

Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster is an inclusive, progressive, Mennonite/Anabaptist Christian peace church. We are a member congregation of the Atlantic Coast Conference of Mennonite Church USA, and of the Supportive Communities Network. To read our full covenant, core values and statement on LGBTQ inclusion, as well as more information about our congregation and denomination, please visit our website: www.communitymennonite.org/about-us/what-we-believe/

CMCL Vision Prayer

Through your grace, O God, form us into a community called to follow Jesus, known and loved by you, nourished throughout our lives by worship, relationships and the biblical story, open to new voices and new dreams, committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty, responsive to human need with justice and compassion. May your Spirit draw us together into your new creation.

Environment

We are grateful to Michael Eby-Good for his creation of the seagull, which is hanging in the front of the sanctuary. The shadows you see behind the seagull represent the hidden figures we will be exploring in our fall worship series. Seagulls are known to be experts at recycling, which helps to keep our planet clean. They are also said to be messengers of changing times and symbols of community.

The Environment

Committee: Gwen Eberly, Rod Shumaker, Dale Martin, Nancy Baum and Lynn Sommer

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603
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CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact the church office staff at (717) 392-7567 or cmcl@communitymennonite.org.

Worship service: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Christian Ed: 10:00 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.

If you'd like a mailbox or to be added to our email list, email sallie@communitymennonite.org

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

FALL 2019: HIDDEN FIGURES

Worship Leader:
John
Cotignola-Pickens

Sermon:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader:
Marcy Hostetler

Prelude/Offertory:
Ryan Kauffman,
Larry Penner

Sound Technician:
Daryl Snider

Greeter:
Cal Esh (1st),
Mary Lou Weaver
Houser (2nd)

Ushers:
Linford Good,
Carolyn Weaver (1st),
Larry Groff,
Sherry Groff (2nd)

Child Care:
Sherry Groff
Darcy Miller

Child Care Helper:
Hannah Clatterbuck

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship “The Summer Day” Mary Oliver

Hymn *Blessed Savior we adore thee* HWB #107

Scripture Genesis 16

Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave-girl whose name was Hagar, and Sarai said to Abram, ‘You see that the Lord has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave-girl; it may be that I shall obtain children by her.’ And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. So, after Abram had lived for ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram’s wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave-girl, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. Then Sarai said to Abram, ‘May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave-girl to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!’ But Abram said to Sarai, ‘Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please.’ Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her.

The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. And he said, ‘Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?’ She said, ‘I am running away from my mistress Sarai.’ The angel of the Lord said to her, ‘Return to your mistress, and submit to her.’ The angel of the Lord also said to her, ‘I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude.’ And the angel of the Lord said to her,

‘Now you have conceived and shall bear a son; you shall call him Ishmael, for the Lord has given heed to your affliction. He shall be a wild ass of a man, with his hand against everyone, and everyone’s hand against him; and he shall live at odds with all his kin.’

So she named the Lord who spoke to her, ‘You are El-roi’; for she said, ‘Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?’ Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

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.

Offering Prayer

We long for the time
when the meek shall inherit the earth
and all who hunger and thirst after justice
shall be satisfied,
and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil,
now is always the time
when more good can be done
and we can make a difference.

**May it be so, through the offering of these gifts
and the offering of our lives. Amen.**

(Source: Prayer for Justice and Peace, Iona)

Offertory/Offering

Scripture Genesis 21:8-14

Hymn *Long before my journey’s start* STJ #36

Sermon Susan Gascho-Cooke

Silence

Communion

Time of Sharing & Prayer

*Where do you sense God moving among us?
This is our time to prayerfully respond to the scriptures and the message of the morning as well as bring joys and concerns from our lives and greater world.*

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn *Mayenziwe* STJ #57

Benediction CMCL Vision Prayer see back of bulletin

All are welcome for hot drinks and fellowship in the Parrot Gallery downstairs following the first worship service, before and during Christian Ed.

Christian Education for all ages begins at 10am.

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.