



UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday April 11, 2021

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* and *By the Mark*
renditions by Spicher Schonberg family

Call to worship – Ben Wideman

Lighting the peace lamp

Offering prayer

Children's time – Jess McCormick

Voices of our congregation – Nathan Davis and
Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Scripture – John 20:19-31 read by Rebekah Douglas Saxena

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your

hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon response – *For All the Saints*, rendition by Mike Bratt

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sharing response - Voices Together 625 - *Far Above the Noise*, rendition by EMU Chamber Singers

Announcements, birthdays, & introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Adult Sunday School – Mark Frailey, the executive director of [Go Reentry Specialists](#), and two members of his board of directors will join us today to talk about their work with previously incarcerated individuals in the Centre County region. Sunday School begins at 11 a.m. using the same Zoom link as worship.

Next Sunday, April 18, our guest speaker will be [Douglas Graber Neufeld](#) from Eastern Mennonite University where he is a professor of biology and director of the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions. Douglas has recently become the chair of the Mennonite World Conference’s Creation Care Task Force. He will also lead a discussion during the Sunday School hour.

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.

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.

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center is looking for summer camp counselors (at least 16 years old) for June 11-July 23, as well as nurses or doctors who would like to volunteer a week in the summer. Contact [Joy Cotchen](#) for more information.

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.

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.

Announcements (cont.)

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

Mennonite Central Committee Announcements



After living in sanctuary at Columbus (Ohio) Mennonite Church for three years, Edith Espinal was finally able to move back into her own home with her family in February. Celebrate with the Espinal family by reading Edith Espinal's story here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/edith-espinal/>

The Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) recently met and provided feedback on four proposed resolutions, concerning the denomination's Membership Guidelines, inclusion of LGBTQIA people, accessibility for people with disabilities, and justice in the U.S. criminal legal system. Read more here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/clc-resolutions>

Please pray for the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA, which is gathering for a virtual meeting on April 16-17. The Executive Board meets two or three times per year, setting the vision and guiding the direction of the denomination.

Menno Snapshots

What is the Voices Together committee doing now? How did the name "Voices Together" originate? What were some of the most difficult decisions the Voices Together committee had to make concerning certain hymns? Katie Graber answers these questions and more in her blog, "Answers to your Voices Together questions."

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/vt-questions>

MennoCon21

Read Mennonite Church USA's convention newsletter to meet the worship team for MennoCon21 and get the latest updates on Mennonite Church USA's first hybrid convention to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, and online on July 6-10.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21-march-letter>

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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/>