
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

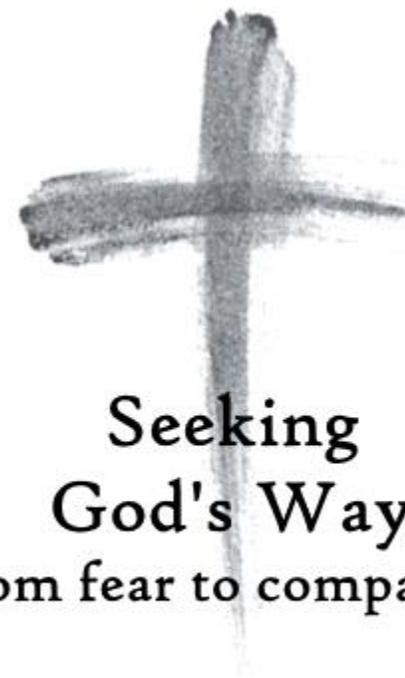
Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published on our website at:

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

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



Sunday Worship
March 13, 2022, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)



**Seeking
God's Way**
From fear to compassion

As we seek God's way, we move from a place where fear dictates our actions to a space where our response to others is guided by compassion.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Ben Wideman

Prelude – *God in Your Mercy and Holy Spirit, Love Divine*
from the Soil and the Seed Project

Call to worship – Ben Wideman

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

**People: *As disappointment oppresses
and violence threatens,***

Leader: We come to ask: Whom shall we fear?

**People: *We come to be reminded of God's power
and to be led more deeply into God's love.***

*Leader: We long to gather under the wings of Christ, as a
mother hen,*

All: *and to learn the holy way of compassion.*

Special music – Mike Bratt HWB 493, *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

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.*

**People: *Forgive us for living with fear. Help us live out
compassion.***

*Leader: 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

Children's time – Amy Sattler

Scripture - Matthew 5:42-48, read by Anika Wideman

Sermon – *Taking a closer look at peace and nonviolence*
Elizabeth Soto Albrecht

Sermon response – Music by Mike Bratt

Sharing time – Ben Wideman

After each sharing:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer*

Special music – *Drive Out the Darkness*

(feat. Latifah Alattas & Paul Zach)

*While song is played, you are invited to come forward to light a candle
for something spoken or unspoken*

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Updated COVID protocol - Those leading worship and preaching are no longer 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.

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 at joelpsu82@outlook.com. Carolyn Brubaker is collecting updated pictures for our bulletin board.

Announcements (cont.)

MCUSA & MCC Updates

Everyone is invited to attend Mountain States Conference's Faith & Life Forum, entitled "**The Myth of the Perfect Victim**," on Zoom on March 26 from 9:30-11:30 am MST. Join Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary assistant professor Susannah Larry and mental health therapist Will Larry as they guide us to better understand men's and women's experiences of violence and the ways we can all be supportive.

<https://mountainstatesmc.org/2022-faith-life-forum/>

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>

Thank you to everyone who has prayed, given, or called our office to check in about the work in Ukraine and how our staff and partners are making a difference. Many of you have asked some very good questions like—what does Mennonite Central Committee's peacebuilding work look like in the midst of violent conflict? For many of us, it's hard to imagine what it's like for a community to embody a peace perspective in a situation like this.

To help us answer some of these questions, we've invited a few guests to take us on a "virtual visit." This special, hour-long session will take place next Wednesday (March 16) and will include stories from past experiences in Ukraine, Colombia and DPRK (North Korea). Stories about what it looks like to try and build peace during times of violence or conflict.

The registration link is here: <https://mcc.org/mcc-webinar-series>.

Announcements (cont.)

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/20f0e4daeae28a0ff2-2022>. 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/>