

Environment: June through September

The book, *Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes* inspired the current environment in our sanctuary. Japanese legend tells us that one who creates a *thousand origami cranes* will be granted a wish. The paper cranes in the sanctuary were folded by CMCL attendees in anticipation of our annual summer Peace School. Many found the process of folding the paper cranes to be prayerful, and meditative. As our congregation lights our peace lamp each Sunday, our collective prayer is for world peace and harmony in relationships.

The Environment Committee: *Gwen Eberly, Rod Shumaker, Nancy Baum and Lynn Sommer*

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CHURCH INFORMATION

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

Worship service: 9:30 a.m. **Christian Ed:** No Christian Ed during summer

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—On sabbatical through end of August

Associate Pastor of Youth:

Amanda Stoltzfus (Amanda@communitymennonite.org), Mon and Thu—10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Associate Pastor of Children and Families:

Malinda Clatterbuck (Malinda@communitymennonite.org), Mon and Thu—8:15 a.m.–5 p.m.

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

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

CD recordings of past services available upon request to the church office. Audio and text files of sermons are found on CMCL website or through your favorite podcast app.

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

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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HOLDING ON—LETTING GO
GOING BEYOND SAFE PLACES
AND EASY ANSWERS

BELIEFS WORTH KEEPING

Prelude

Henry Clapper

Welcome**Lighting of the Peace Lamp****Call to Worship**

Eternal Spirit,
 Life-Giver,
 Pain-Bearer,
 Love-Maker,
 Source of all that is and that shall be,
 Mother and Father of us all,
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:

*The hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
 The way of your justice be craved and lived out by every human tribe.
 Your will be done by—and to—all created beings.
 Your Beloved Community of peace and freedom
 sustain our hope and flourish on the earth.*

AMEN.

—from Sing the Story #149 (altered)

Singing

Here to the house of God we come STS #53
There's a wideness in God's mercy, verses 1,3,4,5 HWB #145

Children's Story

“Stone Soup,” by Marcia Brown
Come and See HWB #20

*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

Henry Clapper

Scripture

Luke 7: 36–50 Frank Muse

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair.

Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, ‘If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.’ Jesus spoke up and said to him, ‘Simon, I have something to say to you.’ ‘Teacher,’ he replied, ‘speak.’

‘A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and

the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?’ Simon answered, ‘I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You have judged rightly.’

Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.’ Then he said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, ‘Who is this who even forgives sins?’ And he said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’

Sermon

“A belief worth keeping—We gotta go close” Matt Krebs

Silence**Singing***For everyone born* Insert**Sharing and Congregational 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***Go, my friends, in grace* STS #57

Worship Leader—Louise Ranck

Preaching—Matt Krebs

Song Leader—Marty Kelley

Prelude/Offertory—Henry Clapper

Sound Technician—Steve Stayrook

Greeter—Rosalina Wilson

Ushers—Scott Weaver, Leon Miller, Jack Shope, Larry Groff

Child Care

Sherry Groff, Rhea Miller