

Worship Leader— Susan Gascho-Cooke
 Sermon — Meghan Esch
 Song Leader— Ron Umble
 Prelude/Offertory— Dan Laubach & Roger Lentz
 Sound Technician— Michael & Aaron Eby-Good
 Greeter— Larry Groff
 Ushers— Janet Lind, Jim Spicher, Jack Shope
 Child Care—Brenda Sauder, Denise Cope; Helper — Ashton Clatterbuck

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

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Environment

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.

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:

Deb Napolitan, Monte Garber, Darrell Yoder, Lisa Roth-Walter and Naomi Paine

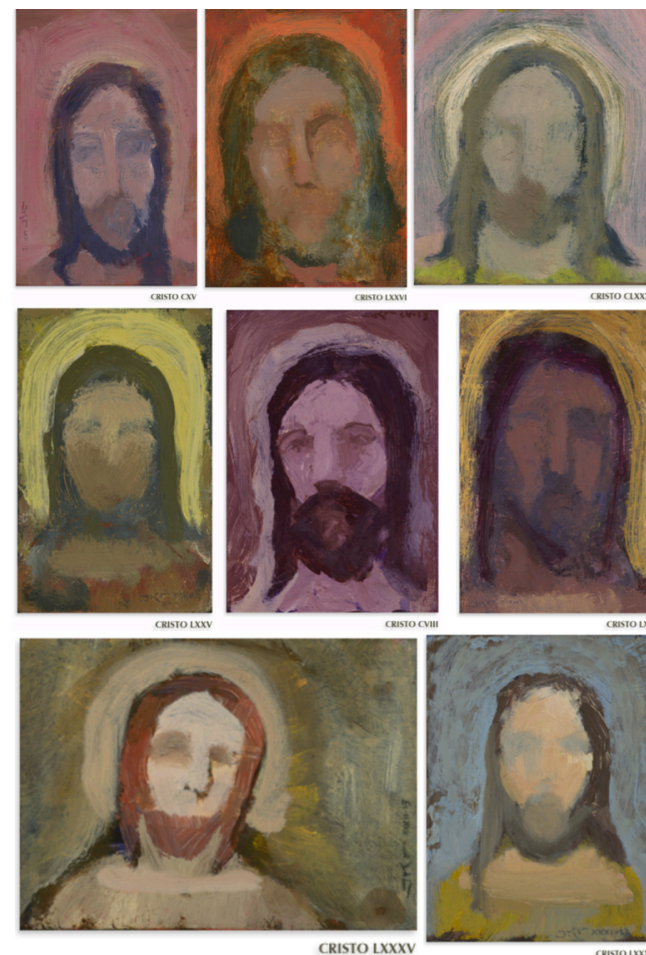
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CD recordings of past services available upon request to the church office. Audio and text files of sermons are found on CMCL website or through your favorite podcast app.

To join our closed Facebook Page search for Parrot Nation and request to join.



images of Christ by J. Kirk Richards

“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”
STORIES OF JESUS/IMAGES OF CHRIST

Prelude At the River

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Friends, brothers, sisters, siblings
You who seek the living God
Welcome
See his hands, see his feet
Not whole, but holy
And so come
Come aching and weary
Longing for signs and wonders, fearing the world beyond the door
Come giddy with the whimsy of spring
When long winter is past and the earth gives birth to green
come as skeptics
or true believers
or somewhere in between
Friends, brothers, sisters, siblings
In the words of Jesus
Peace be with you

by Regina Shands Stoltzfus in *Along the Arc*

Gathering Hymn Proclaim the tidings near and far HWB #282

Scripture Luke 23:39-49 Sophie Bergey

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.’

Children's Time/8th Grade Blessing Amanda Stoltzfus

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.

Hymn The Lord lift you up STJ #73

Offering Prayer
Risen Christ, you who show us the way to resurrected living, may the gifts we bring this day be a mark of the work we would do in giving testimony to your love for all.

Seasons of the Spirit

Offertory/Offering Balm in Gilead

“Who do YOU say that I am?” Reflection Amanda Stoltzfus

Sermon Megan Esch

Hymn Oh Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns HWB #404

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

Closing Hymn Go, my friends in grace STS #57

Benediction

Go with pride in who you are and whose you are;
Go knowing that love is stronger than hate, and hope more lasting than fear;
Go determined to live with the dignity that is yours as God's beloved;
Go committed to this holy struggle of liberation, joining that great cloud of witnesses who will not rest until peace and justice embrace, and love finds a home in every human heart.

by Carol Wise in *Along the Arc*

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.