

Worship Leader—Ismail Yoder Salim
This I Believe Reflection— Lisa Roth Walter, Cynthia Stayrook, Craig Clearwater
Song Leader—Anne Sensenig
Prelude/Offertory— Leon Miller, Luke Good, Dale Umble & Ron Umble, Matt Krebs
Sound Technician— Michael & Aaron Eby-Good
Greeter— Carol Spicher
Ushers— Beth Ann Good, Marichelle Roque Lutz, Beth Crosby, John Kanagy
Child Care—Denise Cope, Kandace Helmuth; Helper—Anika Hurst

**COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER**
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603
November 11, 2018

Environment: October though November

Wheat is an old testament symbol of the fecundity of the earth, with the New Testament expanding wheat's significance to the fruits of the earth; the gifts of God to humankind, wheat as a symbol of the heart of humans (grace). Within the Christian church, the season of the harvest- the field, represents the church in an advancing state of love, charity, faith and grace. Bread is the symbol of the most important gift from God to humankind-eternal life, the body of Christ in the Eucharist: "Take this and eat, for this is my body." Encyclopedia of Food and Culture, Bible Dictionary

The oil painting at the front of the sanctuary is titled "Bread" by Michelle Charles. The painting is on loan from David and Julia Schrock Rosenfeld

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.

Worship service: 9:30 a.m. **Christian Ed:** 11:00 a.m.

Bulletin Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Wednesday

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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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Prelude *Ye Christian Heralds* Quartet

Lighting of the Peace Lamp Melanie Yoder Salim
Welcome & Call to Worship

What is required of us?

To love the Lord our God.

How much shall we love God?

**With all our heart, and with all our soul,
and with all our mind, and with all our strength.**

What else is required of us?

To love yourselves.

How much shall we love ourselves?

With all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

What else is required of us?

To love our neighbors.

How much shall we love our neighbors?

**With all our heart, and with all our soul,
and with all our mind, and with all our strength.**

Beloveds, then, do not give up on the task of love,
whether it be love of God, love of self, or love of neighbor.

Beloveds, be loved, and love well.

In so doing we are not so far from the kingdom of God.

Gathering Hymn *I know not why God's wondrous grace* HWB #338

Scripture Mark 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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.

Offertory/Offering *Springs of Living Water* Quartet

Introduction to Speakers

This I Believe "Open to Small Mysteries" Lisa Roth Walter

Hymn *He comes to us as one unknown* HWB #498

This I Believe Cynthia Stayrook

Hymn *One is the Body* STJ #72

This I Believe "I Believe in Living Slow" Craig Clearwater

Hymn *Oh God in restless living* HWB # 557

Sharing Time

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 and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn *Go my friends in grace* STS #57

Benediction —

God be in my head
And in my understanding;
God be in my eyes
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth
And in my speaking;
God be at my end
And at my departing.

ALL are welcome for hot drinks and fellowship in the Parrot Gallery downstairs following the worship service. Visitors and new attenders, we invite you to fill out the visitor forms in the back of the blue hymnal. Feel free to drop them in the offering basket, or hand them to an usher as you leave the service this morning.