



## UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday August 30, 2020 Virtual Worship Service

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

**Prelude video** – Music by David, Eviella, and Ndunge

**Call to worship** – Ben Wideman

**Lighting the peace lamp**

**Offertory prayer**

**Offertory** – HWB 614 – *In the bulb there is a flower,*  
Plowshare family

**Children's time** – Bethany Spicher-Schonberg

**Voices of our congregation** – Matthew Rooke

**Scripture** – Matthew 16:21-26 – Doug Yoder

*From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'*

*Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?'*

**Sermon** - Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Sermon response** – U2's *MLK* performed by The King's Singers, arranged by Bob Chilcott

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate

**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.

**UMC's new fiscal year and church positions begin on Tuesday, September 1.** Our church leadership team will change as follows:

Rick Stehouwer will become our congregational chair  
Cathy Bresee will become our asst. congregational chair  
Laura Litwiller will replace Joel Weidner as our new elder

A complete list of church positions and volunteers for the new year can be found on [our website](#).

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### Announcements (cont.)

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**Worship time change and Sunday school to resume September 13:** Beginning Sunday, September 13, Sunday morning worship will begin at 9:30 am ET, with Sunday school at 11 am (all on Zoom). We will continue to have 10-minute breakout rooms following the service for fellowship, then join the same Zoom meeting for Sunday school at 11. More details to come.

**Interfaith Human Services** will hold its "Community Care" online auction September 14-30. Donations of new or collectible items, gift cards, and new handmade items are welcomed. Click [here](#) to email donation information, and [here](#) to preview items that will be auctioned.

**New book study to begin on September 23** using [Austin Channing Brown's](#) New York Times bestseller, [I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness](#). The group will meet for six consecutive Wednesday evenings on Zoom from 8 to 9 pm ET (September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, and 28). We hope you can join us! If you're interested in participating contact Joel Weidner, [joelpsu82@outlook.com](mailto:joelpsu82@outlook.com), or 814.777.4494.

**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](#).

**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.

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**Remember to pray for those impacted by Hurricane Laura.** This storm has created widespread damage throughout Western Louisiana, Eastern Texas, and other parts of the south. Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is closely monitoring the situation and is preparing a response. We anticipate sending an assessment team to the area when it is safe. The team will determine short- and long-term responses.

MDS is accepting financial donations for Hurricane Laura recovery efforts. You can [give online](#) or by a check made payable to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Designate "Hurricane Laura" on the memo line.

If you're interested in volunteering, please fill out the [online volunteer registration form](#).

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

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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 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)

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