

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

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Worship Leader—Christy Kauffman

Prelude/Offertory—Daryl Snider

Preaching—Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader—Anne Sensenig

Sound Technician—Monte Garber

Greeter—Mary Lou Weaver Houser

Ushers—Carolyn Weaver, Pauline Zimmerman, Larry Groff, Rod Houser

Child Care

Lindsey Garber Deininger, Carol Eby-Good

Helper—Dulce Zeager

LENTEN ENVIRONMENT- The symbols in our environment for LENT - may they accompany us as we embark on our Lenten practices:

The spiral, an ancient art form dating back to 10,000 BC. Its simple form delineates either inward or outward movement from a fixed center point.

The rocks remind us of divine wisdom. In our everyday, rocks represent struggles to overcome and perspectives to be gained.

The basket, a porous instrument for holding.

The wrought iron spiral hanging in the front of the worship space, was created in 2006 for CMCL by Christian Fisher, an Amish ironsmith from Ronks, PA.

-Environment Committee

CHURCH INFORMATION

Contact the church office staff at (717) 392-7567 or cmcl@communitymennonite.org.

Worship service: 9:30 a.m. **Christian Ed:** 11 a.m.

Bulletin Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Tuesday

Midweek Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Tuesday

Lead Pastor: Susan Gascho-Cooke—(susan@communitymennonite.org), 717-224-6863, (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Wednesdays off)

Associate Pastor of Youth:

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Associate Pastor of Children and Families:

Malinda Clatterbuck (Malinda@communitymennonite.org), Mon and Thu—8:15-5

Pastoral Team: Carol Spicher, Deb Napolitan, Monte Garber, Luke Good and Naomi Paine

Office staff: Rod Houser (Tues, Thurs), Rachel Kraybill Stahl (Mon, Wed, Fri)

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Childcare Coordinators: Kandace Helmuth (Kandace@ptd.net), Michelle Meck (meckmp@aol.com)

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LENT

Prelude Daryl Snider

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Gathering hymns *God who touches earth with beauty* HWB #511
In lonely mountain ways HWB #560
v. 1 (last line) "...I know your hand is there."
v. 2 (last line) "...my way the maker keeps."
v. 3 (last line) "...the vision of our future calls, and here a holy place."
(lyrics adapted from original by Daryl Snider, Frances Crowhill Miller & Nathan Bontrager)

Children's Time *Come and see* HWB #20
Malinda Harnish Clatterbuck

*We value children's participation in worship.
This is a sacred time for children and adults alike.
Let us listen and see with the eyes and ears of a child.*

Offering/Offertory Daryl Snider

Singing *Come unto me* STS #48

Scripture Readings Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Ryan Trainor, Reader

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before

him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Sermon *Holding Space in Our Lives* Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song of response *O God, who gives us life* HWB #483

Sharing & Prayer

Where do you sense God moving among us? This is a time to respond to the scripture, music and message of the morning, and to share joys and concerns from your lives and the greater world.

Announcements/Introduction of Visitors

Sending song *Calm me, Lord* STS #45

Benediction

Sources:

Prayers of the Cosmos: Meditations on the Aramaic Words of Jesus,
by Neil Douglas-Klotz

The Worship Sourcebook, Carrie Steenwyk and John D. Witvliet, eds.

To Bless the Space Between Us, by John O'Donohue

Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness, Nan Merrill