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Song Leader — Louise Ranck
Sound Technician—Monte Garber
Greeter— Mary Lou Weaver Houser
Ushers— Marian Good, Jack Shope, Phil Kreider
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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.

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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.



PRIDE SUNDAY

Prelude *We are Family* by Sister Sledge

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome & Call to Worship

Gathering hymns *Come to me, come to us* STS #60
Praise with joy the world's Creator STJ #16

Scripture Genesis 1:27-31a

Humankind was created as God's reflection:
In the divine image God created them:
female and male, God made them.

God blessed them and said, "Bear fruit, increase your numbers and fill the earth—and be responsible for it! Watch over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things on the earth!" God then told them "Look, I give you ever seed-bearing plant on the face of the earth, and every tree whose fruit carries its seed inside itself: they will be your food; and to all the animals of the earth and the birds of the air and things that crawl on the ground—everything that has a living soul in it—I give all the green plans for food." So it was. God looked at all of this creation, and proclaimed that this was good—very good.

Children's Time Malinda Clatterbuck

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.

Offertory/Offering *City Hall* by Vienna Teng

Hymn *For everyone born, a place at the table* insert

Sermon Susan Gascho-Cooke

A Litany of Hope & Struggle

One: Because injustice can break the most eager spirit and force the abandonment of dreams,

All: We hold tenderly our siblings and grieve the loss of vibrancy and faith.

One: Because fear can overwhelm goodness and silence those whom God has called,

All: We decry the betrayal of God's own and announce our resolve to speak the truth of our lives.

One: Because hate destroys the human heart and limits the wonders of love,

All: We open ourselves to compassion and offer our lives as witnesses to the healing presence of God.

One: Because complacency gives consent to systems that oppress and harm,

All: We refuse to cede our world to hurtful powers and principalities and dare to dream new creations into being.

One: Because courage in the face of fear and injustice is a holy deed,

All: We celebrate the passion that chooses life in the midst of violence and claims goodness of human dignity with power and grace.

One: Because hope in a world of cynicism and doubt is a sacred act of resistance,

All: We humbly stand and today proclaim:

Where hatred roars, we will sing of love.

Where fear stalks, we will stand with courage.

Where bigotry rages, we will call for justice.

Where pain overwhelms, we will extend kind comfort. Where systems oppress, we will work for change.

Now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore. Amen.

by Carol Wise, *Along the Arc*

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.

Prayer by Lisa Ann Pierce St. Paul Mennonite Fellowship, *Along the Arc*

One: You who taught us to wash one another's feet,

All: Hear our prayer.

Unison Prayer

All: Holy One, we come to you in prayer, holding one another's joys and concerns like well-traveled feet that need tender care. We take these prayers—the spoken and the unspoken—and we caress them, anoint them, and ready the bodies they belong to for the long road ahead. We thank you that you taught us to meet one another on bended knee and to share the Love that will build a new Kin-dom. Amen.

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn *For everyone born, a place at the table* reprise

Benediction, Carol Wise, *Along the Arc*

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.

ALL are welcome for hot drinks and fellowship in the Parrot Gallery downstairs following the worship service.

Visitors and new attendees, 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.