feel free to email the community about your idea to see if there is interest. If you do find interested persons and you would like to schedule time on Zoom, contact Joel at [joelpsu82@outlook.com](mailto:joelpsu82@outlook.com) and he can set up the Zoom meeting for you. He can also provide basic Zoom training on how to screen share.

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## Church Information

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[www.universitymennonite.org](http://www.universitymennonite.org)

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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](mailto:university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com)

**Upcoming events:** For more details, go to: [www.universitymennonite.org/calendar](http://www.universitymennonite.org/calendar)

Due to social distancing needs, all in-person meetings at the church are cancelled until further notice.

Zoom church services are being recorded and published on our [YouTube channel](#)