

Worship Leader— Susan Gascho-Cooke

Sermon — Leslie Homer-Cattell

Song Leader— Beth Graybill

Prelude/Offertory— CMCL Easter Choir: Beth Crosby, Beth Graybill, Ellen Kanagy, John Kanagy, Marty Kelley, Dan Laubach, Laurel Martin, Audrey Patterson, Brenda Sauder, Faith Sauder, Jonathan Sauder, Thomas Tucker, Dale Umble, Diane Umble, Ron Umble, Ruth Umble, Stock Weinstock-Collins; Musicians: Aaron Eby-Good, trumpet; Roger Lentz, piano; Daryl Snider, oboe

Sound Technician— Monte Garber

Greeter— Janet Lind

Ushers— Beth Crosby, Pauline Zimmerman, Carolyn Weaver

Child Care— Dan Schlegel, Lynn Sommer; Helper — Hannah Clatterbuck

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 W Orange St, Lancaster PA 17603

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Environment: Easter

St. Brigid's Cross

In the front of our sanctuary we have St. Brigid's Cross, in fiber-art quilt form. St. Brigid's crosses are usually woven from rushes. St. Brigid of Kildare was a leader of the early Celtic Christian Church. She is one of Ireland's patron saints; an early Christian nun, abbess, and founder of several monasteries of nuns. Our own Jan Stoltzfus designed and created this interpretation of St. Brigid's Cross for our sanctuary. The reed St. Brigid's cross was woven at Solas Bhride Centre in Kildare Ireland. It is infused with blessings and intentions for world peace, which were named by fellow pilgrims.

Wheat Grass

The wheat and the chaff that have been in the front of the sanctuary are now replaced with wheat grass; symbolically removing the chaff and "growing the wheat" of our faith journeys.

Pansies

Children ages birth through grade 5 are asked to take home a potted pansy from the front environment for Easter. If your child does not receive one during children's time, please see they get one after the service.

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.

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Artist Unknown

EASTER SUNDAY

LOVE IS COME AGAIN, LIKE WHEAT ARISING GREEN

Prelude *Now the Green Blade Rises*, by John MacLeod Campbell,
French traditional melody, harmony by James E. Clemens

Soloists: Dan Laubach & Ellen Kanagy

Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hallelujah! The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed.

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,

Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;

Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,

Your touch can call us back to life again,

Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:

Love is come again, like wheat arising green.

Hallelujah! The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed.

Choir: *The Lord is Risen Indeed*, by Edward Young and William Billings

Opening Prayer

Opening hymns *Christ the Lord is risen today* HWB #280
They crucified my Savior HWB #266

Scripture Luke 24:1-12 Jerry Gibbs

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Children's Time Susan Gascho-Cooke

Come and see HWB #20

Offertory/Offering *The Day of Resurrection*
by St. John of Damascus (8th c.) and Thomas Matthew

Reading Egrets, by Mary Oliver Louise Ranck

Where the path closed
down and over,
through the scumbled leaves,
fallen branches,
through the knotted catbrier,
I kept going. Finally
I could not
save my arms
from thorns; soon
the mosquitoes
smelled me, hot
and wounded, and came
wheeling and whining.
And that's how I came
to the edge of the pond:
black and empty
except for a spindly

of bleached reeds
at the far shore
which, as I looked,
wrinkled suddenly
into three egrets—
a shower
of white fire!
Even half-asleep they had
such faith in the world
that had made them—
tilting through the water,
unruffled, sure,
by the laws
of their faith not logic,
they opened their wings
softly and stepped
over every dark thing.

Sermon *Our Souls Cry Out* Leslie Homer-Cattell

Hymn *My soul cries out* STS #124

Time of Sharing & Prayer

Refrain: Oh God, hear our prayer: **bring Easter here**

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn *Lift your glad voices* HWB #275

Benediction

On this day of great gladness
empower us to be your ambassadors,
proclaiming good news.
Good news in our kitchens and living rooms,
good news in the offices and workshops
good news in the fields and factories
Help us to be that good news,
walking softly on this good earth
caring gently for all people,
living hopefully into your kingdom.

by Carol Penner

*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.*