



## UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

### Sunday May 3, 2020 Virtual Worship Service

Introduction to virtual service – Ben Wideman

Prelude - Sons of the Day, *The Love of God*

Call to worship - Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Lighting the peace lamp - *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

Scripture #1 - Psalm 104:24-25

*How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small.*

Congregational singing - HWB 89 *For the beauty of the earth*

Scripture #2 - Matthew 6:26

*Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?*

Offertory - Plowshare Farm kids

Children's time - Ben and Anika Wideman

Scripture #3 - Job 12:7-10

*But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of every human being.*

Voices of our congregation

Rodney Brubaker, Cathy Pierce, Micah Spicher Schonberg

Scripture #4 - Hosea 4:1-3

*Hear the word of the Lord, O people of Israel;*

*for the Lord has an indictment against the inhabitants of the land.*

*There is no faithfulness or loyalty,  
and no knowledge of God in the land.*

*Swearing, lying, and murder,  
and stealing and adultery break out;  
bloodshed follows bloodshed.*

*Therefore the land mourns,  
and all who live in it languish;  
together with the wild animals  
and the birds of the air,  
even the fish of the sea are perishing.*

Sermon - Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sharing time - Pastor Kate Heinzl

I Am with You (Sally & Mark Minnich)

Announcements/visitors/birthdays

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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**Pastor Kate will be out of town** this coming Monday through Thursday. She will not be checking email but will have her phone and can be reached in case of emergency. Please contact one of the [elders](#) for pastoral care issues during this time.

[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.

**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. Joel Weidner will be leading this week's Wednesday sharing.

**Volunteer positions** - Every year at this time we embark on a discernment of gifts process to fill all the positions needed to keep our church community functioning. Paul wrote about how each member of the body has been given gifts that we should use to support the community and likened the Christian community to the human body in which every member is critical and none more important than another. In this spirit, let us each prayerfully discern what are our gifts and what are the gifts of others in the UMC community. Please visit <http://www.universitymennonite.org/volunteer-positions/> to view a list of UMC volunteer positions and download the volunteer form. Return your volunteer and nomination form to Rick Stehouwer ([rickstehouwer@gmail.com](mailto:rickstehouwer@gmail.com)) by May 13. You may also simply send Rick an email listing the positions you are volunteering for.

**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](http://3rdWayCollective.org) or contact [ben@3rdwaycollective.org](mailto:ben@3rdwaycollective.org)

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**Financial struggles?** - As you continue to live into the realities of COVID-19, please let Kate or one of the [elders](#) know if you are living with financial uncertainty and could use some help. UMC, in partnership with [Everence](#), has funds available to help those in need.

**Out of the Cold updates** – In three weeks over \$35,425 has been raised to help OOTC 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 OOTC guests are facing loss of income due to COVID-19.

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!

**Staying connected** - The elders encourage each person/family in the directory to check in this week with the person/family this week **five** 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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**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.

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## Church Information

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

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**Submissions for bulletin:** [umcbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:umcbulletin@yahoo.com)

**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN INCLUSION:** Fridays at noon (for virtual services)

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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](#)