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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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

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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>

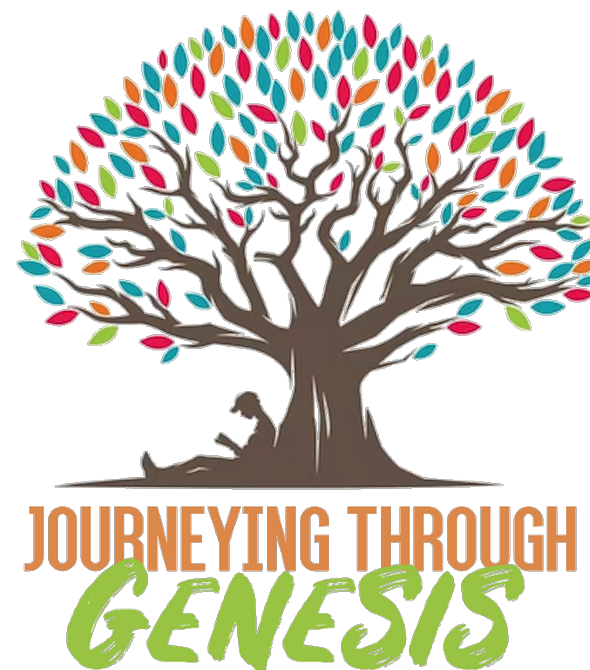
**Missed worship?** Our church services are being recorded and published at <http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>

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

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



**Sunday Worship**  
**September 29, 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.**

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Worship Leader: Ross Hardison

Accompanist: Krista Weidner

Song Leader: Jim Rosenberger

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** – Krista Weidner

**Welcome and prayer** – Ross Hardison

**Call to worship** – from VT 877

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

*Leader: enter our silences.*

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

*Leader: into the depths of our longing.*

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

*Leader: unmask our pretending.*

*Enter our trusting,*

*enter our fearing,*

*enter our letting go,*

*enter our holding back.*

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

*Leader: embrace and free us.*

## Singing

*We are people of God's peace, VT 797*

*For the healing of the nations, VT 705*

## Lighting the peace lamp

### Scripture reading and singing

*Listen to the Word, VT 405*

Genesis 13, read by Ross Hardison

### Calling the children forward for children's time, *Come and See*

Children's time – Marvin Hall

### Sermon – Ben Wideman

### Glimpses of joy – *Go Your Own Way*, cover from Wurd Sessions

Moments where we have seen glimpses of the divine in our lives

### Sharing time – Doug Miller

### Visioning moment – Leslie Webb from UMC Visioning Team

## Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

### Benediction – from VT 1067

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## Announcements

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

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Sep 29, after worship – Christian education, fellowship hall

Sep 30, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Oct 1, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Oct 6, 10 am – Pastor Kate Heinzl's first Sunday back after Sabbatical

Oct 6, 11 am – Intergenerational Christian Education

**Pastor Kate is on sabbatical through September 30** – During this time, please contact an elder for pastoral care needs.

**Music** is an important part of our worship each Sunday, and we have a pool of volunteers who lead singing, accompany hymns, and play the prelude and special music. Do we have musicians who are not in the loop? If you sing, play an instrument, or have song-leading skills and are interested in helping with music, please let Krista Weidner know ([kristaweidner@outlook.com](mailto:kristaweidner@outlook.com)). We'd love to add you to our group of musicians.

**UMC offers Christian education classes** for all ages following the worship service. All are welcome to intergenerational gatherings in the basement on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. On the 2nd, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5th Sundays, junior youth, older elementary, and younger elementary classes will meet in the basement and adults will meet in the sanctuary.

**Join us each week on Tuesday at noon on Zoom for a curious, open-hearted look at the scripture** for the coming Sunday. We ask questions of the text and ourselves, wondering what invitation it has for our lives today. There is also a time of sharing the joys, sorrows, and challenges in our lives and praying with one another. Contact Leah Witzig, [Witzig1@gmail.com](mailto:Witzig1@gmail.com), for a Zoom link.

**Journeying through Genesis** – This fall we are exploring the rich and complicated stories from that ancient Hebrew text. Genesis is divisible into two parts: primeval history (chapters 1–11) and ancestral history (chapters 12–50).

The primeval history sets out the author's concepts of the nature of the deity and of humankind's relationship with its maker. The ancestral history tells of the prehistory of Israel, God's chosen people. We will be using the Peace Table Storybook Bible to structure our Sunday scripture and themes, and to guide our children's times.

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### MC USA News

#### Conflict Transformation

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#### MCUSA Lead/Follow Podcast, Season 2, ep. 2

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