



UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday February 28, 2021

Zoom Worship Service

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – *Could it be that God is singing*
Voices Together #42

Call to worship – Ndunge and Eviella Sefu

One: God, you ask us to set our minds on you, to walk before you and be blameless. You teach us what matters, and you do not hide your face from us.

Many: With each step along the path, we are transformed into who you made and called us to be.

One: God, you teach us that when we lose our life, we save it.

Many: With each step along the path, we hope against hope in your promises.

One: God, you say you will make us exceedingly fruitful, that you will bless us.

Many: With each step along the path, we take up our cross and follow you.

All: We believe your everlasting covenant is to be God to us, and that we will live forever. We call out to you, as you call us deeper into this covenant.

Lent candles – *I Believe* rendition by Mike Bratt

Offertory – *Bonse Aba* performed by Table View Primary Choir

Children's time – Joel Weidner

Confession/Assurance - Ndunge and Eviella Sefu

Many: Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess when we have stayed on the edges. Not listening to each other. Not taking the path you show. We confess when we have strayed from the way. Silencing suffering. Forfeiting life.

(Silence)

Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep commitment. We come to you, God.

Voices of the congregation – Connor Huxman

Scripture - Mark 8:27-38 read by Streetlights

Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

"Well...," they replied, "Some say John the Baptist and some say Elijah; and others say you are one of the other prophets."

Then he asked them, "Well who do you say I am?"

Peter replied, "You are the Messiah."

But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed but three days later he would rise from the dead. As he talked about this openly with his disciples,

Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.

Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

Then calling the crowd to join his disciples he said: "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life you will lose it, but if you give up your life for my sake, and for the sake of the good news, you will save it. What do you benefit if you gain the whole world, but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon response song – *Nada Te Turbe*, Taize hymn

Sharing time

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Sending song - A song by the 1997 Esengo World Tour Youth Choir, a Mennonite Brethren choir from Zaire

Announcements

Adult Sunday School – Hope Brubaker will lead us today in this first in a five-week series on Creation Care. Hope writes: "We hope to instill a new appreciation for the earth which God created and to take more seriously God's command to take care of the earth." The class will begin at 11 am and use the same link as for worship. Marvin Hall will lead the next two weeks.

March 7 - Miracle of seeds

March 14 - Climate change

Announcements (cont.)

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.

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](#)

Announcements (cont.)

Bulletin covers – During Lent our bulletin covers will feature photographs of crosses that Joel Weidner took during his walk on the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain. This week's photo was taken in a small chapel somewhere between Puente la Reina and Estella on day 16 of the journey, May 16, 2016.

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](#).

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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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/>