

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday September 13, 2020 Virtual Worship Service



Beach on the Garden Route near Mossel Bay, South Africa

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – HWB 26 Holy Spirit, come with power
HWB 17 We gather together

Call to worship

Lighting the peace lamp – *Song of Confession*
by The Walking Roots

Offertory – HWB 25 Jesus, stand among us

Offertory prayer

Children's time – Jess McCormick

Voices of the congregation – How has my mind changed?
by Sophia Weidner

Scripture – Matthew 18:21-35 read by Evelyn Bartsch

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy times seven.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave

him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon Response – *Song of Confession* intro by
The Walking Roots

Sharing time

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.

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.

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). If you're interested in participating contact Joel Weidner, joelpsu82@outlook.com, or 814.777.4494.

Out of the Cold has moved into Calvary Church for September. They are still in need of volunteers: evening hosts (8-11 pm), dinner providers (food for 20 people, arriving at 8 pm), morning van drivers (7-8 am), and evening van drivers (8-9 pm). If you're interested in helping, click [here](#) to contact Kendra.

The CROP Walk works towards ending hunger, across the world and in our own community. UMC is looking for someone to help coordinate our virtual team this year. [Contact Kate](#) if you're interested in helping.

Announcements (cont.)

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](#).

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-THREE** 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.

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 participate in the UMC email list, sign up by sending an email to:

university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com

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