
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
May 8, 2022, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)



Finding beauty in the brokenness

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Rick Stehouwer

Prelude – *Second Season* by Five Iron Frenzy

Call to worship – Rick Stehouwer

(congregation will read the first three verses of the poem by Joyce Rupp and leader will respond with words of Jesus.)

All: *It is time for me
to see the flaws
of myself
and stop
being alarmed.*

Leader: *Jesus answered, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. (Luke 5:31)*

All: *It is time for me
to halt my drive
for perfection
and to accept
my blemishes.*

Leader: *"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:32)*

All: *It is time for me
to receive
slowly evolving growth
the kind that comes
in God's own good time
and pays no heed
to my panicky pushing.*

Leader: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon ... for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls..." (Matthew 11:28-29)*

Lighting the peace lamp

Scripture 1 – John 21:15-19 read by Rick, Kate, and Joel

Singing – HWB 8 – *Brethren, we have met to worship* (verses 1, 2, & 4)

Voices of our congregation - get to know our new members!

Week 1 with Rebekah Saxena

Singing – HWB 545 – *Be thou my vision* (verses 1, 2, & 4)

Scripture 2 – Acts 9: 1-20 read by Tim Derstine

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do. 'The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

Children's time – Gloria Horst Rosenberger

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music – Krista Weidner

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Singing prayer response STJ 49, *Rain down*

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

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

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.

Centre Gives on May 10 & 11 – Donate next week and support the local charities that are part of our church budget, including Bridge of Hope, Center Volunteers in Medicine, Interfaith Human Services, Out of the Cold, Park Forest Preschool, State College Food Bank, and Ten Thousand Villages State College. When you donate during Centre Gives, your gift will be partially matched by an event stretch pool! <https://centregives.org/>

Join us for a **wine and cheese reception at the Ten Thousand Villages store** at 1341 S Atherton St. on Tuesday, May 10 from 5 to 6 pm.

The Creation Care committee invites you for a discussion and Q/A regarding the proposal to make our meetinghouse a net-zero energy building. Join us on Sunday, May 15 at 11:30 am (in the sanctuary and on Zoom). Read the proposal at: <http://www.universitymennonite.org/creation-care-at-the-meetinghouse/proposal>.

Ten Thousand Villages Annual Rug Event – This year the Rug Event has been moved to May 18-22. Stop by the store during the five-day event and learn from the experts how Bunyaad.com supports 850 artisan families in roughly 100 villages in Pakistan by paying a fair wage to artisan families. Learn how rugs are designed and produced by the artisans and how the fair-trade model is making a difference in Pakistani villages. Find a special rug to take home! **Help out by volunteering and sign up at** <https://bit.ly/3P19LvA>

Announcements (cont.)

MCUSA & MCC Updates

MC USA has launched a new curriculum entitled, **Diversity: God's Design**. This multi-media study calls young adults to celebrate their unique gifts and the intentional diversity of God's creation. The four-week curriculum uses biblical reflections to introduce the importance of intercultural competency as part of Christian growth and formation. Find it here: mennoniteusa.org/diversity-gods-design/ View and download the PowerPoint slide here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/May-Diversity-Gods-Design.pptx>

Immigration Law Training - Join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and World Relief for an intensive five-day immigration law training from June 27 to July 1, 2022 at the MCC Welcoming Place in Akron, PA. This course uses the curriculum of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center and will help to provide the necessary training component for individuals who wish to apply for accreditation from the Department of Justice. The course will touch on all areas of immigration law and practice focusing on topics most relevant to those serving and representing low-income immigrants. Register and learn more at mcc.org/events.

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!

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/>