
CHURCH INFORMATION

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Masking protocol – To protect those who are vulnerable, masks should be worn in the building for worship.

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.

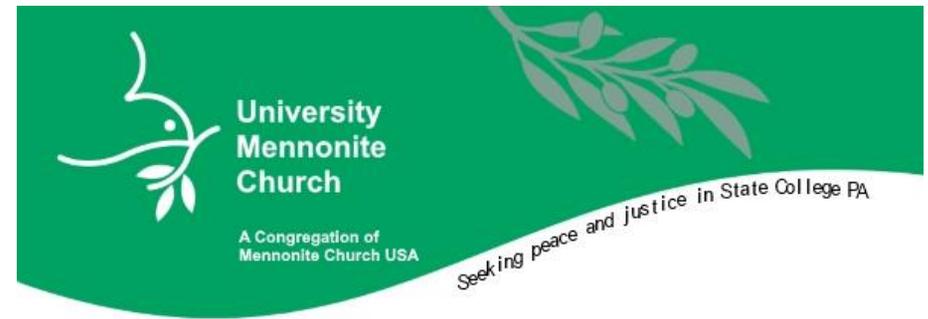
Join the email list by sending an email to:

university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com

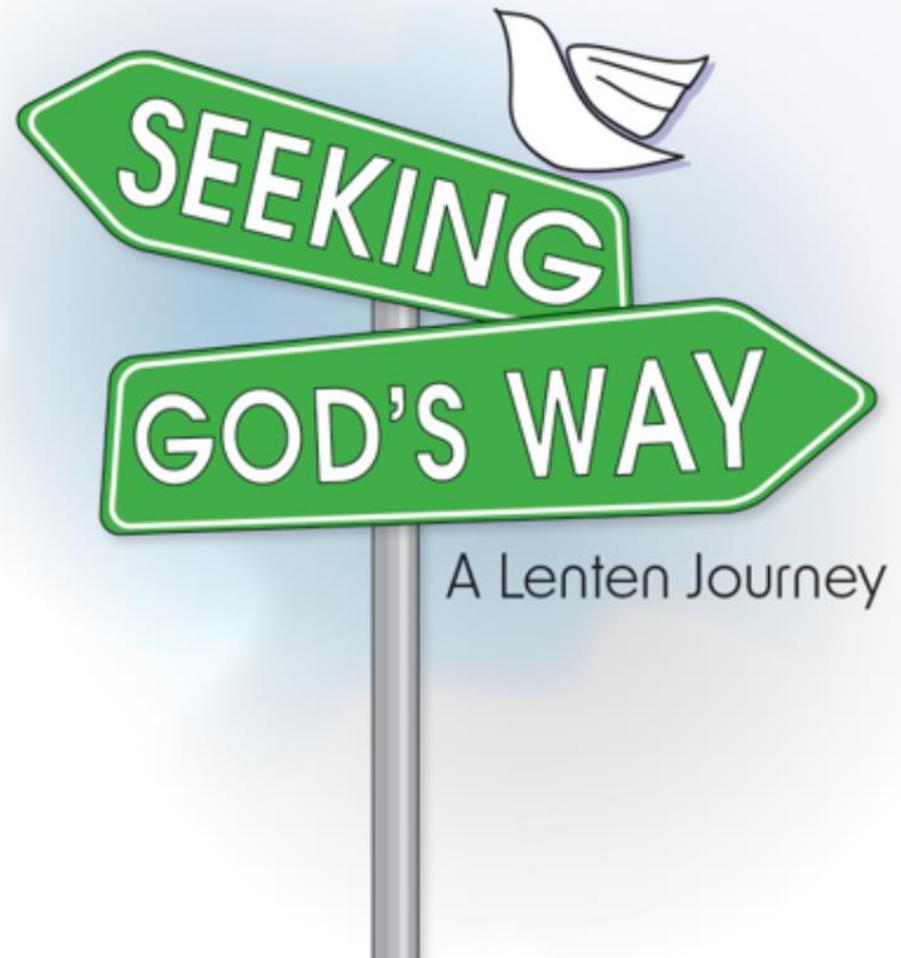
Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published on our website at:

<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>

Church Wi-Fi information – Connect to **umc**, password **mennosimons**



Sunday Worship
March 6, 2022, 10 am



ORDER OF WORSHIP

LENT 1- Seeking God's ways: From security to generosity

Focus: *As we seek God's way, we move from prioritizing our personal security to living with generosity toward our neighbors.*

Welcome – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Prelude – *Holy Darkness from the Soil and the Seed Project*

Call to worship – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Leader: *Together we seek the way of God,*

People: ***through the wilderness of Lent,
through the wilderness of life.***

Leader: *We crave the safety of God's shelter,*

People: ***the cool comfort of the divine shadow,
the security of the holy fortress.***

Leader: *God offers the care of angels,*

People: ***the gentleness of creation,
the protection of love.***

Leader: *God is generous to all who call on the holy name,*

All: ***so come, let us seek God's way of generosity.***

Confession

Leader: *Holy One,
we seek you while you may be found.*

People: ***We call upon you while you are near.***

Leader: *Have mercy on us, O God,
for our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.*

(Invitation to silence)

Lenten Song – *O let all who thirst, HWB 495, played by Krista Weidner*

Leader: *Forgive us for seeking security. Lead us into your way of generosity.*

People: ***As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,
let us see your way more clearly***

All: ***and follow your way more faithfully.***

Lighting the peace lamp - *Wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows. ~ Martin Luther King Jr.*

Scripture - Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

*"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him." '*

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

*"He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you",
and*

*"On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '*

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '
When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Children's time – Rebekah Saxena

Voices of our congregation – Micah Spicher Schonberg

*Share a story of something you've memorized that you've turned to,
to help you in your life*

Introduction to scripture - Pastor Kate Heinzl

Scripture - Isaiah 55, read by Ben and Bethany Spicher Schonberg,
with help from the congregation (People)

Reader 1:

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Reader 2:

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

Reader 1:

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

People:

**Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

Reader 2:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader 1:

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

People:

**For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Reader 2:

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon response - *Behold, How Good*, by Michael John Trotta,
played by Krista Weidner

Sharing time

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

Special music – *Drive Out the Darkness*

(feat. Latifah Alattas & Paul Zach)

*While song is played, anyone can come light a candle for something
spoken or unspoken*

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Updated COVID protocol - Starting 2/27, those leading worship and preaching will no longer be asked to mask. Children's time leaders will continue to mask up, as will all attending worship.

Pastor Kate will be gone Sunday afternoon (3/6) through Sunday (3/13), without a cell phone or internet for much of that time. Please contact one of our elders (Meredith, Laura, Doug) with any spiritual needs.

Announcements (cont.)

The leadership team continues to discern COVID next steps, looking to the CDC for guidance, as well as local data, as we determine how to create as safe a worship space as possible for all who wish to attend in person. Hearing from you is another important piece of information as we consider how to move ahead as a community. Please be on the lookout for short (1 question) surveys as a way to be heard. We also welcome hearing from you in person, by phone or email.

Tuesday sharing and prayer - Join us on Tuesdays 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.

UMC digital directory: Is your picture up to date—both on our in-church bulletin board and online? To update your information and/or picture in our digital directory, login and choose, “Edit My Family” from the top menu. Need help using the directory, contact Joel Weidner, joelpsu82@outlook.com. Carolyn Brubaker is collecting updated pictures for our bulletin board.

MCUSA & MCC Updates

Save your coins for Mennonite Central Committee's My Coins Count project. Every year, spare change collected by churches adds up to more than \$600,000 for MCC's relief, development, and peacebuilding work around the world. We'll be collecting coins in church throughout March, or you can contact the Spicher Schonbergs for a coin pickup at your home.

Ukraine emergency response: MCC writes: "We are assessing the changing situation with local partners to determine the appropriate response. MCC's response will be focused on longer-term scale up of existing programs that support vulnerable people and extending those services to internally displaced populations. It will likely include psychosocial support and trauma healing, temporary emergency housing, emergency distributions of locally purchased emergency supplies such as blankets, and distribution of food packages." Donate at: <https://donate.mcc.org/cause/ukraine-emergency-response>

Impact 2022 survey - Do you care about helping Mennonite Central Committee make an impact in the U.S. and around the world? If so, we want to listen to you. Your input can help fulfill MCC's desire to find the best ways of responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. Share your ideas in a short survey linked below. Thank you for caring. Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCCImpact2022-Media>

Announcements (cont.)

Mennonite Education Agency of Mennonite Church USA has released its free **Lent at Home 2022 worship guide** and calendar for download. The annual guide provides options for individuals and households to follow daily or weekly rituals, which include guided Scripture readings, prayers and special activities for the Lenten season. Download it here: mennoniteusa.org/lentathome. [[Download PPT slide here.](#)]

Volunteering at UMC - Ready to give worship leading a try? Have a good message to share with our children? We welcome any regular attender to help provide leadership on Sunday mornings. Ben and Kate can help you learn how to navigate hybrid worship. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4daee28a0ff2-2022>. We work as a body with many members, learn as a body, offer grace and love to one another as the body of Christ. Join us!

If you're interested in attending the **mindful meditation sessions** on Monday evenings and Thursday or Friday mornings, contact Pastor Kate (kate@universitymennonite.org) as times and dates vary.

Need help? We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need help - gathering groceries, shoveling snow, etc., let Kate know. There are some here who might be able to lend a hand.

Your offerings support UMC – Don't forget to support UMC with your financial gifts. Offering baskets are by the doors to the sanctuary or 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 at <http://www.universitymennonite.org/donate>
- Set up an automatic payment with your bank (bill pay service)
- Use a service like Zelle <https://www.zellepay.com/>