

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday April 18, 2021

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – *Back to the Earth* by Jason Mraz

Call to worship – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Job 12:7-10

*'But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.*

*Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.*

Lighting the peace lamp

Mission moment – Park Forest Preschool

Children's time – Marvin Hall

Prayer and offertory – HWB 89 – *For the beauty of the earth*

Scripture – Job 38:1-7 read by Gloria Horst Rosenberger

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

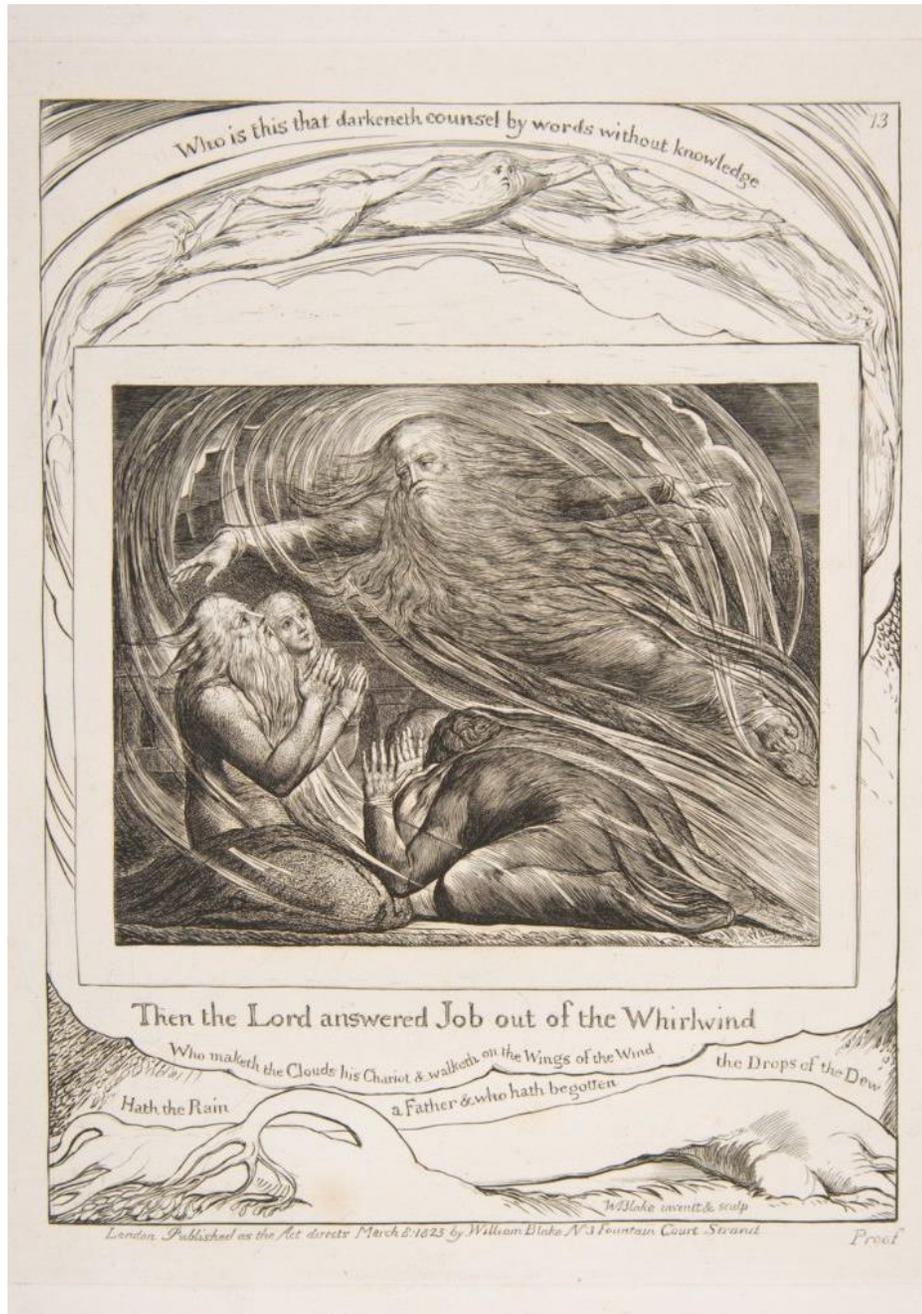
Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?



Introduction of Doug Graber Neufeld – Pastor Kate

Sermon – Doug Graber Neufeld

Sermon response – *The peace of the earth be with you,*
rendition by Mike Bratt

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements, birthdays, & introduction of visitors

Benediction – *You shall go out with joy,* rendition courtesy of
Austin Mennonite Church

Announcements

Adult Sunday School – [Douglas Graber Neufeld](#), our guest speaker this morning, will lead a discussion during Sunday school. Doug is from Eastern Mennonite University where he is a professor of biology and director of the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions. He has recently become the chair of the Mennonite World Conference's Creation Care Task Force.

Next Sunday, April 25, we'll begin our series on Lamenting Racism, session 1 – Voicing Pain and Rage, Confronting Racism with Lament, led by Sophia Osiero and Joel Weidner.

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.

Announcements (cont.)

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.

Plowshare Produce welcomes everyone to join them for weekly Volunteer Thursdays beginning April 15. Each day, there will be a variety of farm tasks from 9:30-12, followed by a simple, outdoor gluten-free and vegan lunch. Bring your mask, water, garden gloves and raingear (if needed), and come for as long as you like. Please let us know by Wednesday evening if you are coming, by emailing [HERE](#).

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.

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



Pastor Jon Carlson of Forest Hills (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church has been nominated as Mennonite Church USA moderator-elect for the 2021-2023 biennium. Read more here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/carlson-elect>

Menno Snapshots

Hendy Matahelemaul sheds light on the dramatic increase in hate crimes and acts of racism against Asians in the United States in his blog, "Difficult things in difficult times." Learn more here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/difficult-things-times>

Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War

In her blog, "Let us lay down our economic weapons," Katerina Parsons explains the impact that U.S. economic sanctions have on the people in the countries that have experienced these sanctions. Parsons calls us to advocate against these sanctions, in order put our love for people around the world into action.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/economic-weapons>

MenoTicias

As a young man, Alfonso Alvarado dreamt of leaving his home in El Salvador and moving to the United States. Read about his journey, which led him to become a pastor and church planter at a Mennonite church in "Beyond that ocean is North America." In English:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menoticias-alfonso-alvarado/> En español: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menoticias/posts/alfonso-alvarado/>.

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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/>