

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday July 4, 2021, 10 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – VT 68 - *Akekho ofana/Hakuna wakaita*
(*There's no one in this world like Jesus*)

Call to worship – Laura Litwiller

Lighting the peace lamp

Offertory and prayer – HWB 64 – *Asithi Amen*

Children's time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Scripture – Matthew 8:1-3 read by Alethia Wideman

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Sermon – Gwen White, MCC board chair

Sermon response – VT 159 – *Kwake Yesu nasimama*
(*Here on Christ the Rock I will stand*)

Sharing time

Announcements, birthdays, & introduction of visitors

Benediction – VT 159 – *Kwake Yesu nasimama*
(*Here on Christ the Rock I will stand*)

Announcements

Worship time change – Please note that throughout 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's racial justice group is hosting a movie evening on Thursday, July 8 at the church. You're invited to join us to watch *Judas and the Black Messiah*. The movie is rated R and has a run time of 2 hours and 6 minutes. We'll begin the movie at 7 pm and have a brief discussion afterwards. Please wear a mask if you are unvaccinated.

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.

THANK YOU! Thanks to all who helped care for the Out of the Cold guests who used our building these past two weeks, with a special shout out to Mary Derstein, who put in many hours. Most nights we fed and sheltered 7-11 guests. One more way of sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors - thanks to all!

Church Around the Table (CATT) - We are seeking 10-15 persons/couples to serve as hosts or facilitators for our "Church Around the Table" groups. We plan to experiment with this way of worshipping in host homes 4 times - August 1, September 5, October 3, and November 7 - instead of worshipping together in our church building. Would you consider being a host or facilitator? See July 1 email from Rosita Derstine for more details.

UMC volunteer positions - Don't forget to complete your form or email Cathy Bresee on your plan to volunteer at church in the coming year. Also encourage others to use their gifts in the service of church. See more details in the email from Rick Stehouwer on June 28.

Announcements (cont.)

MCC Updates - Iglesia Buenas Nuevas, a Mennonite Church USA congregation in San Juan, Texas, has a longstanding history of being a welcoming, multicultural community, with Black, Latino, and white congregants. Learn more about this dynamic church here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/profile-iglesia-buenas-nuevas>

En español: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menoticias/iglesia-buenas-nuevas>

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

CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

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](#).