



Pilgrim crosses on fence between Roncesvalles and Zubiri, Spain
Camino de Santiago

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday March 21, 2021

Zoom Worship Service

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – HWB 46 – *I sing the mighty power of God*

HWB 414 – *God, who stretched*

Call to worship – Alethia & Ben Wideman

One: The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with Israel. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Many: God, teach us wisdom in our secret hearts. Put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.

One: We trust you, God, to forgive our iniquities and remember our sin no more.

Many: There is a time for everything, and sometimes, the hour is upon us.

One: Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, knowing that those who love their life will lose it.

Many: "The hour has come. Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

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

Highlights from a year of preludes – *When We Were Young*
by Adele and *In My Life*, Beatles cover by Madison Cunningham

Offering prayer

Lent candles – *I Believe* rendition by

Laudate Mennonite Ensemble

Confession and assurance – Alethia & Ben Wideman

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

One: We confess our resistance to being planted into your aching earth, into the way of your covenant. We confess our need for you to plant within us the joy of your salvation, a willing spirit.

(Silence)

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

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

Children's time – Meredith Wideman

Scripture – John 12:20-26 read by Joyce Hall

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon response – *I have decided to follow Jesus* rendition
by Mike Bratt

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 Rick Stehouwer will discuss soil and land restoration. Next week Rick will talk about composting and recycling.

Thanks to all who provided above budget gifts to support Rachel Aikins, lecturer at Good News Theological Seminary in Ghana. She is completing her final year and writing her dissertation, while working part-time at the seminary. Thomas Oduro writes: "The constituency of Good News Theological Seminary is grateful to the leadership and members of University Mennonite Church for the church's benevolence. The donations of the UMC have enabled the seminary to support lecturers to update their knowledge. May God bless the UMC for her kindness." - Jim Rosenberger, Treasurer

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.

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

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. Crosses like those shown this week were regularly encountered on The Way, woven into fences by passing pilgrims. This picture was taken between Roncesvalles and Zubiri on the second day of the journey, May 12, 2016. [Learn more about the Camino and plan your walk!](#)

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

Announcements (cont.)

Local Creation Care Opportunities

Stream bank restoration project - We'll gather again on Friday, March 26, from 1:30-3:30 and Friday, March 26, 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](#).

Local Mission Opportunities

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 is looking to hire an overnight support staff person to join their team (20-30 hours/week). Email [HERE](#) for more information. They also need meals and volunteers to help in their day shelter. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to help.

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.

Interfaith Human Services (IHS) needs help (paid or volunteer) to coordinate their Free Furniture Recycling Program. [Contact](#) Curt Knouse for more information.

Announcements (cont.)

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.

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/>