

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday Virtual Service April 26, 2020
Finding God in the Ordinary (part 2)

Prelude - Mike Bratt

Call to worship

What is this place where we are meeting?

**Only a house, the earth its floor,
walls and a roof sheltering people,
windows for light, an open door.**

**Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here,
and know our God is near.**

-What is this place, verse 1, HWB 1

Congregational singing - What is this place? HWB 1

Lighting of peace lamp - Karen Brandes

Blessed are you who bear the light

in unbearable times,

who testify to its endurance amid the unendurable,

who bear witness to its persistence

when everything seems in shadow and grief.

Blessed are you in whom the light lives,

in whom the brightness blazes -

your heart a chapel, an altar where in the deepest of night

can be seen the fire that shines forth in you

in unaccountable faith,

in stubborn hope,

in love that illumines every broken thing it finds.

- Jan Richardson, Blessed are You Who Bear the Light

Children's time - *How to Endure* by Johanna Jackson



FROM THE HEART

Scripture - John 20: 24-29 read by Dave Beppler

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Introduction to *Finding God in the Ordinary* Part 2

Meditations on Finding God in the Ordinary - Hope Brubaker, Karl Bartsch, Joyce Hall

Offertory - Lily Prins Glenna

Meditations on Finding God in the Ordinary - Krista Weidner, Eric Smith, Sally Minnich

Sharing - Kate Heinzl

Responsive music: *I am with you*

Announcements/birthdays and introduction of visitors

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

Announcements

[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.

Out of the Cold updates – In three weeks over \$35,425 has been raised to assist OTTC guests with housing assistance, including helping individuals stay in their own homes and moving to permanent apartments, and continuing to host guests in hotels and bed and breakfasts. Many of the OTTC guests are facing loss of income due to COVID-19. The program would officially end its season next week, but thanks to you, we are able to extend stays through the shelter in place order and continue to work on housing plans.

We are still planning to raise a total of \$40,000 by May 4—the extended date of this campaign. You can make a donation online at <https://ootc3.networkforgood.com/projects/94326-main-giving-page> or by mailing your check to OOTC, P.O. Box 784, State College, PA 16804. Or better yet, tell your friends about Out of the Cold. Give them the opportunity to become part of our tight-knit family in this virtual world!

Thank you again. Serving our guests is only possible through your generous support. You're proving that hope is contagious! - Kendra Gettig, Board Chair, Out of the Cold: Centre County

Thanks as well to everyone who volunteered to prepare breakfast and dinner meals for guests this past week and during the coming week.

Announcements (cont.)

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 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 or contact ben@3rdwaycollective.org

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 **four** 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 and he can set up the Zoom meeting for you. He can also provide basic Zoom training on how to screen share.

Church Information

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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

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](#)