

Worship Leader— Melissa Stock
 Sermon — Susan Gascho-Cooke
 Song Leader— Marty Kelley
 Prelude/Offertory— Ezra Kauffman
 Sound Technician— Steve Stayrook/Ismail Salim
 Greeter— Mary Jane Fox
 Ushers— Jack Shope, John Kanagy, Carolyn Weaver
 Child Care— Bonnie Weaver, Kandace Helmuth; Helper — Dulce Shenk-
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COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 W Orange St, Lancaster PA 17603

April 28, 2019

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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Administrative Pastor:

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Pastoral Team:

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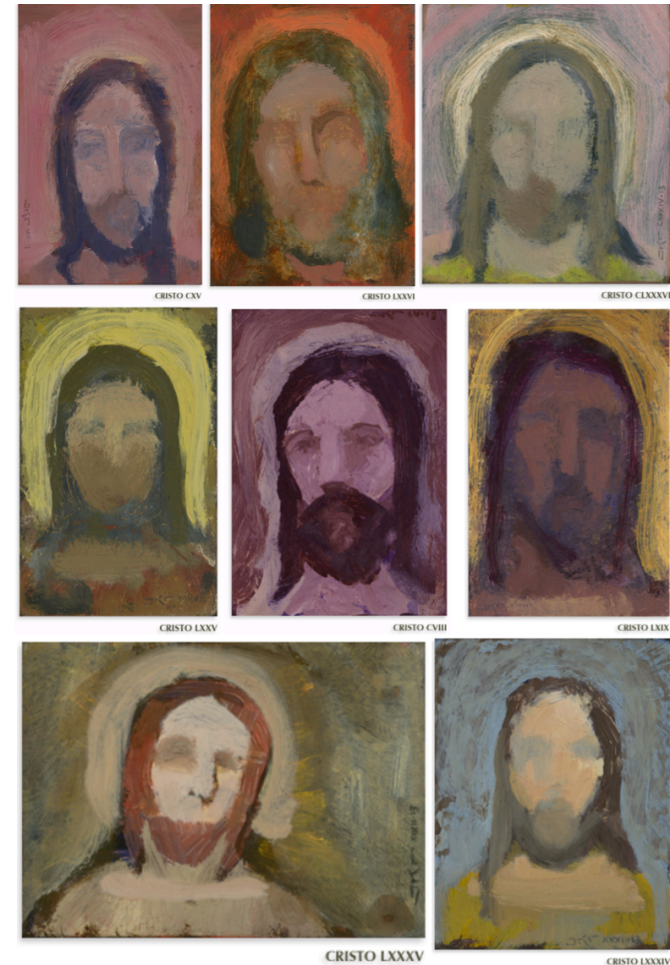
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Small groups: Church office.

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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.



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“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT
I AM?”

ePrelude	<i>Positively Swinging</i> by Christopher Norton <i>The Somersault King</i> by Mike Schoenmehl	
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		
Welcome & Call to Worship (New Seeds of Contemplation)		
	Every moment and every event of each person's life on earth plants something in one's soul. The love of God seeks us in every situation and seeks our good.	
Love seeks our awakening...		
	It is God's love that warms me in the sun and God's love that sends the cold rain. It is the love of God that sends the winter days when I am cold and sick, and the warm spring days when I plant and labor.	
It is God who breathes on me with light winds off the river, and in the breezes of the wood...		
	Love spreads the shade of the sycamore over my head and speaks to me in the birds and streams, but also behind the clamor of the city God speaks.	
All these things are seeds sent to me...		
	If these seeds would take root in my liberty, and if God's thoughts would grow inside my freedom, I would become the Love that God is. And the harvest would be God's glory and joy. by Thomas Merton, adapted	
Singing	<i>In the bulb there a flower</i>	HWB #614
Children's Time		
	<i>Come and see</i>	HWB #20
	<i>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.</i>	
Offertory/Offering	<i>German Dance in E flat Major</i> by Ludwig van Beethoven <i>Rigadoon in A Minor</i> by William Babell	
Scripture	Luke 9:18-20	Frank Muse
	Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, ‘Who do the crowds say that I am?’ They answered, ‘John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered, ‘The Messiah of God.’	
Sermon		Susan Gascho-Cooke
Singing	<i>Christ is alive</i>	STS #89
Time of Sharing & Prayer		
	<i>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.</i>	
Announcements and Introduction of Visitors		
Benediction		
	There are things you can't reach. But you can reach out to them, and all day long. The wind, the bird flying away. The idea of God. And it can keep you as busy as anything else, and happier... I look; morning to night I am never done with looking. Looking I mean not just standing around, but standing around as though with your arms open. And thinking: maybe something will come, some shining coil of wind, or a few leaves from any old tree--- they are all in this too. And now I will tell you the truth. Everything in the world comes. At least, closer. And, cordially. Like the nibbling, tinsel-eyed fish; the unlooping snake. Like goldfinches, little dolls of gold fluttering around the corner of the sky of God, the blue air.	
		by Mary Oliver
Sending Song	<i>Go, my friends in grace</i>	STS #57, v. 1, 2
	<i>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.</i>	