
CHURCH INFORMATION

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Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

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Masking protocol – In response to news released on 5/20 that all but 4 counties in Pennsylvania are at high rates of transmission for COVID, masks will be required for attendance in church on Sunday May 22. We will also suspend coffee time.

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 22, 2022, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)



Beauty born out of brokenness

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Leah Witzig

Prelude – *This Joy* by Resistance Revival Chorus

Call to worship – Leah Witzig

Leader: All things bright and beautiful,

People: God created for our enjoyment.

Leader: All things wrenching and hard,

People: God holds with tender care.

Leader: You and I, neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies,

People: God loves without condition.

All: So let us worship God!

Singing – HWB 71 – *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Lighting the peace lamp – Leah Witzig

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

Week 3 - Sarah Jeh

Offering

Singing – STJ 54 – *Longing for light*

Scripture – John 16:19-24 read by Leah Witzig

Since Jesus was aware that his disciples wanted to question him, he said, 'You're asking one another about my saying, 'in a short time you'll lose sight of me, but soon after that you'll see me again.' "The truth of the matter is, you'll weep and mourn while the world rejoices; you'll grieve for a time, but your grief will turn to joy. When a woman is in labor she cries out, because her time has come. When she has borne her baby she no longer remembers her pain, because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. In the same way, you are now grieving; but I will see you again and then you'll rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. On that day you'll no longer question me about anything. The truth of the matter is, if you ask Abba God for anything in my name, it will be given to you. Until now you haven't asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive so that your joy will be complete.

Children's time – Jess McCormick

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music – STS 34 - *You are holy*, played by Becky Kephart

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Prayer response - STJ 77 – *The peace of the earth be with you*

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

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Congregational meeting following worship - This Sunday, following worship, we will be looking at the proposed budget and considering ways to volunteer. All are encouraged to come (in the sanctuary and on Zoom)!

Tuesday sharing and prayer - There will be no noon gathering this Tuesday, May 24. We will resume our Tuesday gatherings on May 31. Use the worship Zoom link to join the group. See you on May 31!

Pastor's schedule – Kate will be gone Monday afternoon, May 23 through Tuesday morning, May 31. Partially available by email or text. Please contact an elder with spiritual emergencies.

Holding in prayer - Friday-Monday (May 27-30) Kate and Joyce Hall will participate in MCUSA's Delegate Assembly in Kansas City, MO. Please remember the entire delegate assembly as we listen and discern together.

Voices of our congregation - During worship through June 26 we'll be getting to know those who are becoming new members at UMC. We'll be blessed by them as they consider these questions:

- *What is one aspect of your faith journey that you'd like others to know about you?*
- *What is one thing about your time at UMC that has been important to your faith?*

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!

Announcements (cont.)

MCUSA & MCC Updates

Mennonite Church USA's executive director, Glen Guyton, wrote this week: **"Our church must take action: We are not beyond the hate."** He shares a few samples of violent, racist emails he's received. If you'd like to encourage Glen in his work in leading our denomination, consider sending him an email GlenG@MennoniteUSA.org.

Menno Snapshots - "Grief has a way of sneaking up on us." When Ben Wideman set out to produce a podcast episode about **the life and legacy of Michael "MJ" Sharp** for the MennoMedia ~ing podcast series, his emotions triggered other difficult memories as well. Read more about his experience with carrying grief here: mennoniteusa.org/we-carry-grief

MCC ACTION ALERT: Restore asylum - End Title 42

"God, let us not only be grateful if tragedies have escaped us. Let us also be transformed by your grace to repent of ways we are implicated in unjust policies that lead to tragedies upon others. Offer protection to those seeking new life. Amen." - Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea from [Safe Home Safe Refuge worship resources](#)

For over two years, the U.S. government has blocked and expelled people seeking protection at the southern border without allowing them to apply for asylum, as U.S. and international law requires. In March 2020, the Centers for Disease Control issued [Title 42](#), an order that gives the U.S. government authority to deny entry into the country during a public health emergency.

Title 42 has disproportionately been used to expel Black migrants, deepening racial inequities inherent in our immigration system. In February, more than 100 members of Congress expressed concern over the treatment of Black migrants in a letter to President Biden. Join MCC's Washington Office in urging President Biden to restore asylum by ending Title 42. Visit mcc.org/washington to learn more and take action.

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/>