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CMCL— Order of Worship for Sunday, July 24

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Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ORDINARY TIME

CMCL Order of Worship

—July 24, 2022—

10:00 a.m., outdoors and Zoom

(Lancaster County Park, Pavilion #11, Williamson area)



Abraham pleads with God over Sodom and Gomorrah, artist unknown

Prelude— Don't Get Around Much Anymore, by Duke Ellington

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Presence,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.*

Welcome— Good morning, everyone, and welcome to CMCL and Lancaster County Park on this warm summer morning. My name is Deb Napolitan and I am stepping in for Leslie who is not feeling well.

Call to Worship— Welcome Morning, by Anne Sexton

There is joy
in all:
in the hair I brush each morning,
in the Cannon towel, newly washed,
that I rub my body with each morning,
in the chapel of eggs I cook
each morning,
in the outcry from the kettle
that heats my coffee
each morning,
in the spoon and the chair
that cry "hello there, Anne"
each morning,
in the godhead of the table

that I set my silver, plate, cup upon
each morning.

All this is God,
 right here in my pea-green house
 each morning
 and I mean,
 though often forget,
 to give thanks,
 to faint down by the kitchen table
 in a prayer of rejoicing
 as the holy birds at the kitchen window
 peck into their marriage of seeds.
 So while I think of it,
 let me paint a thank-you on my palm
 for this God, this laughter of the morning,
 lest it go unspoken.

Gathering Hymns— This Is God's Wondrous World, VT #180
 Your Love is Washing Over Me, VT #166

Children's Time—

Offering Prayer— Thank you for the many ways that you regularly give financially and through your time and other gifts to the life and work of this congregation. May God continue to bless these gifts for God's good purposes in, through, and beyond us in this community and the world.

Offertory— How High the Moon, by Morgan Lewis

Prayer of Confession

*Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:
 The fear that stifles us,
 The prejudice that blinds us,
 The ignorance that hobbles us,
 The doubt that plagues us.
 Help us, we pray, that we will
 Find courage in unlikely places,
 See the world with new and gracious eyes,
 Move to those places where love is needed,
 Have faith that you are with us. Amen.*
 — Beth Merrill-Neal

Scripture— [Genesis 18:20-32](#) and [Luke 11:1-13](#)

Sermon

Hymn of Response— [Ask the Complicated Questions, VT #440](#) (recording by Assembly Mennonite in Goshen, IN)

Sharing Time— Please email your prayer requests or reflections this morning to Pastor Susan at susan@communitymennonite.org.

Loving God, hear our prayers.**Sharing Time Prayer—** VT #1008 (adapted)

*Loving God,
 We have just a few ways to pray,
 but you have so many ways to answer.
 Keep us alert to your unexpected responses.
 And, by your grace, make us part of the surprising ways
 you bring new life and deep joy.*

*For the sake of the One who taught us the surprises of
 moving mountains,
 healing touches,
 wondrous stories,
 great banquets,
 first suppers,
 broken bread,
 crosses,
 and resurrections.
 Amen*

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors—**Closing Hymn—****Benediction—** VT #1055 (adapted)

Reach out your hand
 If your cup be empty
 If your cup is full
 May it be again
 Let it be known
 There is a fountain
 That was not made
 By the hands of men
 — Grateful Dead

Worship Leader: Leslie Homer-Cattell and Deb Napolitan

Song Leader: Beth Graybill

Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke

Children's Time: Kirsten Crosby Close

Prelude & Offertory: Dean Clemmer and Larry Penner

Sound: Monte Garber and Ezra Kauffman

Zoom: Dave Cattell



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