

## COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

March 25, 2018

Worship Leader—Christy Kauffman

Prelude/Offertory—CMCL Ensemble: Dean Clemmer, Daniel Erdman,  
Anne Sensenig, Jean Sensenig,  
Randy Newswanger, Melissa Stock  
Louise Ranck: accompanist; Zita Angelo: dance

Preaching—Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader—Beth Graybill

Sound Technician—Steve Stayrook

Greeter—Milton Lehman

Ushers—Jim Spicher, John Kanagy, Laurel Martin

### Child Care

Kandace Helmuth, John Thomas  
Ashton Clatterbuck—Helper

**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.*

### CHURCH INFORMATION

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

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

**Bulletin Announcements:** [bulletin@communitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@communitymennonite.org) by 4 p.m., Tuesday

**Midweek Announcements:** [bulletin@communitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@communitymennonite.org) by 4 p.m., Tuesday

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

#### Associate Pastor of Youth:

Amanda Stoltzfus ([Amanda@communitymennonite.org](mailto:Amanda@communitymennonite.org)), Mon and Thu—10-4

#### Associate Pastor of Children and Families:

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

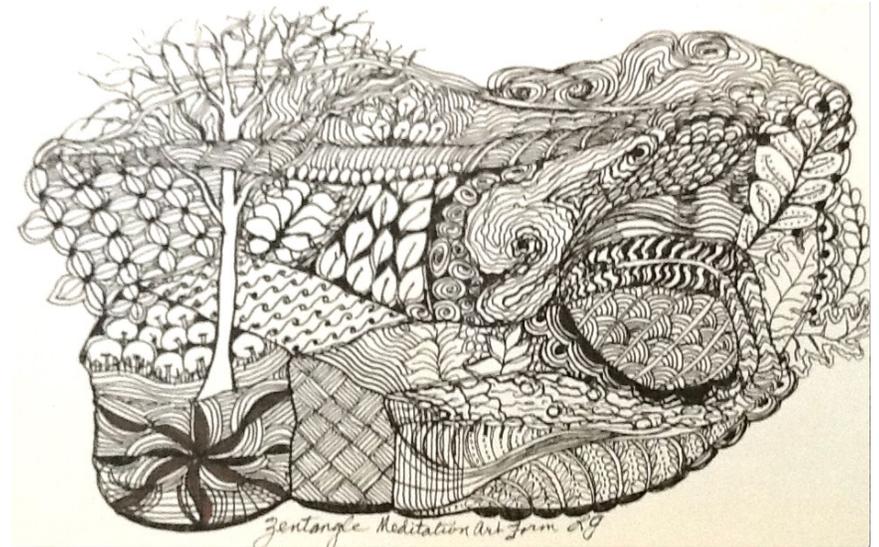
**Pastoral Team:** Carol Spicher, Deb Napolitan, Monte Garber, Luke Good and Naomi Paine

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

**Small groups:** Church office.

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

*To join our closed Facebook Page search for Parrot Nation and request to join.*



Zentangle Art by Lila Garber

**Prelude** CMCL Ensemble

**Procession for Peace** *Khudaya, rahem kar* STS #67  
(Have mercy on us, Lord)

### Welcome and Call to Worship

**Praise the One** the way of love poured out with abandon.

**Praise the One** who gathers us in grace that holds us fast.

**Praise the One** true love incarnate.

**Praise the One** who makes us one.

STS # 1/Jan Richardson, adapted

**Singing** *Hosanna, loud hosanna* HWB #238  
*God of the Bible* STJ #27

**Children's Time** *Come and See* HWB #20

First Grade Bible Presentations  
Maya Hertzler – *Brad Hertzler, Justine Hertzler*  
Isaac Hoover – *Eric and Kirsten Kelley Hoover*  
Violet Miller – *Adam and Darcy Miller*  
Priscilla Noelle Sauder – *Brenda and Jonathan Sauder*

*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** CMCL Ensemble

This Lent, CMCLers have generously given 77 pairs of shoes that will be repaired (if needed) and sent to recipients in the United States and abroad. Our shoes will be added to those collected by St. John's Episcopal Church.

**Scripture** Mark 14:32-42  
Daniel Erdman, Reader

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba,\* Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.' He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial;\* the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is

betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

**Blessing** *When the World is Ending* by Jan Richardson

**Singing** *Lord, listen to your children* HWB #353

**Sermon** *Stay With Me* Susan Gascho-Cooke,  
Mark Clatterbuck, Darrell Yoder

### Sharing and 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** *The Lord lift you up* STJ #73

**Benediction** by Sister Ruth Marlene Fox

May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart. **AMEN.**

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people. **AMEN.**

May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy. **AMEN.**

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really CAN make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done. **AMEN.**

And the blessing of God our Creator,  
Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word who is our brother and Savior,  
and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide,  
be with you and remain with you, this day and forevermore. **AMEN.**

### Sources:

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*Praying With the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace* by John Philip Newell