

Worship Leader— Pam Brubaker
Sermon— Susan Gascho- Cooke
Song Leader— Ron Umble
Prelude/Offertory— Tim Baum
Sound Technician— Steve Stayrook/Ismail Salim
Greeter— Kirsten Hoover
Ushers— Marian Good, Jean Sensenig, Pauline Zimmerman
Child Care—Julie Bushong, Kandace Helmuth; Helper— Amani Kauffman

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

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Environment: January & February

Front of the Sanctuary- During the month of January we will be exploring Mennonite/Anabaptist history, thus the fraktur design. Fraktur is the name for the PA German folk art and German “broken/fractured” script, representative of the early German birth, marriage and baptismal certificates. This banner was made by Gwen Eberly, Dale Martin and Lynn Sommer with Olivia Shumaker as our accomplice. The base layer is old hymnal pages from Mennonite hymnals 100 years old, signifying the rich history music brings to our tradition. Some of the hymns in our hymnal go back as early as the 1600's when Mennonites were meeting in caves. This banner will remain up until March 3rd. We then will switch to our environment for Lent.

Back of the Sanctuary- *Martyrs Mirror* etching “The Witness of Dirk Willems”. They *Martyrs Mirror* was published in 1660 by a Dutch Mennonite. It is a book composed of the stories of Christian martyrs from the beginning to 1660. This particular story depicted in this etching exemplifies the central Anabaptist virtue of peacemaking based on Christ's work to “love thine enemies”. Dirk Willems, apprehended in Holland, made it across the ice. But when he saw his “thief-catcher” fell through the ice, he returned to assist him. Consequently, Dirk was later burnt at the stake for his beliefs.

The Environment Committee: *Gwen Eberly, Rod Shumaker, Dale Martin, 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.

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



ANABAPTIST/MENNONITE HERITAGE MONTH: BAPTISM

Prelude *We pray that out of chaos comes beauty* (Birds of the Cloud Forest)

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome & Call to Worship

God, we remember the words you said to your people:

*I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, can you see it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

We come to you,
Needing renewal and rebirth.

**Enter our emptiness,
transform our pain,
bring us new life.
Amen.**

Gathering Hymns	<i>Immortal, invisible, God only wise</i>	HWB #70
	<i>I sing with exultation</i>	HWB #438

Children's Time	Malinda Harnish Clatterbuck	
	<i>Come and see</i>	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 *From beauty, truth* (Birds of the Cloud Forest)

Scripture John 3:1-21

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but

you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’

Sermon Susan Gascho-Cooke

Hymn *I bind my heart this tide* HWB #411

Time of Sharing & 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.

Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* HWB #582

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Benediction

*ALL are welcome for hot drinks and fellowship in the Parrot Gallery downstairs following the worship service.
Christian Education for all ages begins at 11 am.
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.*