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## UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday August 23, 2020 Virtual Worship Service

**Welcome and intro to Zoom worship** – Ben Wideman

**Prelude video** – *Take 'Em Away* performed by Jim Pierce

**Call to worship** – Ben Wideman

**Lighting the peace lamp**

**Offertory prayer**

**Offertory** – *Lift Thine Eyes* performed by Sister Song

**Children's time** – Marvin Hall

**Scripture** – Matthew 13:16-20 – Meredith Wideman

*Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.*

**Sermon** - Pastor Kate, with a reading from The Gospel of Solentiname read by Ankit Saxena, Rebekah Douglass, Sara Albrecht-Soto, Pat McDonough, and Meredith Wideman

**Sermon response** – *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*  
performed by Mike Bratt

**Sharing time** – Kate Heinzl

**Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors**

**Benediction**

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## Announcements

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**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.

If you're interested in attending the **mindful meditation sessions** on Monday evenings and Thursday or Friday mornings, contact [Kate](#), as times and dates vary.

**Sunday school to resume:** A few of us are beginning to plan virtual Sunday school to begin in mid-September. Want to join the planning team? Contact [Kate](#) or [Ken Litwiller](#). We welcome your ideas and energy.

**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 **TWENTY** 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.

**Out of the Cold** continues to provide shelter and meals for those without secure housing in Centre County. Want to provide a meal? Sign up [here](#).

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## Announcements (cont.)

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### Congregational meeting updates:

**Laura Litwiller** will be our newest elder, starting in September. Welcome, Laura! And a big thanks to Joel Weidner for his dedication these past three years.

**Camp Hebron** retreat has been postponed for this year.

**2020-2021 budget passed.** Look for continued discussion regarding sharing our excess giving in coming weeks.

**COVID BUGG** (Building Use Guidelines Group) was affirmed, with Paul McCormick as chair of this group.

**Anti-racism discussion** was lively and rich. Look for a new book study starting soon and other ways to engage in this ongoing work. Joel and Krista have agreed to help facilitate ideas and ways of educating ourselves and engaging in our community.

**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 often to stay connected.

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## Church Information

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**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)

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