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COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 W Orange St, Lancaster PA 17603
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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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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.

LENT 4



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Which God of scripture will we follow?

Lighting of the Peace Lamp**Call to Worship/Opening Prayer**

Gathering Song *Move in our midst* HWB #418

Scripture Mark 5:21-42 Deb Cone-Halsey

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.

4th Grade Blessing

Annali Cooke, Susan Gascho-Cooke & Teman Cooke

Joshua Hoover, Kirsten & Eric Hoover

Lukas Kehler, Rhea Miller & Adam Kehler

Nora Schlegel, Denise Cope & Dan Schlegel

We share rituals with our children to impress upon them the value we place on who they are and the role they play in our community at CMCL. We are grateful to have a community of young people to teach and guide us.

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.

Singing *Praise God from whom* HWB #119, Text B

Offertory/Offering *I Just Found Out*

Sermon Pam Brubaker

Singing *Open my eyes, that I may see* HWB #517

Time of Sharing

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

Singing Benediction *The Lord lift you up* STJ #73

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.