
CHURCH INFORMATION

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Masking protocol – Centre County is currently in the Low community level for COVID-19 and masks are recommended but not required for attendance in church.

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
July 24, 2022, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 24, 2022

Welcome Pastor Kate

Prelude Mike Bratt I want Jesus to walk with me

Hymns HWB 16 God is here among us
HWB 506 I sought the Lord

Call to Worship Pastor Kate

Leader: To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars,
Before a flower, a leaf in sunlight or a grain of sand.

People: To worship is to be silent, receptive

Before a tree astir with the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud

Leader: To worship is to work with dedication and with skill:
It is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

*People: To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth;
It is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within.*

All: Worship is the mystery within us reaching out to the Mystery beyond.

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Singing Spicher-Schonberg's Every Ditch, Every Valley
We'll Work Till Jesus Comes
We Praise You, Wonderful God

Children's Time Meredith Wideman

Singing Jesus Loves Me

Scripture Reading Matthew 13: 31-32

Singing Ross Hardison Garden Song

Scripture Reading Luke 11: 1, 9-13

Special Music Hal Kunkel

Announcements (page 2)

All are welcome to join us **Sunday, July 31 for a Fellowship Picnic** after the worship service in Tussey View Park. Tussey View Park is next door to the church, right behind the Nittany Valley Charter School.

We plan to have picnics in the park on the last Sunday of each month while the weather allows, so please mark your calendars. Ankit Saxena has offered to barbecue hamburgers and hot dogs. Table service and cold water will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share if you'd like, and your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. If your food should be kept cold, please keep it in a cooler and take it directly from your car to the park.

In case of rain we will have our picnics downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Ankit Saxena at ankitsaxena2912@gmail.com or 814-232-8559.

We are once again collecting **school kit materials** for MCC. Between now and August 28, anyone is welcome to bring any of the following materials to church - to add to the collection in the foyer. To read more, you can visit <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school> and here is the list of what is needed:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all metal pencil sharpener (not plastic) - these are hard to find, and it's OK to let MCC add these

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/>

Prayer of Confession – from Iona Worship Book / Desmond Tutu

One: God of life - of all life and each life - we lay our lives before you. We open our lives to you, from whom nothing in us is hidden.

Left: You are before us, God, you are behind;

Right: You in the light and in the darkness;

Left: You see our most public face;

Right: You know the secret thoughts of every heart;

Left: We bring the faith that is in us, and the doubt;

Right: We bring the joy that is in us, and the sorrow;

Left: We bring the pride that is in us, and the shame;

Right: We bring the knowledge that is in us, and the ignorance;

Left: We bring the hope that is in us, and the despair;

Right: We bring the courage that is in us, and the fear.

One: God give us the grace to walk in the way of Christ

ALL: Guide us by your Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon (Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

*May we know that pain cannot be un-made, that life cannot be un-lived,
that time will not run backward, and we cannot un-choose our choices.*

*But through Jesus, God has promised the pain can be healed,
our choices can be redeemed, our lives can be blessed,
and love can bring us home.*

God cover us with forgiving love and bring us home.

Sharing Time - concluding with STS #50 - Woza Nomthwalo Wakho
(Come, Bring Your Burdens to God)

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.

Volunteer at Plowshare Produce - Bethany and Micah Spicher Schonberg invite anyone who enjoys weeding to their farm, Thursday mornings, 9:30-12, to help, followed by an outdoor lunch at noon. All are welcome. RSVP by Wednesday evening before by email or phone.

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.

MCUSA & MCC Updates

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) is seeking applicants for its Justice

Fund grants - The Justice Fund supports MC USA congregations working to combat poverty, dismantle racism, address immigration reform or reimagine policing.

For information: mennoniteusa.org/seek-applicants-justice-fund

#Be Transformed - Gun violence continues to plague our country. Read how Mike Martin has taken steps to combat gun violence through RAWtools, Inc., a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA, in his blog, "Guns to garden tools." mennoniteusa.org/guns-to-garden-tools

MCC Evening volunteer opportunities Second Thursdays at the MCC East Coast Material Resources Center - Interested in volunteering at the MCC East Coast Material Resources Center (MRC) in Ephrata, PA but can't make it during regular hours? The Ephrata MRC is starting to offer open volunteer evenings on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. from September through December 2022. Individuals and groups should call the MRC at (717) 733-2847 in advance to register. The Ephrata MRC is located at 517 W. Trout Run Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522.