
CHURCH INFORMATION

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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. Find out more and request to join at <https://universitymennonite.org/email-sharing-list/>

Our church has an online directory with photos and contact information.

Find out more and request to join at:

<https://universitymennonite.org/directory/>

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

<http://eepurl.com/gtOJur>

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Church calendar <https://universitymennonite.org/calendar/>

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



Sunday Worship
March 3, 2024, 10 am

THE
POETRY
of LENT



Broadening our hearts and preparing the way, making room for careful attention to what matters most.

Worship Leader: Cathy Bresee

Accompanist: Hal Kunkel

Song Leader: Micah Spicher Schonberg

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and prayer – Cathy Bresee

Prelude – *Always Forgive* by The Soil and the Seed Project

Call to worship – from Psalm 19

Lighting the peace lamp

Confession

Singing

Create in Me a Clean Heart, VT 141

God of the Bible, VT 420

Scripture – John 2:13-25 read by Cathy Bresee

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

Singing to call children forward - *Come and See*, VT 282, v1

Children's time – Laura Litwiller

Poetry of Lent – *Where Does the Temple Begin, Where Does It End?*
by Mary Oliver, read by Krista Weidner

*There are things you can't reach. But
you can reach out to them, and all day long.*

The wind, the bird flying away. The idea of God.

And it can keep you as busy as anything else, and happier.

*The snake slides away; the fish jumps, like a little lily,
out of the water and back in; the goldfinches sing
from the unreachable top of the tree.*

I look; morning to night I am never done with looking.

*Looking I mean not just standing around, but standing around
as though with your arms open.*

*And thinking: maybe something will come, some
shining coil of wind,
or a few leaves from any old tree–
they are all in this too.*

*And now I will tell you the truth.
Everything in the world
comes.*

At least, closer.

And, cordially.

*Like the nibbling, tinsel-eyed fish; the unlooping snake.
Like goldfinches, little dolls of gold fluttering around the corner of the sky
of God, the blue air.*

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music - *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* by Stuart Townend
sung by Edna Troyer

Communion

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction – *God, Be the Love*, VT 43 (verses 1, 2 & 5)

Announcements

MASKING SPACE - Out of consideration for and support of those who have special health concerns, the leadership team has designated the back three benches on the left side of the sanctuary (as you enter) for those who wish to mask in an area where others are also masking. ***This does not mean that everyone who masks must sit in one of those benches;*** rather, it allows for those who want to mask and to maintain some distance from those who are unmasked to sit in one place.

My Coins Count - Throughout Lent the children will be gathering coins during children's time. You are also welcome to leave them in the display area in the foyer. This year, the coins will be supporting Mennonite Central Committee's water projects around the world. Contact Bethany Spicher Schonberg if you would like to make a matching donation!

Join us this morning after worship for a multi-generational Sunday school hour as we knot quilts as part of MCC's work, creating warmth to send to families in need around the world. No experience needed. All of us can find a way to participate!

Coming up at UMC - Check out the church calendar for more details

<https://universitymennonite.org/calendar/>

Mar 3, 11:15 am – Multi-generational Sunday school hour, fellowship hall

Mar 5, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Mar 11, 7 pm – Sacred Harp singing, foyer

Mar 12, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Mar 14, 7 am – Men's fellowship breakfast, Waffle Shop, 364 E College Ave

Mar 16, 6:45 pm – Iftar meal with Turkish Muslim group, fellowship hall

Mar 19, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Mar 23, 7 pm – Acoustic Brew concert featuring Rakish, sanctuary

Mar 25, 7 pm – Sacred Harp singing, foyer

Mar 26, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Mar 28, 3 pm Maundy Thursday services, Bartschs' Foxdale

6 pm Maundy Thursday services, Spicher Schonbergs'

Mar 31, 9 am – Easter Sunday breakfast, fellowship hall

Join others for a candlelight peace vigil at the Allen Street Gates each Monday from 5 to 5:30 pm. Join us as we pray for peace and an end to violence in the Middle East.

National Day of Racial Healing Part 2 - Strategies to Help Break Down Racial Barriers will be held Friday, April 12, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the State College Municipal Building. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/ydj8jttf>

Announcements (cont.)

Park Forest Preschool - Volunteer Board Opportunity - The Park Forest Preschool has been serving low-income preschool children and their families in the Centre County community for 56 years! Our dynamic board cares deeply about our community and we work so our youngest citizens receive quality social-emotional support and a solid educational foundation so they may be successful lifelong learners. Our current treasurer will be stepping off the board as of July 2024. We are seeking an individual with an accounting background to serve as our board treasurer.

Please contact JoAnn Vautour, PFP board chair, at 814-880-9322

or jorayv@gmail.com to learn more about this impactful volunteer opportunity.

Support Park Forest Preschool with a delicious fundraiser coming up right after spring break. **All day Monday, March 11 (11am - 9pm), The Field Burger and Tap will donate 10% of their entire day's receipts (food and drinks!) to PFP.** Here's the best part—you don't have to mention Park Forest Preschool or give them a flyer. Just go to The Field Burger and Tap and enjoy a great lunch or dinner!

Children in UMC worship – Children through sixth 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 at the table in the back for quiet activities using the materials provided.

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Need help? We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need help - gathering groceries, shoveling snow, 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 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/>