

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday March 28, 2021

Zoom Worship Service

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – *How deep the Father's love for us*
Fidele, Bethany, and Micah

Call to worship – Esther Prins with Lily Prins Glenna

One: *In the current of life, God calls us to deep hope.*

Many: ***God wakens my ear, and I turn to God. I do not turn toward those who strike me. I do not hide my face from insult.***

One: *God helps us, so let us stand up together.*

Many: ***Save us, O Lord! Bind the festival procession with branches. You are our God. We give thanks, for you are good, and your steadfast love endures.***

One: *Many shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!"*

Many: ***The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who humbled himself and became our hope.***

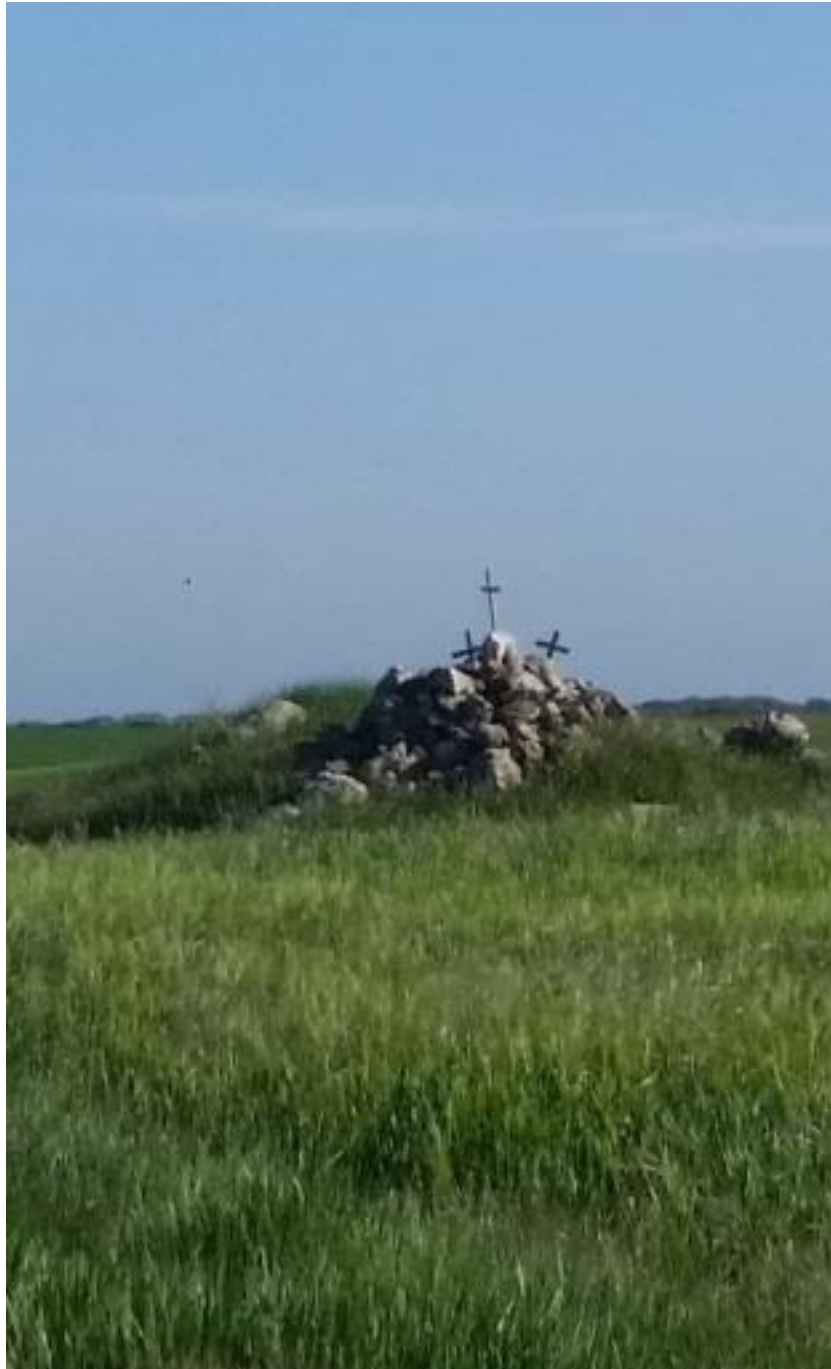
All: ***We call out to you, as you call us to deep hope.***

Lent candles – *I Believe* rendition by Bryan Guarnuccio

Confession and assurance

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

One: *We confess the rapid pace of life that sweeps us off our feet into whirlpools of expectations, into eddies of busy distractions. We confess our need for a steadfast stream of your grace enduring forever, saving us.*



Crosses between Hornillios de Camino and Castrojeriz, Spain
Camino de Santiago

(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.*

Offertory and prayer

Children's time – Jess McCormick

Scripture – Mark 11:1-11 read by Esther Prins

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Sermon – Ndunge Sefu

Sermon response – *The King is Coming* by Gaither Vocal Band

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Adult Sunday School – We conclude our series on Creation Care at 11 am (same link as for worship). This morning Rick Stehouwer will discuss recycling and composting. There will be no adult Sunday school next week on Easter.

On April 11, Mark Frailey, the executive director of [Go Reentry Specialists](#), and two members of his board of directors will join us to talk about their work with previously incarcerated individuals in the Centre County region.

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.

Holy Week Service - Join us Thursday, April 1, 7 pm EDT, for a time where we celebrate communion as well as Tenebrae—the contemplative practice of extinguishing of the light, accompanied by scripture and music. The zoom link will be sent via our email list next week.

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.

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. The three crosses in this week's photo were encountered in a field between Hornillos de Camino and Castrojeriz on the 15th day of the journey, May 26, 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](#).

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](#).

Announcements (cont.)

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.

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/>