

**Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**



UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

**Sunday November 1, 2020 Virtual Worship Service
All Saints Day**

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – HWB 580 *My life flows on* &
HWB 430 *God be with you till we meet again*

Call to worship – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Confession

God, we know that we are your children.

What we are to be we do not yet know.

We confess that this frightens us.

We confess that we cling to what we know.

[pause]

Strengthen and comfort us in our uncertainty.

Bind us together in love, with ties that last beyond death.

*Fill us with your spirit, that we may live into the marvels of
each day, even though we don't know what the future
holds. Amen.*

Peace lamp – *Death Walker* video

Offering prayer

Voices of our congregation part 1

Pastor Kate and Michelline Ilonga Sefu

Children's time – *The Invisible String*

read by Jonas, Alethia, Anika, and Ben Wideman

Voices of our congregation part 2

Hope Brubaker and Paul McCormick

Scripture – Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Lighting of candles

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.

Your offerings support UMC – Don't forget to support UMC with your financial gifts during this time of remote gatherings. You can make your offering the following ways:

- Mail a check to the church to the attention of our treasurer, 1606 Norma Street, State College PA, 16801
- Set up an automatic payment with your bank (bill pay service)
- Use a service like Zelle

Questions? Contact Jim Rosenberger JLRosenberger@gmail.com

Join us for adult Sunday School (at 11 am) - Sophia and Joel Weidner continue the six-week series on racism.

Note: we swapped the topics for November 1 and 8

November 1 - Current Movement – Protests; riots; calls to defund the police – What's our response?

November 8 - White Privilege and White Fragility – Why do we (white folks) find it so hard to recognize and talk about the reality of racism?

November 15 - Allyship – What does it mean to be an ally?

November 22 – Next Steps - Where do we go from here?

Announcements (cont.)

Post-election communal support: Check out Ben's email from 10/26 inviting us to a GroupMe Chat as a way to stay connected as we watch and pray next Tuesday evening.

https://groupme.com/join_group/63656612/gM4yiZQL

Interfaith Human Services Needs

Donations Needed - We're looking for donations to share with families in need and welcome beds, dressers, sofas, dining room sets, and appliances. Contact Curt Knouse at 814-234-7731 to schedule a donation.

Bell-Ringing – Sign up to help Interfaith Human Services raise money for local needs by ringing the bell outside of Myer Dairy on Saturday, December 19. Eight, one-hour slots need to be filled and more than one person can help fill a slot. Sign up online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0445A5AD22A64-bell>

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.

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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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.

Our church maintains a Google Group email list to keep members informed about prayer requests and happenings in the community. Join the email list by sending an email to:

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

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