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

**Palm
Sunday**

**Seeking
God's Way**

From power over to power with

As we seek God's way, we move from an understanding of power that grasps for control over others to an understanding that true power comes from working with and for others in love.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Prelude – *Holy Spirit, Love Divine*

Music from The Soil and the Seed Project

Call to worship – Pastor Kate

*Leader: Together we seek the way of God,
a way so different from the ways of this world.*

*People: **We remind ourselves to loosen our grasp,
to trust instead of control.***

*Leader: We praise a God we cannot see
and celebrate a salvation we do not understand.*

*People: **In worship we give of ourselves
and receive the disarming power of God.***

Leader: We cry:

*All: **Blessed is the One who comes in the power
of God's name.***

Lighting the peace lamp

Singing - HWB 16, *God is here among us* (**please stand**)

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.*

Silence

*Leader: Forgive us for seeking power over others and let us
instead seek power with and for the most vulnerable.*

*People: **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 – Todd Davis

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

Scripture – Luke 19:28-40, read by Kris Charles

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

*'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'*

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Singing - HWB 238, *Hosanna, loud hosanna* (**please stand**)

Children's time – Amy Sattler

Sermon – Ben Wideman

Special music – Krista Weidner

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.

Maundy Thursday - We're doing this differently this year. Join us at the Schonbergs' farm at 6 pm, Thursday April 14 for a simple meal, with communion around the table, foot washing and a multi-generational reading of the passion narrative around the fire. This will all happen outside in their packing shed/yard. **RSVP requested but not required.** Email [Kate](mailto:kate@mennoniteusa.org) if you plan to come.

Easter Sunday

Special music - Hal Kunkel invites all who enjoy singing or playing an instrument to participate in singing/performing "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (#285 HWB)

Voices of the congregation - Can you say just 1 verse of Isaiah 55 for memory? I bet you could learn one in 5 minutes! We'd like to have a video montage of 13 people each reciting one verse. Contact [Kate](mailto:kate@mennoniteusa.org) if you're willing to participate.

Fellowship - Celebrate with us! Stay after the service for coffee/tea, light snacks, and conversation – in front of the building at the Norma Street entrance, weather permitting. We will be in the fellowship hall if heavy rain is expected.

NET ZERO ENERGY Church Building - Come learn and bring your questions as we consider a major investment in our meetinghouse, including heat pumps for greater efficiency and solar panels to eliminate our need for fossil fuels. The creation care committee will explain the proposal, and the finance committee will offer possible funding options. Tuesday, April 19, 7 pm on Zoom.

Walnut Springs Restoration - Mark your calendars to help with the ongoing work of planting and removing invasive plants. Monday, April 25, 3-5 pm and Monday, May 9, 3-5 pm.

MCUSA & MCC Updates

Mennonite Church USA invites you to join Mennonite World Conference in offering a prayer for all Ukrainians, including our Mennonite siblings in Ukraine. Read the prayer here: mennoniteusa.org/prayer-request-ukraine

Announcements (cont.)

MCC Alumni Service Day - Ephrata, PA - Calling all Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) alumni! Join MCC on Saturday, May 7 from 8:30 am – 12 noon at the MCC East Coast Material Resources Center (517 West Trout Run Road, Ephrata, PA). We'll gather together to reconnect and support the work of MCC through the Material Resources Center. Families are welcome and there will be volunteer activities that children ages 4 and up can participate in. Register at mcc.org/alumni-PA

Webinar: Welcoming refugees in your community - Join MCC and Church World Service (CWS) Tuesday April 12, 2-3 pm EST, to learn more about welcoming refugees in the United States. During the webinar, Charity Stowell, MCC U.S. Newcome Connections Coordinator, and Ted Blessing, CWS Community Engagement Organizer, will address questions such as Who are refugees and how do they come to the U.S. and What does the refugee resettlement process look like? Learn about the challenges and opportunities refugees encounter when they settle into their new community, and the ways in which churches can get involved. Register at <https://bit.ly/3tPpTXh>.

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!

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/>