

## UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday January 31, 2021

### Zoom Worship Service

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – *Resilient* by Rising Appalachia

Call to worship

Lighting the peace lamp

Offering prayer

Voices of the congregation – Ieva Perkons and Leland Glenna

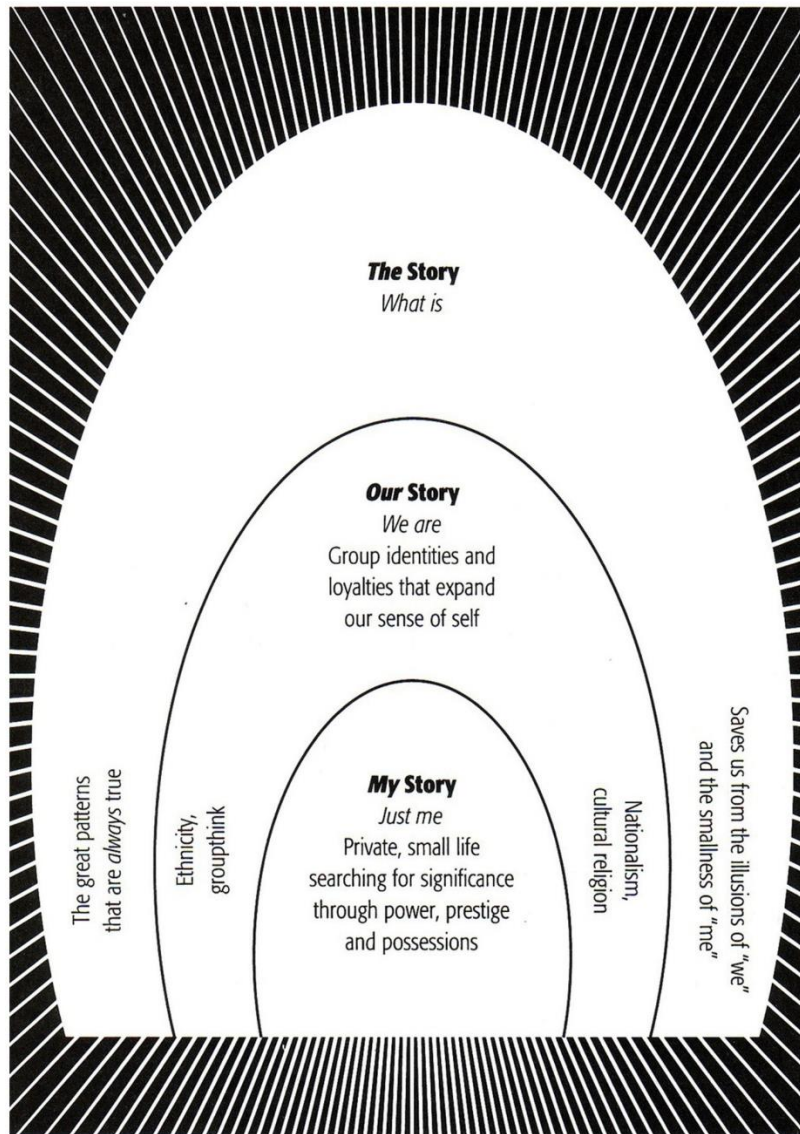
Children's time – Meredith Wideman (with other parents)

Scripture Exodus 2:1-10 read by John Murphy

*Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.*

*The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'*

Voices of the congregation - Fran Osseo-Asare and Betsy Murphy



*Healthy and biblical religion  
includes the whole cosmic egg.*

### The Cosmic Egg Diagram

(see end of bulletin for more information)

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Sermon response song** – STS 121 *Nothing is lost on the breath of God*

**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.

#### **Looking Ahead for Adult Sunday School (11 am ET)**

**January 31 and February 7** - Krista and Sophia Weidner will lead us in a two-part Sunday School series on the Enneagram. Sophia writes: What is the Enneagram, you ask? Unlike other personality tests that measure how you do tasks, the Enneagram is an ancient tool that describes your personality in terms of who you are and how you relate to God, to others, and to yourself. During the first session, we will go over the basics of the 9 different personality types and give you resources to dig deeper on your own. For the second session, we will be exploring the ways in which the different types can connect with and deepen their spirituality. If you are wanting to deepen your self-awareness and learn more about why you are the way you are, this series is for you!

**February 14** - Former EMU professor Melody Pannell will bring our morning message and join us for discussion during our Sunday school hour.

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### **Announcements (cont.)**

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#### **Mennonite Disaster Service Updates**

The January edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue we invite all to participate in the MDS Annual Celebration, there's a deeper look at the challenges of scheduling volunteers during a pandemic, and we'll share how the Lancaster, PA unit is collaborating with the community to repair fire damage at a house for homeless families. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/35XumvX>

**Join Mennonite Disaster Service February 6, 2 pm** as we celebrate the work of our many volunteers in 2020 and look ahead to what God has in store for MDS in 2021. Through our theme of Unexpected Opportunities, Unexpected Blessings, we will tell stories of hope and restoration during the pandemic as we helped survivors of natural disasters get back into their homes. Find more information at <https://mds.mennonite.net/annual-celebration/>.

**Racial justice group:** A handful of UMCers have formed a group to work for racial justice, encourage one another, and stay informed. Members of the group include Karen Brandes, Hope Brubaker, Mary Derstein, Joyce Hall, Kate Heinzl, Jean Landis, Laura Litwiller, Jim Rosenberger, Rick Stehouwer, Joel Weider, Krista Weidner, Sophia Weidner, and Leah Witzig. We are meeting on Zoom on the second Thursday of each month at 8 pm EST (next meeting February 11). If you're interested in joining us contact Joel Weidner (<mailto:joelpsu82@outlook.com>).

We've created a [resource library](#) for our church website that includes a variety of books, articles, movies, organizations to support, and more. There's even a section with suggested books for children and youth. If you have additional resources to suggest, please contact Krista at [kristaweidner@outlook.com](mailto:kristaweidner@outlook.com).

**Stream bank restoration project** A hearty bunch of UMCers continue to work monthly removing invasive plants and preparing to plant native species in the spring at Walnut Springs Park. Our next workday is Thursday February 18. Mark your calendar and come on out! Contact Kate for more details.

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**Centre House**, a shelter for those experiencing homelessness here in Centre County, needs meals to serve their residents. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to bring a meal.

**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.

**Missed worship?** Our Zoom worship services are recorded and can be watched on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

**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)

## Bulletin Cover - The Cosmic Egg

Commentary by Richard Rohr

[“The Story” — Center for Action and Contemplation \(cac.org\)](#)

The complete cosmic egg is uniquely the work of God and healthy religion. Biblical tradition, at its best, honors and combines all three levels of story: personal journey as raw material, communal identity as school and training ground, and true transcendence as the integration and gathering place for all the parts together. We call it holiness, which is the ultimate form of wholeness.

Without the great stories that free us, we remain trapped in small cultural and private worlds. Without the great patterns that are always true, we get lost in choosing between tiny patterns. True transcendence frees us from the tyranny of *I Am* and the idolatry of *We Are*. Anything smaller is “spiritual bypassing” and won't get us very far on the path of either liberation or wisdom. *We cannot bypass the two smaller domes and find any authenticity or love by a supposed leap to the third level.* We all have met people who present much God talk or spiritual talk, but we find ourselves almost afraid of them, because they so lack substance or grounding.

If all three domes are taken seriously, as the Bible does very well, we have a full life—fully human and fully divine. The genius of the biblical revelation is that it gives us permission and even direction to take conscious ownership of *our own* story at every level, every part of our life and experience. God will use all of this material, even the negative parts, to bring us to life and love.

Now *that's* really good news! Suddenly we can take our own lives seriously, the good and the bad parts, because God has done it first! We are neither trapped inside of our little culture and group identity, nor our private pain and hurts. We are people of the Big Picture and live inside of a lovely cosmic egg of full meaning, where nothing is eliminated and all is used to bring us to life. Jesus taught us to call that the kingdom of God.

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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 view service videos and listen to audio recordings at on our website at:

<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>