Worship Leader— Matt Krebs
Sermon — Amanda Stoltzfus
Song Leader— Louise Ranck
Prelude/Offertory— Roger Lentz
Sound Technician— Ken Kulp/Monte Garber
Greeter— Janet Lind

Ushers— Phil Kreider, John Kanagy, Laurel Martin Child Care—Lindsey Deininger, Addie Bird; Helper— Maia Shenk

Environment: Lent

For those who have been on sometimes decades-long Lenten journeys of picking out the chaff we have been handed in faith and community, we turn this Lent to the wheat. We focus on what we hold on to, rather than what we lay aside. What is the faith we long to say yes to? Who is the God we follow?" The wheat and chaff have been added to the environment below the musical fraktur banner to symbolize this pondering.

A heartfelt thanks to the congregants who responded to the invitation below to add to our Lent environment: Jim L. Bowman, Tina Glanzer, Susan E. King, R.A. Myers Kulp, Margaret Krumm, Audrey Patterson, Brenda Sauder, Priscilla Sauder, Anne Sensenig, Lynn Sommer, Bonnie Weaver, & Beky Weidner.

"Lent is a season of unfolding honesty and truth-telling about our lives and our world. ... In boldly acknowledging our humanity while embracing God's love, we become immune to the virus of fear on which systems of domination continue to depend in order to maintain power and control. We live in a time when truth is questioned, yet the need for the truth-telling of Lent remains greater than ever. The journey of Lent begins by engaging us with the theological and interpretive question: Which God of scripture will we follow?" from Seasons of the Spirit

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.

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Susan Gascho-Cooke (susan@communitymennonite.org), Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

Associate Pastor of Youth:

Amanda Stoltzfus (Amanda@communitymennonite.org), Tues and Thu

Associate Pastor of Children and Families:

Malinda Clatterbuck (Malinda@communitymennonite.org), Mon and Thu

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Deb Napolitan, Monte Garber, Darrell Yoder, Lisa Roth-Walter and Naomi Paine **Office staff:** Sallie McCann Tupper (<u>Sallie@communitymennonite.org</u>), Mon-Fri

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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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COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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LENT 2



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What is the faith we long to say yes to? Which God of scripture will we follow?

Prelude The Children's Corner, V. The Little Shepherd by Claude Debussy

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome & Call to Worship

Gathering Song O God, how we have wandered STS #58

Children's Time Hannah 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 Sunday Morning at Glion from Am Genfer See

by Bendel Op. 139, No. 1

Scripture Mark 1:4-13

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Song O Thou in whose presence HWB #559

Sermon Lost in the Wilderness Amanda Stoltzfus

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.

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Song Jesus you have called us STJ #70

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.