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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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[www.universitymennonite.org](http://www.universitymennonite.org)

Pastor: Kate Heinzl

**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.** 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**  
**August 4, 2024, 10 am**



State College Farmers Market, Centre County Gazette

**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.**

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Worship Leader: Pastor Kate Heinzl

Accompanist: Meredith Wideman

Song Leader: Faith King

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome and prayer** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Prelude** – 40 by U2, rendition by Full Table

**Call to worship** – Pastor Kate, including Psalm 40:1-3

### Singing

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*, VT 177

*Praise God*, VT 70

**Peace lamp** – Psalm 24:1-2, read by Todd Davis

**Poetry from Todd Davis** - *Doctrine* (below) and  
William Stafford's *The Way It Is*

*I love the church  
of the osprey, simple  
adoration, no haggling  
over the body, the blood,  
whether water sprinkled  
from talons or immersed  
in the river saves us,  
whether ascension  
is metaphor or literal,  
because, of course,  
it's both: wings crooked,  
all the angels crying out,  
rising up from nests  
made of sticks  
and sunlight.*

**Scripture** – Matthew 6:25-34, shared by Pastor Kate

*You cannot serve both God and wealth. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they*

*neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more care for you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.*

**Singing to call children forward**, *Come and See*

**Children’s time** – Ben Wideman

**Singing** - *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God*, VT 653

**Sermon** – *Poetry from Todd Davis*, including

*Brian Doyle “Furious prayer for the church I love...”*

*A Psalm for my Children*

*What I Know about the Last Lynching in Jeff Davis County*

*Prayer Requests at a Mennonite Church*

**Confession** – *Kyrie eleison*, HWB 147 and VT 898

**Communion** – Special music from the Minnich family

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate

**Sabbatical Blessing for Pastor Kate**

**Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors**

**Benediction** – *A Prayer for My Sons...* by Todd Davis

*If I could send the sun  
sprawling from my mouth,  
if each night the moon might drop*

*being a man who has seen  
no angels and who at times doubts  
what he’s been told in church,*

*from my eyes onto your head,  
if I could reach up and take a star  
whose light has traveled toward you*

*I’ll simply ask what the Poet asked—  
that God would make this world  
as beautiful to you as it has been to me.*

*for thousands of years and place it  
under the bed where you sleep,  
I would do all these things. But*

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## Announcements

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**Coming up** – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

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 6, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Aug 8, 7 am – Men's fellowship breakfast, Waffle Shop, 364 E College Ave

Aug 11, noon – Potluck fellowship meal, fellowship hall

Aug 12, 7 pm – Sacred harp singing, foyer

Aug 12, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Aug 13, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Aug 18, 10 am – Church Around the Table, various homes and UMC

**Pastor Kate will be on sabbatical from August 6 to September 30** – During this time, contact an elder for pastoral care needs.

**August is Mennonite Central Committee school kit month!** Any of the following items can be placed in the box in the foyer any Sunday in August; the kits go to students in the U.S. and around the world. One bag contains:

- 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks; about 21.5 cm x 27.5 cm (8.5 in x 11 in); approx. 140 pages (70 sheets) each, totaling 500–600 pages (250-300 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional))
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

**Students and teachers of all ages:** On August 25, bring your backpacks, briefcases, or laptops for a Blessing of the Backpacks to mark a new year of school.

**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.

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**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](mailto: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.

**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/>