



***The valleys deck
themselves with grain***

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday November 22, 2020 Virtual Worship Service

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – *Thanksgiving Song*

Mary Chapin Carpenter

Call to worship – Fran Osseo-Asare

Psalm 65:1, 9-13

Praise is due to you, O God...

You visit the earth and water it,

you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water;

you provide the people with grain,

for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly,

settling its ridges,

softening it with showers,

and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

the hills gird themselves with joy,

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

the valleys deck themselves with grain,

they shout and sing together for joy.

Lighting the peace lamp

Offertory – HWB 17 – *We gather together*

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Scripture – Deuteronomy 8:1,2 7-18

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness... For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that God has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep God's commandments, ordinances, and statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. God made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is God who gives you power to get wealth, so that God may confirm the covenant sworn to your ancestors, as God is doing today.

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Communion – HWB 471 – *Eat this bread, drink this cup*

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 finish up the six-week series on racism.

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

CROP Walk update: UMC was so generous this year, we topped our giving from last year by \$6, totaling \$1186 this year. THANK YOU for helping to end hunger around the world and in our community.

Announcements (cont.)

Park Forest Preschool - Our 2020 Christmas Dinner donation

At Christmas time 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 the leadership team has endorsed collecting money instead of groceries so that we can provide each family with a gift card for groceries. There are 29 children enrolled, and we hope to raise enough for a \$25 gift card for each family, requiring \$725 for this year's students.

To support this longstanding program, please send a check to the church, noting that it is for the Park Forest Preschool Christmas.

Please make the check payable to University Mennonite Church, and mail it to:

University Mennonite Church
1606 Norma St
State College, PA 16801

If you have a favorite, child-pleasing holiday recipe to share, please send it to Cathy Bresee and she will compile the recipes to include with the grocery gift card. Cathy is coordinating this donation for our church, and she can be reached at 814-933-8005, or cbs4@psu.edu.

The Park Forest Preschool is a nonprofit, tuition-free school for two-, three-, and four-year-old children from income-qualified families in the Centre Region, and is one of the local organizations our church supports.

Announcements (cont.)

Interfaith Human Services

If you would like to be on Interfaith Human Services' mailing list, please email or call Joyce Hall, and she will forward your information.

A number of slots are still available for bell ringers for IHS on Saturday, Dec. 19 at Meyer Dairy. Please sign up using SignUp Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0445a5ad22a64-bell>

Or you can email or call Joyce about your availability to ring the bell for HIS (jeh21@comcast.net, 814-360-5191).

Out of the Cold Centre County (OOTC) would like to give each guest a gift card to a downtown business where they can be redeemed for a meal. Suggestions include Panera, Webster's, and McDonald's. Other food purveyors are welcome but NOT where alcohol is served or sold. You can mail your gift card to Out of the Cold, PO Box 784, State College PA 16804.

Ten Thousand Villages will hold its annual Fair Trade Rug Event December 2-6. This year the event will take place at 1341 S Atherton Street (right next to our store) from 11 am to 6 pm daily. Preview rugs and find out more at rugs.tenthousandvillages.com

University Baptist & Brethren Church is holding their 38th annual **Alternative Christmas Fair** virtually this year. Make the season merrier by supporting the good work of thirty local charities. Check out the attachment sent with this bulletin or visit <https://ubbcwelcome.org/acf>

Announcements (cont.)

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.

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](#). You can also listen to audio recordings at on our web site at: <http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-2020/>