

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
April 3, 2022, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)



**Seeking
God's Way**

From scarcity to abundance

As we seek God's way, we move from the fear
that there is not enough to the freedom of living
within God's abundance.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Prelude – Music from the Soil and the Seed Project

Call to worship – Rebekah Saxena

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

*People: **who makes a way in the sea
and provides rivers in the desert.***

*Leader: God fills our lives with love and beauty
as sweet fragrance fills the air.*

*People: **We live in the abundance of God,***

Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy

*All: **as we worship God together.***

Lighting the peace lamp

Singing - HWB 1, *What is this place*

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 believing the myth of scarcity.
Help us live into your abundance.***

Silence

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

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

Voices of the congregation – Ben Wideman

*Tell a story of why you've chosen to memorize something
and how it has changed you?*

Singing - HWB 493, *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Scripture – John 12:1-8, read by Rebekah Saxena

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Children's time – Meredith Wideman

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music – Meredith Wideman

Sharing time – Pastor Kate, After each sharing:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

*People: **Hear our prayer***

Drive Out the Darkness (feat. Latifah Alattas & Paul Zach)

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

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.

Afghan Family Resettlement Update – Our Afghan family arrived safely in State College on April 1 and are settled in temporary housing. Please remember to pray for the family and all our volunteers who will be working to welcome them into our community.

Violet McLane's memorial service will be held on Friday, April 8, at 1 pm in the Foxdale Auditorium. Join us for a time of celebrating and remembering Vi's life.

Announcements (cont.)

Easter Sunday special music - Hal Kunkel invites all who enjoy singing or playing an instrument to come to participate in singing/performing *Christ the Lord is risen today*, #285 in the HWB.

MCUSA & MCC Updates

MCC hygiene kits are needed. These kits make a difference for people whose lives have been disrupted. MCC relies on individuals, churches, and other groups to donate these basic items. Would you consider donating hygiene kit items? For more information about what goes in MCC hygiene kits go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits>.

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.

Mary Lou Weaver Houser, artist and spiritual director, claims gardening as a metaphor for how she intends to nurture community on many levels, whether with personal/family relationships, neighborhood diversity/spirit, creative community at church, or biodiversity in our natural world. Read more about her "elemental love for nature's beauty" in her blog, "Ferocious Love." mennoniteusa.org/ferocious-love

Updated Worship COVID protocols - 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. We've also begun singing again (with masks). If you are interested in helping us sing together, please send a note to let Pastor Kate know.

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!

Announcements (cont.)

Need help? We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need help - gathering groceries, yard work, 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/>