

Worship Leader— Marcia Towers
Sermon — Susan Gascho-Cooke
Song Leader— Ron Umble
Prelude/Offertory— Freeman Academy choir
Sound Technician— Michael & Aaron Eby-Good
Greeter— Carol Spicher
Ushers— Carolyn Weaver, Jim Spicher, Margaret Krumm
Child Care—Brenda Sauder, Christine Kaufman; Helper— Amani Kaufman

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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LENT 6



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Prelude

Jesu by Andrea Ramsey

Translation:

Jesus, nothing more melodious is sung, nothing more delightful is heard,
Nothing sweeter is ever thought than Jesus, the Son of God.
No written word can express, No tongue can tell.
Be Thou our glory for all time!
Jesus.

Climbin' Up the Mountain

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome

Call to Worship: Blessing of Palms by Jan Richardson

This blessing
can be heard coming
from a long way off.

**This blessing
is making
its steady way
up the road
toward you.**

This blessing
blooms in the throats
of women
**springs from the hearts
of men
tumbles from the mouths
of children.**

This blessing
is stitched into
the seams
of the cloaks
that line the road,
**etched into
the branches
that trace the path,
echoes in the
breathing of the willing colt,
the click of the donkey's hoof
against the stones.**

Something is rising
beneath this blessing.
Something will try
to drown it out.

But this blessing
cannot be turned back,
**cannot be made
to still its voice,
cannot cease
to sing its praise
of the one who comes
along the way
it makes.**

Gathering Hymn

All glory, laud and honor

HWB #237

Children's Time: Procession of Scarves

Malinda Clatterbuck

Come and see

HWB #20

Hosanna, loud hosanna

HWB # 238

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

Exultate Jubilante by Kyle Pederson

Translation: Rejoice and shout to God all the land.

Offertory Prayer:

Creator and Giver of Life, what can we offer but to open our hearts and leave them open, so that you can show yourself. What can we offer but to pay attention to the ways in which you do show yourself, and to notice how, when we move toward your calling, our fear becomes still within us and how our strength rises within us. We offer our open hearts and our attention to you today. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 19: 28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Sermon

Susan Gascho-Cooke

Singing

The very stones would sing insert, to the tune of HWB #26

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

Sending Song

Ride on, ride on in majesty

HWB #239

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.*