

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.

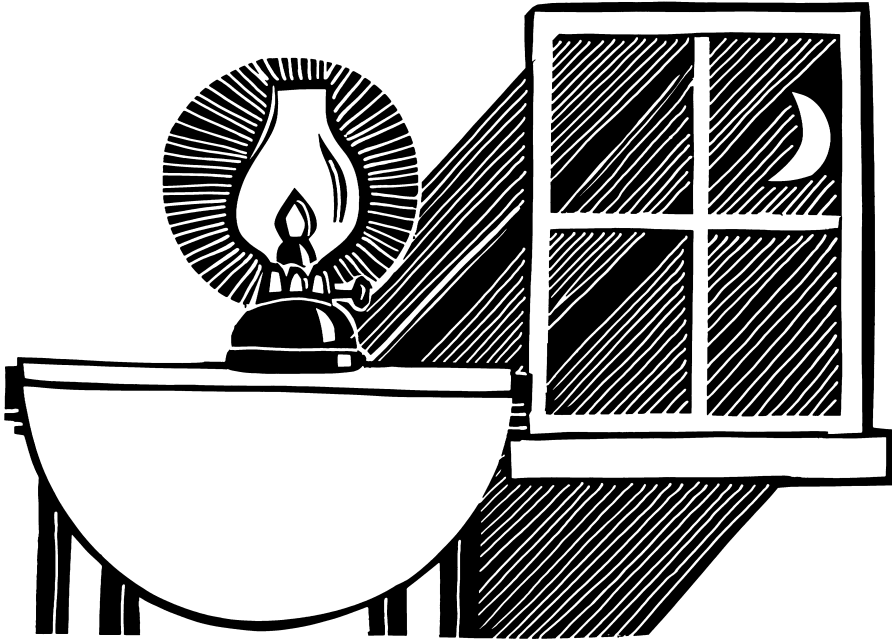
Environment

The creation of the backdrop and peace dove was a collective effort. Mentor/mentee pairs that worked on the backdrop: Kendra Campbell and Greta Shumaker along with mentor mentee pair Kandace Helmuth and Maia Kaufman. Gwen Eberly guided the process. Rod Shumaker did the installation and lighting. Tissue paper collage with wool roving was used to create the backdrop and sewn fabric and handmade paper collage was used for the dove. The Advent Wreath at the front of the sanctuary was made by Andrea Peifer Martin. Thanks to the team!

The Environment Committee: Gwen Eberly, Rod Shumaker, Dale Martin, 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
Midweek Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Tuesday
Administrative Pastor: Leslie Homer-Cattell, (leslie@communitymennonite.org), Mon–Thu
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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.

Worship Leader:
Christy Heatwole
Kauffman

Sermon:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader:
Marty Kelley

Prelude/Offertory:
Ryan Kauffman (alto saxophone)
Roger Lentz (piano)

Scripture Readers:
Faith Sauder (1st)
Denise Cope (2nd)

Sound Technician:
Daryl Snider/
Drew Brubaker

Greeter:
Carol Spicher (1st),
Steve Walter (2nd)

Ushers:
Ken Nissley
Linford Good (1st),
Laurel Martin
Larry Groff (2nd)

Child Care:
Dan Schlegl
Mary Lou
Weaver Houser

Child Care Helper:
Anika Hurst

Prelude I. *Grace*, from Light of Sothis, by Amy Quate

Call to Worship
Not to one
but to many you have called:
come
on the dancing wind
come
from the deepest forest
come
from the highest places
come
from the distant lands
come
from the edge of darkness
come
from the depth of fear
and become
the bearer of God.

*Night Visions: Searching the Shadows of
Advent and Christmas*, by Jan Richardson

Song Oh how shall I receive Thee HWB #182

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

Special Music Mary Had A Baby Chynaah Maryoung-Cooke

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 II. *Passion* and III. *Faith*, from Light of Sothis,
by Amy Quate

Song Take my life HWB #389, v. 1–4

Scripture Luke 1:46-55
And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Sermon “Hope in Trouble” Susan Gascho-Cooke

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 Beloved, God’s chosen STJ #38

Benediction STS #176

Awaken, friends!
Radiate the light you are!
Do not let fear keep you from the truth of your being,
nor illusions veil the innate beauty of your soul.
Awaken! Know that you are a holy chalice of light and love,
for the Divine Guest dwells within you.
You are the holy temple of the Beloved;
“You are the light of the world!”
SHINE!

*Meditations and Mandalas: Simple Songs
for the Spiritual Life*, by Nan C. Merrill

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.