

Worship Leader— Susan Gascho-Cooke
Sermon — Leslie Homer-Cattell
Song Leader — Jay Martin
Prelude/Offertory— Ashton Clatterbuck
Sound Technician— Steve Stayrook/Ismail Salim
Greeter— Jean Sensenig
Ushers— John Kanagy, Jim Spicher, Dean Brubaker
Child Care—Carol Eby-Good, Beth Crosby; Helper— Greta Shumaker

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 4:00 p.m., Wednesday

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Administrative Pastor:

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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

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome & Call to Worship

We believe that horizons of hope are never fixed.

They always move beyond, in the creativity of God.

We believe that powers of evil cannot kill God.

God walks on free, and leaps ahead of us in the risen Christ of faith.

We believe that the Spirit can never be confined.

**She dances forth in the world and is found in surprising places,
leading us on until the end of time.** (from *Along the Arc*)

Gathering hymns

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness
Child of blessing, child of promise*

STS #1
HWB #620

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

Reflection

Carol Eby-Good

Scripture

Genesis 18:1-10a

Sermon

Leslie Homer-Cattell

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Sermon

Appearances. Feasting. Hope & delight.

Leslie Homer-Cattell

Blessing for an Intentional Village

adapted from HWB #791

We trust our children of all ages to the strong and tender providence of God.
We rejoice and give thanks for the gift of being inter-generational
We promise, with humility and seriousness,
to share in the nurture and well-being of those growing up in our congregation.
And we promise to support our parents and children of all ages, and families of all
configurations,
as new horizons of identity become visible,
and as the world offers new surprises and choices.

We will support, by our example and words,
the efforts of all of our households in being loving and caring homes,
where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen.
Our prayers will be with and for one another.
May our shared life and witness help make this important work
both joyful and fruitful.

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.*

Everence Scholarship Presentation to Annie Vogt

Carol Spicher

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn *Beyond a dying sun*

HWB #323

Benediction

HWB #770

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

*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.*