

# He Is Risen!



## UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

**Welcome and intro to Zoom worship** – Ben Wideman

**Prelude video** – *The Lord is Risen Indeed*, UMC Easter Choir

**Call to worship** – Ruth Kitchin Tillman and Leah Witzig

*One: The women awake in the darkness of their grief.*

**Many: *We gathered as the sun rose, to care for the one we had lost.***

*One: The women anticipate the weight of the stone.*

**Many: *Who can roll away something so heavy?***

*One: They are looking for Jesus the Nazarene.*

**Many: *We have brought spices. We have come to anoint his body. Where has he gone?***

*One: They are told that Jesus, whose death they witnessed, has gone ahead to meet them in Galilee.*

**Many: *Bewildered and afraid, we fled. We told no one. How can this be?***

**Offertory and prayer** – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
rendition by Emma and Joel Nord

**Voices of our congregation** – Faith King

**Confession and assurance** - While remaining muted, please join in reading the confession on your screens:

**All: *Lord, we confess that we do not always know how to respond to your good news. We hear it and tremble. What we don't yet understand, we fear to tell others.***

***Even as we don't understand, we give thanks for it in the depths of our hearts.***

***Even as we don't understand, give us the words to speak.***

***Even as we don't understand, may we answer your call to follow the risen Lord.***

Leader: *Jesus Christ is risen today*

**All: *He is risen indeed, Alleluia***

**Children's time** – Fran Osseo-Asare

**Scripture** – Mark 16:1-8 read by Lara Rooke

*When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Sermon response** – *Were you there when they crucified my lord?* rendition by Evelyn Bartsch

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Announcements, birthdays, & introduction of visitors**

**Benediction** - *Hallelujah chorus from Eastern Mennonite High School*

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## Announcements

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**Adult Sunday School** –There will be no adult Sunday school today. Next week, 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.

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.

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

**Garden mentor needed** - Are you willing to partner with the Guatemalan women who are growing vegetables in the raised beds at church, sharing your know-how on how to plan, plant, tend, and harvest in our climate? Sara Soto-Albrecht has graciously agreed to be a translator for this project. [Contact Kate](#) for more info.

**Stream bank restoration project** - Join us Thursday, April 15, 1-3 pm, at Walnut Springs as we work with *Interfaith Power and Light* 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 - Sign up to participate in Watershed Cleanup Day on April 24, 2021 from 8 am - 12 pm by clicking [HERE](#). [Contact Kate](#) to let her know if you've signed up so we can try and work together.

**Out of the Cold** - Mark your calendars! UMC is scheduled to host OOTC in our building, June 14-27. Consider how you might support this important work of providing meals and fellowship with the vulnerable in our community experiencing homelessness.

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**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](mailto:JLRosenberger@gmail.com)



## Mennonite Central Committee Announcements



Join Michael Danner, Mennonite Church USA's associate executive director of Church Vitality, in a webinar April 8 at 7 p.m. ET, as he interviews Elain Enns and Ched Myers, authors of "Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization." Register here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/registration-decolonization>

**Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War** - SeongHan Kim, in his blog, "Walk out from the military base nation," recounts how the construction of a Republic of Korea naval base on Jeju Island, Korea — and its connection to the U.S. military — has affected the lives of those Koreans who live in that region. Read his take on the Cost of War here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/base-walk-out>

**#BringThePeace** - Allegheny Mennonite Conference (AMC) is offering a matching grant of up to \$15,000 for donations made to Mennonite Church USA's Justice Fund, a mutual aid fund that supports MC USA congregations' work toward social justice. Find out more about AMC's contribution and how your congregation can get involved at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/justice-fund-match/>.

**MennoCon21** - Registration for MennoCon21 opens April 6 for in-person and online attendance. Learn more here: <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>

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## Church Information

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**Submissions for bulletin:** [bulletin@universitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@universitymennonite.org)

Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Fridays at noon (for virtual services)

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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](mailto: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/>