

**I was thirsty, and you gave me  
something to drink**



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## UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday November 15, 2020 Virtual Worship Service

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

**Prelude video**

**Call to worship – Pastor Kate – *Ancient Songs Sung Anew:  
The Psalms as Poetry*, Translation by Lynn C. Bauman**

**Leader:** Lord, one generation after another you have been for us the one in whom we've found a sheltered place.

Before the creation of all beings, before earth was ever born, or mountains formed, or land or sea, you were there without beginning and without end, saying:

**People:** "I took and made you out of dust and sent you forth to earth in time."

**Leader:** Time for you is as nothing, Lord, a thousand years of it, your yesterday, passing like a watch at night.

**People:** We are your dream, we're briefly here and then simply gone, like grass, in the morning green and growing at sunset we are withered, dry, and in time's passage we feel the heat of your displeasure like a burning sun, your anger blazes forth and we are rightly made afraid.

**Leader:** Radiated by your fearsome light, we see our secret sins, we cannot hide for they are clearly in your sight.

**People:** When you are angry, Lord, we know it well, and have no life at all, our breath, a sigh, goes out at last and returns to you.

**Leader:** For our allotted span of life is short, seventy or perhaps eight years if we are strong. But all of it is spent in many labors and in much pain. We're here and then so quickly gone.

**People:** Who among us really understands your works, your ways, your judgments as the radiating wrath of light?

**Leader:** So teach us now the limit of our days, that we may give our hearts to wisdom's voice.

**People:** And turn a gracious face towards us, for we are here on earth to serve.

Each morning let us rise to eat compassion's bread.

And even in the midst of dread, and years of deepest pain, make us glad for these.

**Leader:** For there especially you are ever present as the guide. You show us secret splendors through your works and ways,

**People:** You teach our hands new crafts, new handiwork through these. So may this grace, this graciousness be ours, and rest upon us now and evermore we pray. Amen.

### **Lighting the peace lamp - Praise Song**

by Barbara Crooker, read by Mike Bratt

### **Offering prayer**

### **Children's time – Joel Weidner**

**Scripture** - Matthew 25:31-46, (read during the sermon)

*'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and*

*visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'*

### **Sermon – A Hike in the Woods; Mixed Messages**

Marvin Hall

### **Sermon response/offertory – When peace like a river**

### **Sharing time**

### **Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors**

### **Benediction – You shall go out with joy**

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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.

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**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](mailto:JLRosenberger@gmail.com)

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

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

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

### 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 Meyer 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>

**Need Help?** We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need some extra help - gathering groceries, taking care of leaves, etc., let Kate know. There are some here who might be able to lend a hand.

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**Habitat Restoration** - UMC is teaming up with *Interfaith Power and Light* on an ongoing basis. Right now we're planning on the 3rd Friday of the month (weather permitting) from 10-12 at Walnut Springs Park (off University Drive) to pull out invasive plants and plant native trees. All ages welcome! Let Kate know if you can come. Upcoming dates: November 20, December 18, January 15.

**Christmas Food Boxes for Park Forest Preschool** - Each year UMC joins with other churches and local organizations to provide each preschool family with a Christmas Box that includes pajamas, mittens, hats, books, a turkey, and food to prepare. Our church has traditionally provided the groceries for this gift box.

This year we will be collecting money instead of groceries, and we will provide each family with a gift card for groceries at Giant or Weis. To participate, send a check noting that it is for the Park Forest Preschool Christmas. Make the check payable to University Mennonite Church, and mail it the church (1606 Norma St, State College PA 16801).

**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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## 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.

**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](mailto:university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com)

**Zoom church services** are being recorded and published on our [YouTube channel](#). You can also listen to audio recordings at on our web site at: <http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-2020/>