



## UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday June 20, 2021

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

**Prelude video** – *Higher Power* by Coldplay

**Call to worship**

**Scripture** – Psalm 104:1-6,25 – read by Karen Brandes

*Rise up, my soul,*

*And speak this blessing to your God...*

*O Lord, my God, your infinite reality exceeds  
my every word, but I shall say that you are clothed  
in beauty, you wear majesty like a robe.*

*And I shall say you wrap yourself in light as in a cloak  
and take that light and spread it out  
unrolling heaven in all its splendor.*

*And I shall say the chariot of your spirit  
you ride high as wind upon the clouds,  
And send your messengers on wings,  
Your servants forth as flames of fire.*

*This stable earth you make secure upon foundations deep  
And wrap it up in watery cloth piled on like mountains high.*

*O Lord, my God, behind your work,  
Your wisdom is the architect of all.  
The plenitude of life is yours.*

**Lighting the peace lamp**

**Offertory** – Lily Prins Glenna and Mike Bratt

**Children's time** – Joel Weidner

**Scripture** – Joel 2:21-22 – read by Karen Brandes

*Do not fear, O soil;*

*be glad and rejoice,*

*for the Lord has done great things!*

*Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
the tree bears its fruit,  
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.*

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Sermon response** – HWB 407 – *We are people of God's peace*  
recording from Austin Mennonite Church

**Sharing time**

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

**Benediction** – *On Christ the solid rock I stand*  
rendition by Ndunge, David, and Eviella

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### Announcements

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**Adult Sunday School** – This Sunday at 11 am ET our elders will be continuing a facilitated discussions around the idea of **Church Around the Table**--a way of gathering to worship through reading and reflecting on scripture, sharing, prayer, and conversation in smaller groups. It's an experiment on how to *do and be* church together, on Sunday mornings, outside of our building or Zoom.

Elders are proposing we experiment and discover new ways of being church with each other. Experimenting allows us to ask questions we wouldn't necessarily ask otherwise. Let's consider together questions about who we are (identity) and where we want to go as a congregation (purpose). Getting out of our normal routines can be one way of learning more about ourselves and one another.

*Church Around the Table* is different from small groups. If UMC decides to experiment with this model, everyone will be invited to a group of 10-14 persons, meeting once a month, on a given Sunday, instead of our regular worship service. Come learn more - bring your questions, your hopes, your wonderings.

After this week, Sunday School will be paused beginning again in September.

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### Announcements (cont.)

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**Outdoor worship next week** – On June 27 we will be worshipping at 10 am in the park beside the church. More details to come on email.

**Worship time change** – Please note that starting next Sunday and running through the summer, worship will begin at 10 am EDT.

**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.

**UMC currently hosting Out of the Cold Guests** – UMC is hosting Out of the Cold guests in the basement of the church through next Sunday, June 27. **Three volunteers are still needed for the following:**

- Prepare breakfast for Monday June 21
- One host and one dinner provider for Friday June 25
- One dinner provider for Friday June 25

Click [HERE](#) to sign up to support our guests.

Please contact Mary Derstein or Leah Witzig if you have any questions. ([derstein@gmail.com](mailto:derstein@gmail.com) or [witzig1@gmail.com](mailto:witzig1@gmail.com)).

**Walnut Springs Park habitat restoration** – Join us on July 22 as we remove invasive species and plant native trees and shrubs at Walnut Springs Park.

**We'll soon be working on our annual process of filling all the volunteer positions that keep UMC functioning.** Prayerfully consider how you might follow Jesus' call to follow, by serving in our church community. More information will be forthcoming.

**Voices Together Hymnal** - Make the most of the new Voices Together hymnal by exploring the depths of the Voices Together website. Read Katie Graber's blog, "[Best-kept Secrets of the Voices Together Website](#)," to ensure you don't miss anything!

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**TAMALES!** Our Guatemalan sisters make fresh tamales every weekend. Orders need to be placed by Thursday by texting/calling 717-844-3836 or emailing [HERE](#). Pick up at their apartment complex 211 Easterly Parkway on Saturdays after 5 pm. **Don't know what tamales are?** Tamales are a typical Guatemalan food that is made of a corn flour dough with different fillings wrapped with a banana leaf. Prices are 3 tamales for \$10 - your choice of chicken, pork or vegetable. Pay in cash only.

**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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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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Pastor: Kate Heinzl

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

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

### Staff and Volunteer Leadership

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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)

**Missed Worship?** Our Zoom church services are being recorded and published on our web site [HERE](#). You can also view service videos on our [YouTube channel](#).