
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 10, 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: Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Accompanist: Joyce Hall

Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and prayer – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Prelude – *Create In Me A Clean Heart* rendition by Mike Bratt,
God Our Help In Trouble from The Soil and the Seed Project

Call to worship – from Psalm 107, responsive reading,
based on translation by Lynn Bauman

*One: O God, you alone are gracious, good,
and this is cause to give you thanks.*

*Many: We praise you for the love you've shown
which never knows a limit but lasts forever.*

*One: Let every creature touched by mercy's hand declare
that they have been redeemed from evil's grasp.*

*Many: For you, O God, have searched and gathered them from everywhere,
from East and West, from North and South they come.*

Lighting the peace lamp

Confession

Singing

The Love of God, VT 162

Gott ist die Liebe, VT 158

Scripture – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Numbers 21:4-9 - From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

John 3:14-21 - And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

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

Children's time – Micah Spicher Schonberg

Poetry of Lent – *Some Questions You Might Ask*, read by Lara Rooke

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzel

Special music – Micah Spicher Schonberg

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Closing Hymn – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, VT 638

Benediction

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.

After worship, grab a cup of coffee and join us in the sanctuary for a discussion around the sermon and ongoing Lenten themes and readings. Sunday school for the children will be held downstairs.

Announcements (cont.)

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!

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

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

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/ydj8jjtf>

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

Announcements (cont.)

Support Park Forest Preschool with a delicious fundraiser. **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!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA NEWS - In honor of **Women's History Month**, the MC USA Archives has compiled a Mennonite Women's History timeline. Explore the rich history at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennonite-womens-history-timeline/>

Are you a collector of seeds? Check out the article describing the intersection of climate justice work and the Doctrine of Discovery team in this week's Peace Mail (<https://mailchi.mp/mennoniteusa/peacemail-march-6?e=194dc5d782>) How might you (we) support this work?

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, 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 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/>