

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

April 1, 2018

Worship Leader—Louise Ranck

Prelude/Offertory—**CMCL Ensemble** - Marty Kelley, Ellen Kanagy,
Laurel Martin, Cynthia Stayrook, Matt Krebs, Christy Kauffman,
Randy Newswanger, Milt Lehman

Dancers – Zita Angelo, Nancy Baum

Instrumentalists – Dean Clemmer, Christy Kauffman,
Aaron Eby-Good, Emily Vogt, Ryan Kauffman,
Ron Vogt, Daryl Snider

Tulip Carriers - Addie, Rob, Ava and Simon Bird, Eriselle and Annali Cooke,
Brenda Sauder, Karen, Dulce and Vanessa Shenk-Zeager

Children's Time—Jim Spicher

Preaching—Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader—Louise Ranck

Sound Technician—Anne Sensenig

Greeter—Carol Spicher

Ushers—Linford Good, Marian Good, Esther Becker, Larry Groff

Child Care

Brenda Sauder, Omer Brubaker; Amani Kaufman—Helper

The Easter Rap was commissioned for this service. Listen again or read the lyrics at
thewalkingrootsband.com

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.

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,
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Associate Pastor of Youth:

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

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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EASTER

OUT OF THE DARK EARTH

Prelude

CMCL Ensemble, Rick Shoup

What have we done?

Jesus is the seed, the sprout irrepressible, by Gregory J. Yoder

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna HWB #272

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days. Christ is risen!
Hush in wonder, all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding,
see a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with
gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of
resurrection, not a servant, but a friend; Jesus is our strong companion -
joy and peace will never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread
of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus,
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!” God, the First and Last, is with us.
Sing hosanna, everyone!

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymns

That Easter day with joy was bright

HWB #281

Christ the Lord is risen today

HWB #280

SPROUTS

Children’s Time

Come and see

HWB #20

Jim Spicher

*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

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain.
Love lives again, that with the dead has been,
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen,
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain.
Raised from the dead, the risen Lord is seen.
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been.
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

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Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-8 (from *The Message*)

Temam Cooke, Reader

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James,
and Salome bought spices so they could embalm Jesus. Very early on Sunday
morning, as the sun rose, they went to the tomb. They worried out loud to each
other, “Who will roll back the stone from the tomb for us?”

Then they looked up, saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was a
huge stone—and walked right into the tomb. They saw a young man sitting on
the right side, dressed all in white. They were completely taken aback,
astonished. He said, “Don’t be afraid. I know you’re looking for Jesus the
Nazarene, the one they nailed on the cross. He’s been raised up; he’s no longer
here. You can see for yourselves that the place is empty. Now—on your way.
Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will
see him there, exactly as he said.” They got out of the tomb as fast as they
could, beside themselves, their heads swimming. Stunned, they said nothing to
anyone.

Sermon

Called to be a Fool

Susan Gascho-Cooke

UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT . . . Sharing Bread

Communion

Music by Ryan Kauffman, Daryl Snider

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

GROW FORTH

Closing Hymn

Lift your glad voices

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Benediction