



UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday June 7, 2020 Virtual Worship Service

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video - Ruth Parrish Souder performing Masi Osseo-Asare's song,

With Me

Call to worship - Ben Wideman and UMC elders

From Psalm 119, Psalms for Praying by Nan Merrill

Let your mercy and compassion wash over me,
That I may ever work on behalf of justice.

And grant me a generous heart, O, my Friend and Teacher,
For I would give freely of my time and energy in your Name.

Let me be a witness to You to those who are filled with fear.
Create in me a clean heart, that your Light might be seen!

My soul sighs awaiting your living Presence, for I sense your Love and
Light.

My heart wells up with gratitude and praise, as I recall the
innumerable blessings you continually bestow.

When I ponder the plight of the world, my heart weeps for all the
oppressed.

How long, O Merciful One, must we endure the greed,
The arrogance of those who are in power -

Those whose hearts have turned from You, who follow not the way of
Love, Who have become blind to the Truth, and deaf to the Word
hidden in their hearts?

Awaken the people of earth, O You, who are the great Awakener!
In your steadfast love, melt all hearts that have turned to stone;
Long have we awaited a great Spirit-quake.

Lighting the peace lamp

Hymn - *My life flows on*, HWB 580

Offertory - Mike Bratt

Offering prayer – Ben Wideman

Children's time - *The Color Monster* read by Marvin Hall

Introduction to scripture – Kate Heinzl

Voices of the congregation

Sally Minnich and Mark King

Scripture passage - Job 1: 1-22 - Brian Charles

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. He had seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred donkeys, and very many servants; so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east. His sons used to go and hold feasts in one another's houses in turn; and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. And when the feast days had run their course, Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt-offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, 'It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.' This is what Job always did.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and the Satan also came among them. The Lord said to the Satan, 'Where have you come from?' The Satan answered the Lord, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' The Lord said to the Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil.' Then the Satan answered the Lord, 'Does Job fear God for nothing? Have you not put a fence around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.' The Lord said to the Satan, 'Very well, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch

out your hand against him!' So the Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

One day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the eldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job and said, 'The oxen were ploughing and the donkeys were feeding beside them, and the Sabeans fell on them and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you.' While he was still speaking, another came and said, 'The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; I alone have escaped to tell you.' While he was still speaking, another came and said, 'The Chaldeans formed three columns, made a raid on the camels and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you.' While he was still speaking, another came and said, 'Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, and suddenly a great wind came across the desert, struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; I alone have escaped to tell you.'

Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell on the ground and worshipped. He said, 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.'

In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrongdoing.

Sermon – Kate Heinzl

Sharing time – Kate Heinzl

Music response - Sister Song performing Masi Osseo-Asare's song,
With Me

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

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.

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.

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

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 stop by regularly to stay connected.

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