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## UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday April 25, 2021

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

**Prelude video** – *In Your Eyes*, by Peter Gabriel, cover performed by Christa Wells

**Call to worship** – Ben Wideman

**Peace lamp** – STS 65 – Open my eyes, piano by Mark Balling

**Scripture** – John 21:1-14 read by Pastor Kate Heinzl

*After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.*

*Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.*

*When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.*

**Children's time** – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

**Offertory** – STS 65 *Open my eyes*, rendition by  
Young Adult Choir and Ensemble  
The Church of Saint Paul the Apostle in New York City

**Sermon** – A conversation between Joel Weidner and  
Sophia Osiemo, facilitated by Pastor Kate

**Sermon response** – STS 65 - *Open my eyes*, piano by  
Mark Balling, scenes from State College #BLM protests

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate

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

**Benediction**

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### Announcements

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**Adult Sunday School** – Today we'll begin our six-week series on Lamenting Racism. Session 1 – Voicing Pain and Rage, Confronting Racism with Lament, led by Sophia Osiemo 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.

**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](#).

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### Announcements (cont.)

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**Our spring business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 16** after our Zoom church gathering. At this meeting we approve a draft tentative budget for the next fiscal year beginning September. Our long-standing procedure is to request confidential or anonymous pledges, which helps us anticipate tithes and offerings over the year. The finance committee then builds our draft budget based on about 120% of the amount pledged.

Please email your anticipated annual (or monthly) contribution to me by Monday, April 26, or you can keep it anonymous by putting it in the mailbox at church. Thanks, Jim Rosenberger, UMC treasurer, [JLR@psu.edu](mailto:JLR@psu.edu)

**Walnut Springs habitat restoration work** continues on Thursday, May 13 from 2-4 pm. Mark your calendars!

**Out of the Cold** - 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.

**Centre County Community Conferencing** is a restorative justice initiative that offers three distinct programs: neighborhood dispute resolution, court diversion, and reentry support. Community Conferencing puts power back into the hands of individuals, allowing them to create a mutually beneficial resolution to a given conflict that is approved by everyone involved. Want to become a volunteer facilitator or learn more? Contact Elizabeth Siegelman [HERE](#).

**Field Language: The Painting and Poetry of Warren and Jane Rohrer** is a special exhibition at Palmer Museum of Art through May. This gorgeous collection invites viewers to contemplate issues of land use, the resilience of rural communities and cultures, and our relationship with agriculture, seasonal change, labor, and the land. The exhibition is free but tickets must be reserved [here](#). As part of the exhibit, Julia Kasdorf beautifully reads aloud some of Jane's poetry.

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## Announcements (cont.)

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

**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)

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## Mennonite Central Committee Announcements

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Felipe Hinojosa, author of "Apostles of Change," shared stories about Latino activists transforming churches into staging grounds for protests against urban renewal and displacement, in a recorded webinar from Mennonite Church USA. View it here: [mennoniteusa.org/webinars](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/webinars)

Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference recently licensed Katerina Friesen for ministry at Wild Church Fresno (California), a Mennonite Church USA church plant that meets outdoors and feels a particular call to care for God's creation. Read more at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/friesen-licensed-wild-church>

### **Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War**

What are the causes of war? And what can we do to end war before it begins? David Lapp-Jost answers these questions in his blog, "Nurturing more life-giving community." Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/life-giving-community>

### **MenoTicias**

Pastor Graciela Tijerina listened when God called her to lead Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania (Bethany House Mennonite Church), in Newton, Kansas. Read her story here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/iglesia-casa-betania/>

En español: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menoticias-tijerina>

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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/>