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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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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 October 1, 2023, 10 am World Communion Sunday



*Peace within: Known and Loved*

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Worship Leader: Leah Witzig  
Song Leader: Jim Rosenberger

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Accompanist: Krista Weidner

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome** – Leah Witzig

**Prelude** - *Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands*, rendition by Mike Bratt

### Call to worship

*Leader: We gather now in awe*

*Left: of the One who has searched us and known us,*

*Right: the Alpha and the Omega.*

*Leader: We come together in praise*

*Left: of the One for whom night is as bright as day,*

*Right: who was and who is and who is to come.*

*Leader: We open ourselves to the presence*

*Left: of the One who has formed our inward parts,*

*Right: the almighty God.*

*Leader: So let us lift our hearts and our voices to worship our God,*

*Left: who holds us and leads us, who is still with us—*

*Right: now and always.*

*ALL: Amen.*

### Singing

*Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*, VT 7

*Heart with Loving Heart United*, VT 813

### Lighting the peace lamp

### Singing

*Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands (verses 1 and 2)*, VT 485

**Scripture** – Psalm 139: 1-18, read by new members Carmen Groff,  
Tim Groff, Ruth Kitchin Tillman, Leslie Webb

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

**Children's time** – from the Peace Table Storybook Bible, Rick Stehouwer

**Voices of the congregation**, highlighting new members  
– Ruth Kitchin Tillman

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Welcoming new members** - Carmen Groff, Tim Groff,  
Ruth Kitchin Tillman, Leslie Webb

**Special music** – Will Minnich

**Communion** – Instrumental music, Sally Williams Minnich

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate

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

**Benediction**

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### Announcements

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Join us today for **adult Christian education in the sanctuary at 11 am** after worship.

**Coming up at UMC** - Check out the church calendar for more details  
<https://universitymennonite.org/calendar/>

Oct 3, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Oct 9, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing in the foyer

Oct 10, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Oct 12, 7 am – Men's fellowship breakfast at the Waffle Shop, 364 E College Av

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## Announcements (cont.)

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Oct 15, 11 am Adult Christian Ed., Curt Knouse from Interfaith Human Servs.

11 am Special activity for children

Noon potluck fellowship meal

Oct 17, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Oct 22, 10 am Church around the table worship (various homes)

Oct 23, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing in the foyer

Oct 24, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Oct 26, 7 am – Men’s fellowship breakfast at the Waffle Shop, 364 E College Av

Oct 31, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

On October 11, the Pardon Project of Centre County is hosting an exclusive viewing of the documentary **PARDON ME at The State Theater**. Doors open at 6, and the film starts at 7. Immediately following the film (around 7:30) there will be a panel discussion featuring Shuja Moore, the director.

Find out more and register to attend this free event at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pardon-me-documentary-film-screening-tickets-718604263697>

On October 15, **Curt Knouse, the executive director of Interfaith Human Services (IHS)**, will share a mission moment during the service and share more about their work during the Christian education hour.

**Children in UMC Worship** – Children through fifth grade are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for children's time. After children's time, the nursery is available for children ages three and under. (Parents, please check to see if the nursery is staffed; if not, please stay with your child.) Children of all ages are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary for the service or to gather *quietly* at the table in the back and use the provided materials.

**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 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/>

**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.