

Worship Leader—Susan Gascho-Cooke
Song Leader—Ron Umble
Prelude/Offertory—Larry Penner & Dean Clemmer
Sound Technician—Ken Kulp
Greeter—Mary Lou Weaver Houser
Ushers—Carolyn Weaver, Marian Good, Jack Shope, Dean Brubaker
Child Care—Addie Bird, Eric Hoover

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

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Environment: September

The block prints lining the sanctuary were made by local artist Justin Johnson. The prints are for sale. If you are interested, please see Lynn Sommer. The origami birds, made by congregants young and old, will remain up through September, for our seasons of creation theme.

Environment Committee (Gwen Eberly, Rod Shumaker, Nancy Baum, Lynn Sommer, Dale Martin)

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.

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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

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Congregational Care Pastor: Susan Gascho-Cooke (susan@communitymennonite.org)

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

Pastoral Team: Deb Napolitan, Monte Garber, Darrell Yoder, Lisa Roth-Walter 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.



SKY SUNDAY

Prelude "Midnight on the Water"

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

*What joy, what sorrow, what passion, what peace,
to participate whole-heartedly in the world!*

*Surrender your egos and open your souls to the wonder and awe of existence.
Meet the greening, flowering, swimming, flying, squirming, burrowing beings all
around.*

Savor the sacred presence in one another.

Protect the rights and existence of all.

Celebrate being.

Be here. Now. In *this* place. With *these* people.

Two and more are gathered, **and Christ is with us, indeed. Amen.**

Gathering Hymns *Praise the Lord, sing Hallelujah* HWB #50
We worship God the Rock STJ #28

Children's Time Malinda Clatterbuck and Leslie Homer-Cattell

Pastoral Transitions Pastors, Pastoral Team, Staff Relations Committee

Blessing for Pam Brubaker—transitioning from interim summer staff to
seminary intern

Welcome for Leslie Homer-Cattell Susan, Staff Relations, Pastoral Team

Song *You've got a place at the welcome table* STJ #4

Offering/Offertory "Ashokan Farewell"

*Work is good and so is rest. We are invited to collaborate with holy intention and
effort, trusting that all essential work is ultimately accomplished by grace. We offer
gratitude to the Source of our Being for the blessings we receive each moment of
every day.*

Scripture Reading

Genesis 15: 9–12, 17

He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years
old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him
all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did
not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses,
Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon
Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a
flaming torch passed between these pieces.

Exodus 3: 1–6

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian;
he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of

God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a
bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses
said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not
burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to
him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said,
'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you
are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the
God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his
face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Leviticus 25:23

The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are
but aliens and tenants.

Deuteronomy 32:8,16–18

When the Most High apportioned the nations,
when he divided humankind,

he fixed the boundaries of the peoples
according to the number of the gods;

They made him jealous with strange gods,
with abhorrent things they provoked him.

They sacrificed to demons, not God,
to deities they had never known,

to new ones recently arrived,
whom your ancestors had not feared.

You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you;
you forgot the God who gave you birth.

Sermon "Earthlings Are Not Orphans" Jonathan Sauder

Sharing Time

Announcements/Visitors

Closing Hymn *Come Away to the Skies* HWB #284

Benediction

Everyone, everything, is teaching about being.

Help us learn from one another. Share experiences.

Become a student of nature's evolving wisdom.

Watch a squirrel. Befriend a flower. Apprentice to a cat. Take notes from a newt.

Listen to a breeze. Study a stream. Dance with a mountain. Sing with a seagull.

All is alive and uttering its truth. All is alight and shining its love.

Go in peace.

Words for worship adapted from "Imagining the Earth's Guidance for Building a
Sacred Community," by Charles Burack, Ph.D. *Order of the Sacred Earth: An
Intergenerational Vision of Love and Action.*