
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>

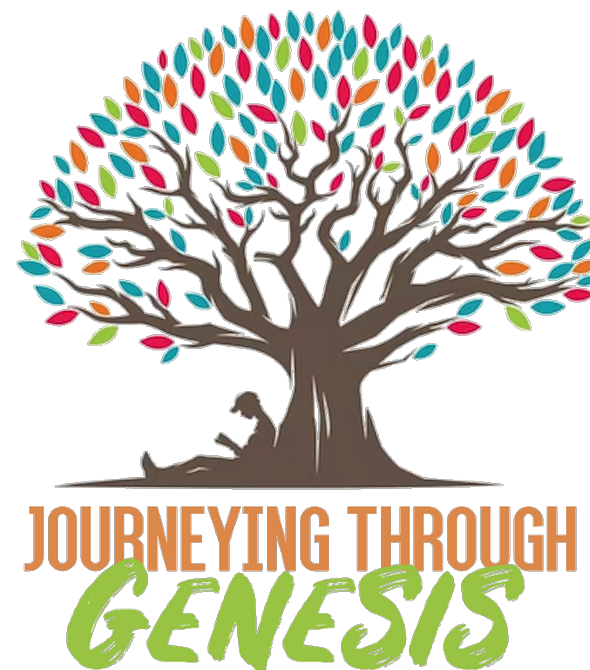
Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published at <http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>

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

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



Sunday Worship
October 6, 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: Ben Wideman

Accompanist: Hal Kunkel

Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Mike Bratt renditions of *Whole World* and *Come See The Beauty of the Lord*

Welcome and prayer – Ben Wideman

Call to worship – from VT 869

Group 1: We are a covenant people,
called to God by God,
generation through generation.

**Group 2: We are a covenant people,
called to Jesus by Jesus,
losing our life to gain our life.**

*Together: We are a covenant people,
called to church by the church,
weaving together the strong and the weak,
the stranger and the friend.*

Group 1: Renamed.

Group 2: Reborn.

Together: Renewed.

We gather ourselves in the community of believers.

We gather ourselves unto you.

Singing

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise VT 98

The God of Sarah Praise, VT 190

Confession – from VT 894

Lighting the peace lamp

Scripture reading and singing

Listen to the Word, VT 405

Genesis 16 (pew Bibles, page 11), read by Ruth Kitchin Tillman

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

Children's time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon – Bethany Spicher Schonberg and Pastor Kate Heinzl

Communion – World Communion Sunday

Glimpses of joy – *Christ, Our Peace*, by Marty Haugen

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

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Oct 6, after worship – Intergenerational Christian education

Oct 7, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Oct 8, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Oct 10, 7 am – Men's Breakfast

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). 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, 4th, 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, for a Zoom link.

Announcements (cont.)

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