

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*

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

Theme: Seasons of Creation

During this season, we experience God's nurturing presence and acknowledge Earth as our teacher, source, and guide; and take our place within Creation rather than over and above it. We recognize, also, the crisis that Creation faces through human exploitation. As we imagine a world where beauty is destroyed, we are encouraged to live in and toward restored and renewed heavens and Earth.

Each Sunday honors a different season of creation:

September 2: Earth Sunday—Genesis 1:1–25

September 9: Humanity Sunday—Genesis 1:26–28

September 16: Sky Sunday—Jeremiah 4:23–28; Psalm 19:1–6

September 23: Mountain Sunday—Isaiah 65:17–25

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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

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.

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September 2, 2018



EARTH SUNDAY

Prelude “The Spacious Firmament on High” Quartette
by F. J. Haydn

Call to Worship

A mighty wind has blown,
and tongues of fire have danced!
The Spirit is with us,
Just as Jesus promised.
God’s Spirit moves among us
And gathers us together.
**God’s Spirit gives us power
And calls us to serve the world.**
Worship God with Joy.

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Singing *Come, let us all unite to sing* HWB #12

Children’s Time Amanda Stoltzfus
Come and see HWB #20
“Look, Look Again, Look Together.”
a reminder of Peace School Lessons
*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.*

Offertory This is My Father's World Quartette
(traditional English Melody)

Singing *All creatures of our God and King* HWB #48

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1–25
Ecclesiastes 5:18–20
*This is what I have seen to be good: it is fitting to eat and drink
and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the
few days of the life God gives us: for this is our lot. Likewise all to
whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy
them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil—this is the
gift of God. For they will scarcely brood over the days of their lives,
because God keeps them occupied with the joy of their hearts.*

Sermon “How are You?” Amanda Stoltzfus

Communion
Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God’s kingdom.

**We believe that god is at work in our world
Turning hopeless and evil situations into good.
We believe that goodness and justice and love
Will triumph in the end
And that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.
One day all tears will be wiped away:
The lamb will lie down with the lion,
And justice will roll down like a might stream.**

True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired,
They are assured and guaranteed in Christ.
*This is our faith.
This is our hope.*

Sharing

*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/Introductions

Sending Song Heart with loving heart united HWB #420

Benediction

May all I say and all I think
be in harmony with thee.
God within me, God beyond me,
Maker of the trees.
We go in Peace to love and serve the Lord—Thanks be to God.
from the Chinook Psalter

Worship Leader—Malinda Harnish Clatterbuck

Sermon—Amanda Stoltzfus

Song Leader—Beth Graybill

Prelude/Offertory—Leon Miller, Ken Nissley, Dale Umble, Ron Umble

Sound Technician—Cody Litwiller

Greeter—Darlis Myer

Ushers—Leon Miller, Sandy Miller, Larry Groff, Beth Crosby

Child Care

Child Care—Lori Bergey, Omer Brubaker

Helper—Hannah Clatterbuck