
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. 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>

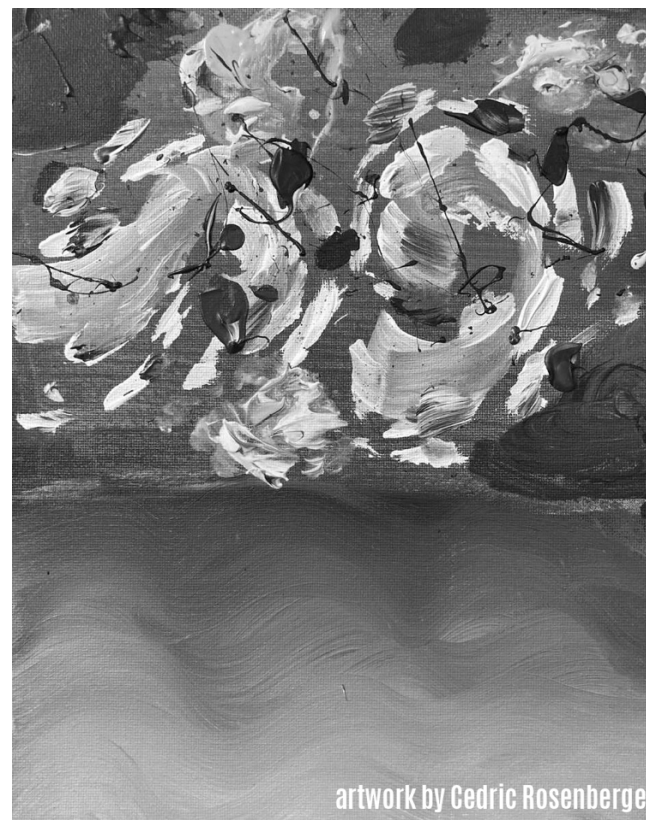
Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published on our website at: <http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>

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

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



Sunday Worship
July 28, 2024, 10 am



Rooted in the love of Christ, we welcome each one here today—
we welcome your mind, body, and spirit; we welcome your faith and your doubts; your joys and your sorrows. Wherever you come from, whatever your age and whomever you love...
Whoever you are, you are welcome here.

Worship Leader: Esther Prins

Accompanist: Becky Kephart

Song Leader: Faith King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and prayer – Esther Prins

Prelude – *Dream Song* (from the Lil'wat), sung by Tzo'kam & *Rooted and Grounded*, from The Soil and the Seed Project

Call to Worship – from VT 861 (Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples)

*Creator,
we give you thanks for all you are
and all you bring to us
for our visit within your creation.
In Jesus, you place the gospel
in the center of this sacred circle
through which all creation is related.
You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life.
Give us your strength to live together
with respect and commitment
as we grow in your Spirit,
for you are God, now and forever. Amen*

Peace lamp

Confession – from VT 901

Singing

Praise with Joy the World's Creator, VT 428

Jesus Shall Reign, VT 414

Offertory Prayer – from VT 1024

Voices of the congregation – Paul McCormick

Scripture - Luke 4:14-21, read by Laura Litwiller, from *First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament*
The power of the Spirit was now resting on Creator Sets Free (Jesus), so he returned to the territory of the Circle of the Nations (Galilee). News about him began to spread like wildfire throughout the villages, for he was teaching in their gathering houses, and the people gave him much honor. On one of these

Days of Resting, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) returned to his boyhood home in Seed Planter Village (Nazareth). As was his tradition, he entered the gathering house and stood up to read from the ancient Sacred Teachings. The headman handed him the scroll with the words from the prophet Creator will Help Us (Isaiah). He opened the scroll and began to read. "The Spirit of Creator has come to rest on me. He has chosen me to tell the good story to the ones who are poor. He has sent me to mend broken hearts, to tell prisoners they have been set free, to make the blind see again, and to lift up the ones who have been pushed down—to make it known that Creator's Year of the Setting Free has come at last!" He rolled up the scroll, returned it to the headman, and sat down. All eyes were fixed on him, wondering what he would say. He looked around at them and spoke clearly, with a strong voice, "Today these words you have heard have found their full meaning."

Singing to call children forward, *Come and See*

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Singing

Creation Is a Song, VT 181

Sermon – *Reimagining Mission* from Marisa Smucker, Executive Director Mennonite Mission Network

Special music – Becky Kephart

In Christ There Is No East or West, VT 390

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Sending Song

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hand, VT 485: (verses 1&4)

Benediction

Announcements

Masking space - The back three benches on the left side of the sanctuary are reserved 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 this area;*** rather, it allows for those who want to mask and to maintain some distance from those who are unmasked to sit in one place.

Coming up - Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Jul 28, 11 am – Conversation with Marisa Smucker from MMN

Jul 29, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Announcements (cont.)

Jul 30, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom
Aug 2-4, Allegheny Mennonite Conference
Aug 4, 10 am – Todd Davis Poetry during UMC worship service
Aug 5, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates
Aug 6 – Sep 30 – Pastor Kate on Sabbatical
Aug 8, 7 am – Men’s Breakfast

Save the Date: Song Leading Workshop, Sunday, Aug. 25 (after the service)
Current and aspiring song leaders (as well as curious congregants) are all welcome to join a Song Leading Presentation/Workshop after the church service on Sunday, August 25. Sally Minnich will share her expertise from conducting studies to help song leaders clearly and effectively gesture while leading hymn singing.

UMC Library News There is a display of UMC library books in the elevator lobby featuring writings by or about theologians referenced in this Summer Sermon Series. Please check out a book: sign the card at the back, place it in the cardholder, and return the book when you are finished with it. Also, please stop by the library, basement room #1, to browse the adult and children’s library shelves. – Library Committee

Interfaith Human Services (HIS) is preparing for its 5th Annual Community Care Auction and is accepting donated items for the auction. They need new, handcrafted items as well as gift certificates. "Experiences" such as tickets to events, sports, or a stay at a cabin/vacation property or timeshare will also sell well. Items are needed no later than August 30. For information or questions about donating items email Curt at director@interfaithhumanservices.org or call 814-234-7731.

FREE SUBU: Want to support Vedam Subu's quest for justice? Learn how to get involved at <https://freesubu.org/>

State College Food Bank is especially in need of canned chicken and gluten-free pasta. Other foodstuffs are also welcomed. Please place donations in the Food Bank box here at UMC.

MC USA News

Anabaptist World calls for submissions: *What feeds your soul?* Visit this link to learn more, or to submit a response - <https://anabaptistworld.org/anabaptist-world-call-for-submissions-what-feeds-your-body-and-soul>

Announcements (cont.)

What is deep listening? Spiritual director Ruth Johnston discusses the benefits of having a spiritual director who really listens. Read her blog at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/deep-listening-is-essential-for-a-life-of-faith/>

Mennonite Mission Network - Journeys of hope - “all through the night” by Barbara West and Kathy Howell. Read more at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/blog/5092/Journeys-of-hope>

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.

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 four 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.

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/>