



Between Villa Franco Montes de Oca and Cardenuela de Ripico Spain
Camino de Santiago

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday March 14, 2021

Zoom Worship Service

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – *Brother*, by The Brilliance

Call to worship – Sara Albrecht-Soto and Pat McDonough

One: The wilderness is without and within. It too is part of God's path, though we fear wild, barren places, as did the people of old.

Many: When the people became impatient, asking, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?" God answered by bringing healing.

One: In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness, even when we cannot see beyond the danger, isolation, and need.

Many: We forget that God is already at work in these difficult, painful places.

One: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Chosen One be lifted up, that whoever believes may have eternal life.

Many: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

All: We call out to you, as you call us to deeper healing.

Lent candles – *I Believe* rendition Bethany and Micah
Spicher-Schonberg

Confession and assurance

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

One: We confess how the wilderness has revealed our need, uncovering our impatience, lifting up our pain. We confess how the wilderness has revealed your truth. We are created for good works. We can turn and live.

(Silence)

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

All: Calling us to deep healing. We come to you, God.

Prayer and offertory music - *Jesus on the Main Line* performed by Jason Adams, Minister of Music at Albright-Bethune United Methodist Church

Children's time – Bible presentations to Ben Spicher-Schonberg and Cedric Rosenberger

Voices of the congregation – Micah Spicher-Schonberg

Scripture – Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Sermon – Pastor Paul McReynolds

Sermon response – *God Will Give You Peace*, performed by Jason Adams, Minister of Music at Albright-Bethune United Methodist Church

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements



Adult Sunday School – We continue our series on Creation Care at 11 am (same link as for worship). This morning Marvin Hall will discuss climate change. Rich Stehouwer will lead on March 21 and 28.

Local Creation Care Opportunities

Stream bank restoration project - We'll gather again on Friday, March 26, from 1:30-3:30 and Friday, March 27, from 1:00-3 at Walnut Springs Park (University Drive and Easterly Parkway) to remove invasive plants and begin planting. Join us! All it requires is a willingness to get your hands dirty.

Clearwater Conservancy Watershed Clean-Up Day - Did you know that since 1997, volunteers have prevented more than 6 million pounds of trash from entering our local waterways?! Join others from UMC this year and sign up to participate in Watershed Cleanup Day on April 24, 2021 from 8 am - 12 pm by clicking [HERE](#).

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.

Announcements (cont.)

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.

The Hymn Society meets monthly to sing and discuss music. If you would like to join them, email office@thehymnsociety.org for more information.

Bridge of Hope is asking our congregation to become “Neighboring Volunteers.” There are at least two at UMC who are interested in participating. If you want to join in this effort with a local family, email pastor Kate at kate@universitymennonite.org.

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.

Lent 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 cross was encountered on The Way between Villa Franco Montes de Oca and Cardenuela de Riopico on day 12 of the journey, May 23, 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, doing yard work, 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/>