

Worship Leader—Pam Brubaker  
Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke  
Song Leader—Marty Kelley  
Prelude/Offertory—Roger Lentz  
Sound Technician—Drew Brubaker, Ismail Salim  
Greeter—Janet Lind  
Ushers—Jim Spicher, Marichelle Roque Lutz, Margaret Krumm  
Child Care—Deb Kraybill, Michelle Meck; Helpers—Mara and Raewyn  
Kraybill

## 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*

### CHURCH INFORMATION

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

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

**Bulletin Announcements:** [bulletin@communitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@communitymennonite.org) by 4 p.m., Wednesday

**Midweek Announcements:** [bulletin@communitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@communitymennonite.org) by 4 p.m., Tuesday

**Administrative Pastor:** Leslie Homer-Cattell ([leslie@communitymennonite.org](mailto:leslie@communitymennonite.org))

**Congregational Care Pastor:** Susan Gascho-Cooke ([susan@communitymennonite.org](mailto:susan@communitymennonite.org))

**Associate Pastor of Youth:**

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

**Associate Pastor of Children and Families:**

Malinda Clatterbuck ([Malinda@communitymennonite.org](mailto: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

**Office staff:** Rod Houser ([Rod@communitymennonite.org](mailto:Rod@communitymennonite.org))

**Small groups:** Church office.

**Childcare Coordinators:** Kandace Helmuth ([Kandace@ptd.net](mailto:Kandace@ptd.net)), Michelle Meck ([meckmp@aol.com](mailto: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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## COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

September 23, 2018



## MOUNTAIN SUNDAY

Prelude

“I Need Thee Every Hour

Roger Lentz

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome and Call to Worship

As the earth draws us toward herself with her gravity, so you draw us to yourself, oh God.

*You welcome us here, bringing us together with you and with each other.*

We come in joy and in pain, in busyness and in boredom. We come carrying heavy burdens; you bid us to come.

*May we each respond to your pull, knowing that you draw us to yourself in love, transforming us. Help us to trust as something new is being created in us.*

**Gathering Hymns:** *Let all creation dance* STS #122  
*New earth, heavens new* HWB # 299

**Scripture** Isaiah 65: 17–25 Deb Cone-Halsey

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.  
No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labor in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;<sup>a</sup>  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—  
and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
says the LORD.

**Children's Time** Malinda Harnish-Clatterbuck  
*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.*

**Poem** “In Praise of the Earth” Deb Cone-Halsey

Let us bless the imagination of the Earth.  
That knew early the patience to harness the mind of time,  
Waited for the seas to warm, ready to welcome the emergence  
Of things dreaming of voyaging among the stillness of land...  
Let us thank the Earth that offers ground for home  
And holds our feet firm to walk in space open to infinite galaxies.  
Let us salute the silence and certainty of mountains:  
Their sublime stillness, their dream-filled hearts.  
The wonder of a garden trusting the first warmth of spring...  
The humility of the Earth that transfigures all that has fallen of outlived growth.  
The kindness of the Earth, opening to receive  
our worn forms into the final stillness.  
Let us ask forgiveness of the Earth  
For all our sins against her:  
for our violence and poisonings of her beauty.  
Let us remember within us the ancient clay, holding the memory of seasons,  
The passion of the wind, the fluency of water, the warmth of fire,  
The quiver-touch of the sun and shadowed sureness of the moon.  
That we may awaken to live to the full the dream of the Earth  
Who chose us to emerge and incarnate its hidden night in mind, spirit and light.  
*—by John O'Donohue*

**Offering/Offertory** Jarrod Lentz, voice, Roger Lentz, piano  
“If I Had My Way” by Murphy/Wilhorn

**Hymn** *My soul cries out* STS #124

**Sermon** Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Special Music** “I Am Willing”

**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.*

**Introduction of Visitors/Announcements**

**Closing Hymn** *O day of peace* HWB # 408

**Benediction**

Go in love,  
**For love alone endures.**  
Go in peace,  
**for it is the gift of God.**  
Go in courage,  
**for we cannot go where God is not.**