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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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**Submissions for bulletin:** [bulletin@universitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@universitymennonite.org)

Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

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**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.**

Request to join the email sharing list by completing this online form:

<https://forms.gle/1EJ4YfuSWnj2LDrR8>

Sign up to receive **Pastor Kate's midweek email newsletter** at:

<http://eepurl.com/gtOJur>

**Missed worship?** Our church services are being recorded and published on our website at: <http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>

**Church Calendar** - <https://universitymennonite.org/calendar/>

**Check out the latest Menno Media -ing podcast** produced by our very own **Ben Wideman**: <https://www.mennomedia.org/ing-podcast/>

**Church Wi-Fi information** – Connect to **umc**, password **mennosimons**



**Sunday Worship**  
**March 26, 2023, 10 am**  
(in-person and Zoom)  
*Lent Week 5*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome** – Marvin Hall

**Prelude** – *I Went to Hell Last Night* by Mika

**Call to worship** – Marvin Hall

*One: Listen!*

**All: There is hope to be found here.**

*One: Listen!*

**All: God calls you by name here.**

*One: Listen!*

**All: There is love that abides here.**

*One: This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.*

**All: God is speaking.**

*One: Let us worship.*

**All: Amen.**

**Prayer of illumination and lighting the peace lamp with Statio**

**Singing** – Krista Weidner, accompanist

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*, VT 5

*Holy Spirit, Come with Power*, VT 57

**Scripture** – John 11:1-45 read by the UMC Players

Doug Miller, Carolyn Brubaker, Cathy Bresee

**Children's time** – Marvin Hall

Singing - *Seeds*, VT 777 Micah & Bethany

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Sermon response** – Krista Weidner

**Confession**

*Jesus of Nazareth,*

*I confess: I forget that you know this feeling.*

*I forget that you, too, have wept.*

*I forget that you, too, have lost.*

*I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb,*

*have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity.*

*Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you.*

*Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you  
could never feel what I feel.*

*Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space  
between us.*

*Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to  
life.*

*Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray, amen.*

**Singing** - *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*, VT 685

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate

**Introduction of visitors/announcements/birthdays/anniversaries**

**Benediction**

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### Announcements

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**Masking protocol** – As of the printing of the bulletin, Centre County is currently in the **low** community transmission level for COVID-19 and masks are **optional** for attendance in church on Sunday.

**Future service guest speakers**

April 2 - Elizabeth Siegelman, restorative justice advocate at Centre County  
Community Conferencing

April 16 - Svitlana Budzhak-Jones, currently a translator of the Russian and  
Ukrainian languages at the United Nations and professor in the Russian  
Department, Penn State

**Congregational meeting following worship in person and on zoom** – The leadership team welcomes all to come and engage around 2 topics: a 'CATT retrospective' where we'll ask, what do we want to: Keep Doing, Start Doing, Stop Doing? As well as a conversation around How do we build relationships with each other and grow as a community?

**Last Sunday for My Coins Count!** - In February and March, all are invited to bring coins for Mennonite Central Committee's My Coins Count collection. Coins will go toward MCC's education programs around the world - funding school materials, meals, conflict resolution, and trauma healing programs. UMC's coins will be collected in a school display in the foyer.

**Maundy Thursday, April 6** - There will be an afternoon service of foot/hand washing and communion at Foxdale and an evening meal, foot/hand washing, communion, and telling the passion story around the fire, at the Schonberg farm. More details to come.

**You're invited to Easter breakfast** at 9 am on Easter Sunday (April 9) in our fellowship hall. No need to bring anything but yourself!

**Church Lifecycle Workshop May 13 with consultant Tom Beers** - We'll meet 9 am - 1 pm with lunch provided. Tom will help us assess the current state of our congregational life and help us consider what's needed to be a vital church. Please plan on attending! If you need childcare, we have options - contact [kate@universitymennonite.org](mailto:kate@universitymennonite.org).

**UMC Anabaptist faith exploration class** - *What does it mean to be Mennonite... To be an Anabaptist, in this place and time?* The elders and Pastor Kate invite you to explore your faith and ask questions of how to live as followers of Christ, by looking at our history and bringing it back to our current lives.

We will use "[What is an Anabaptist Christian?](#)" by Palmer Becker. It's a short, concise distillation of Anabaptist core values. This three-session class is for anyone interested in exploring the intersection of our historical faith and identity as Christ followers today. We will follow this series with additional gatherings for those interested in deepening their commitment to our community and exploring possible membership at UMC. Contact Kate or one of the elders if you're interested in participating.

**Check out the church calendar** to find out what's going on at UMC: <https://universitymennonite.org/calendar/>

**Comforter blitz – UMC Get Challenged!** Contact Laura Litwiller - Hopedale (Illinois) Mennonite Church recently sponsored a two-day comforter blitz for Mennonite Central Committee, a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA, on Jan. 21 and Feb. 4. On Sunday, Feb. 5, Hopedale Mennonite Church blessed the people who made the comforters and prayed for the recipients of the comforters. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/making-comforter](http://mennoniteusa.org/making-comforter)

**Make a MCC relief kit** - *'Better than an Easter basket'!* Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. **22,496 shipped last year to Cuba, Haiti, Honduras, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Ukraine, and Zambia.** Download the list or pick up a paper list at UMC. <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/relief> *Deliver your kit contents on or before Easter, April 9, to UMC. We will take them to the MCC Material Resource Center for shipping.*

**Nursery volunteers needed** - We are looking for more volunteers to care for our community's children in the nursery every week! **Interested volunteers need to be regular attenders for at least six months and submit their child abuse clearances prior to being in the nursery.** Please contact Meredith Wideman at [meredith.wideman@gmail.com](mailto:meredith.wideman@gmail.com) for information about obtaining clearances and signing up.

**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** – Remember 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/>

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### Prayer of Jesus

*Holy One, our only Home,*

*Blessed be your name.*

*May your day dawn,*

*your will be done,*

*here, as in heaven.*

*Feed us today, and forgive us*

*as we forgive each other.*

*Do not forsake us at the test,*

*but deliver us from evil.*

*For the glory, the power,*

*and the mercy are yours,*

*now and forever. Amen.*