



## UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday December 27, 2020

### Virtual Worship Service

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

**Prelude video**

**Call to worship** – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

**Lighting the Advent Candles**

**Star card reflections** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Children's time** – Amy Sattler

**Star card reflections** – Cathy Bresee and Sophia Weidner

**Scripture** - Luke 2:22-40, read by Micah Tillman

*When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'*

*Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,*

*'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;*

*for my eyes have seen your salvation,*

*which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'*

*And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being*

said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### **Offering prayer and offertory**

*What Child Is This?* By Lily Prins Glenna on cello

**Star card reflections** – Leah Witzig, Joyce Hall, and more

**Hymn of response** - STJ 27 - *God of the Bible*

**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.

**Collecting and sharing treasures!** Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. Last year MCC shipped 79,557 kits to Jordan, Lebanon, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, and the U.S.

The Children's Sunday School Committee is inviting you to collect school kit contents this month. **Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of supplies needed.** Drop off supplies in the Rubbermaid container at UMC Norma Street entrance December 26-31. Questions: Call Laura Litwiller 717-543-2419.

This year the **Music & Worship Leaders Retreat** at Laurelville on January 8-10 will be virtual. The schedule for the retreat and information on how to register can be found online at: <https://laurelville.org/our-programs/mwlr/>

The deadline to register is December 29, 2020.

**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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**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.

**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)

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## Church Information

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**Submissions for bulletin:** [umcbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:umcbulletin@yahoo.com)

Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Fridays at noon (for virtual services)

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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/>