



Cruz de Ferro, Foncebadon, Spain, Camino de Santiago

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday February 21, 2021

Zoom Worship Service

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – *The God of Loss* by Darlingside

Call to worship – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

One: God, we are here at the water's edge, casting off from shore

Many: into unknown waters.

One: With fear and trembling, we drop our oars,

Many: letting them go, trusting the sea.

One: God, we trust the signs of your covenant: the ark through the water, the waters of baptism,

Many: the bow in the clouds and the dove from the heavens.

All: We call to you as you called us deeper into steadfast love

Prayer of Confession

Many: Deep calls to deep.

We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

*One: We confess when we have stayed too close to the surface,
avoiding you,*

avoiding our neighbors.

*We confess when we have felt in over our heads. Needing you,
needing our neighbors.*

(Silence)

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep relationship.

We come to you, God.

Children's time – Ieva Perkons

Lent candles – *I Believe* rendition by

Saint Mary Cathedral Choir

Voices of the congregation – Sharon Spicher

Scripture - Mark 1: 9-15 (from the Inclusive Bible)

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Immediately upon coming out of the water, Jesus saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. Then a voice came from heaven, 'You are my child, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Immediately the Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

After John's arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, saying, 'This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds, and believe this Good News!'

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon response song – *I Believe* rendition by Mike Bratt

Sharing time

Sharing response - *Leaning In: A Prayer of Intention*
by Christopher Grundy

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

There will be a **congregational meeting today** following the morning worship service. We will use the same Zoom link we use for our worship services.

The meeting agenda and supporting reports can be found on the UMC website at

<http://www.universitymennonite.org/congregational-meeting-2021-02-21/> (you must be logged into access this link).

Announcements (cont.)

The main item on our agenda for our congregational meeting will be small group discussions of the following three questions on our pastor evaluation questionnaire:

- From your perspective, what are the two or three most important contributions that Kate is currently making to this congregation's mission and ministry?
- On what aspects in the life of our congregation should Kate be focusing her energies over the next several years?
- Name two or three places where you believe God's spirit is moving, calling us as a congregation to grow spiritually and in our ministry and mission. How might the pastor help lead in these directions?

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.

UMC racial justice group invites you to attend a series of discussions based on a New York Times podcast, *Nice White Parents*, led by Dr. Seria Chatters, director of equity and inclusion at SCASD. The series explores the complicated realities of race, privilege, and power across all American schools. To register for the daytime (noon) click [HERE](#) or evening (6:30 pm) group, click [HERE](#), to receive the Zoom info. Meeting dates: Tuesdays, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 9. The discussion guide can be accessed [HERE](#). Let's continue the work of educating ourselves. These meetings are open to ALL, no need to live in the district or have children attending SCASD.

School kit follow-up - The children's Sunday school committee thanks everyone who participated in donating MCC school kit supplies and cloth bags in December. We were able to assemble 11 complete kits, with extra supplies to contribute as well. Many thanks to everyone!

Announcements (cont.)

Out of the Cold has expanded their daytime shelter to 7 days a week at our former Meetinghouse on Atherton. Nighttime shelter continues to be hosted by various churches. To sign up to be an evening host (8-10 pm) or provide a meal, click [HERE](#).

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.

Go Reentry Specialists is a newly established, faith-based, non-profit organization serving individuals returning to the community after a period of incarceration. Through mentoring and support groups, it provides wholistic assistance, such as food, clothing, housing, and employment, as well as psycho-social support.

Go Reentry is mainly financially supported through a lawn care and handyman service called **His Workmanship** in which staff work together with program participants needing employment.

On April 11, Mark Frailey, the executive director of Go Reentry Specialists, and two members of his board of directors will be joining us during our Sunday school hour to provide a more detailed account of the program and its services. They also will be sharing their personal journeys of offending, incarceration, and re-entry.

To learn more about Go Reentry, click [HERE](#)

To learn about His Workmanship and use their services, click [HERE](#)

Need help? We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need some extra help - gathering groceries, shoveling snow, 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](#).

Announcements (cont.)

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
- [Donate on the church website](#)
- Set up an automatic payment with your bank (bill pay service)
- Use a service like [Zelle](#)

Questions? Contact Jim Rosenberger JLRosenberger@gmail.com

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

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