

Worship Leader—Susan Gascho-Cooke
Prelude/Offertory—Blythe Walker, voice; Roger Lentz, piano
Children's Time—t/b/a
Preaching—Nathan Grieser
Song Leader—Matt Krebs
Sound Technician—Anne Sensenig
Greeter—Steve Walter
Ushers—Beth Ann Good, Beth Crosby, Linda Berger, t/b/a

Child Care

Eric Hoover, Adam Miller
Maia Shenk—Helper

Spring Environment

The triptych artwork in the front of the sanctuary is the work of one of your own, Jim Bowman. The tulip photographs are on translucent material. The handmade wooden triptych frame is designed and made by Jim as well. This was originally created in 2003 for CMCL. Jim provided the lighting for the art. Tulips symbolize the perfect love.
The 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:

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)

Small groups: Church office.

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

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COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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Philip Kendall and Pink Menno lead a hymn sing outside the delegate hall July 2, 2015 at the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City.

Lowell Brown for *Mennonite World Review* (reprinted with permission of MWR)

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUNG WORSHIP

Prelude *I know That My Redeemer Liveth* Blythe Walker, voice,
by Handel Roger Lentz, piano

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome/Call to Worship

STS #190

People of God, look about and see the faces
of those we know and love—
**neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers—
a community of kindred hearts.**

People of God, look about and see the faces
of those we hardly know—
**strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends,
the ones who need and outstretched hand.**

People of God, look about you and see
all the images of God assembled here.

**In me, in you, in each of us,
God's Spirit shines for all to see.**

People of God, come.

Let us worship together.

Opening Reading *Singing Bowl* by Malcolm Guite

Begin the song exactly where you are,
Remain within the world of which you're made.
Call nothing common in the earth or air,

Accept it all and let it be for good.
Start with the very breath you breathe in now,
This moment's pulse, this rhythm in your blood

And listen to it, ringing soft and low.
Stay with the music, words will come in time.
Slow down your breathing. Keep it deep and slow.

Become an open singing-bowl, whose chime
Is richness rising out of emptiness,
And timelessness resounding into time.

And when the heart is full of quietness
Begin the song exactly where you are.

Gathering Songs *Peace before us* STS #16
Nothing is lost on the breath of God STS #121

Children's Time *Come and see* HWB #20
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Offering/Offertory *How Great Thou Art* Blythe Walker, voice
by Stuart Hine/arr. Roger Lentz Roger Lentz, piano

Offering Prayer HWB #749

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Sermon *The Significance Of Sung Worship* Nathan Grieser

Sharing and Prayer STS #204

*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.*

Giver of song,
*we give thanks for songs that surround us in the dark of night,
and for songs that waken us when morning breaks.*

Give a song to all who need the comfort and reassurance of your presence:
those in trouble or in pain,
those overwhelmed by the demands of work,
those struggling with addictions,
and those whose past destroys their peace.

Giver of song,
*sing through us
and bring your world to joy and rest. Amen*

Announcements/Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song *O blessed spring* STS #100

Benediction HWB #772