

**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/](http://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:** A holloway is a sunken road, worn down by the passing of feet over soft ground for hundreds or thousands of years. These roads have passed from modern use because they're too narrow for vehicles, and many are now so grown over by trees and brambles that they're invisible until you stumble into one. But once you find one, you are following a “holy way” formed by the faithful footfalls of generations. Artists for this Lenten environment: Nancy Baum, Abigail Foster, Lila Garber, Joseph Gascho, Ada Hallman, Renee King, Naomi Paine, Doug Reesor, Rick Shoup, Bonnie Weaver, Mary Lou Weaver Houser.

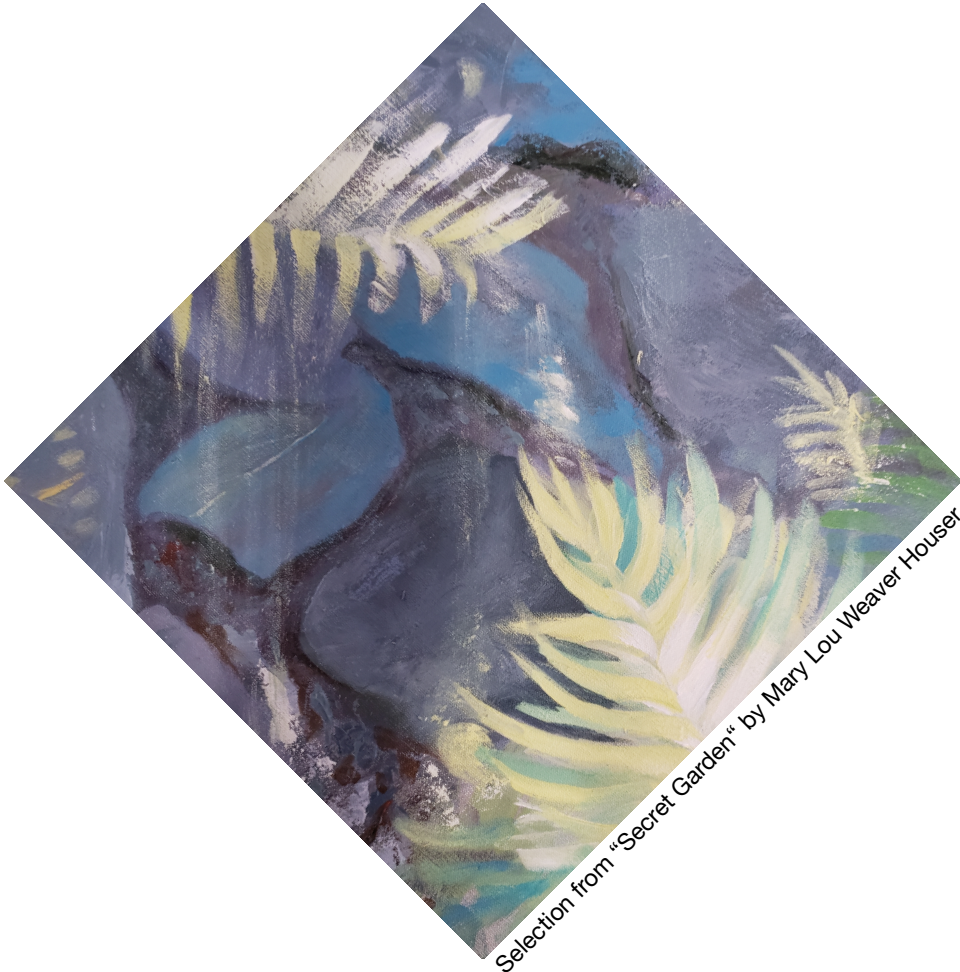
*The Environment Committee: Gwen Eberly, Rod Shumaker, Dale Martin, and Lynn Sommer*

**CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Contact the church office staff** at (717) 392-7567 or [cmcl@communitymennonite.org](mailto:cmcl@communitymennonite.org).  
**Worship service:** 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Christian Ed: 10:00 a.m.  
**Bulletin Announcements:** [bulletin@communitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@communitymennonite.org) by 4 p.m., Wednesday  
**Midweek Announcements:** [bulletin@communitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@communitymennonite.org) by 4 p.m., Tuesday  
**Administrative Pastor:** Leslie Homer-Cattell, ([leslie@communitymennonite.org](mailto:leslie@communitymennonite.org)), Mon–Thu  
**Congregational Care Pastor:** Susan Gascho-Cooke ([susan@communitymennonite.org](mailto:susan@communitymennonite.org)), Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri  
**Associate Pastor of Youth:** Amanda Stoltzfus, ([amanda@communitymennonite.org](mailto:amanda@communitymennonite.org)), Tues and Thu  
**Associate Pastor of Children and Families:** Malinda Clatterbuck ([malinda@communitymennonite.org](mailto:malinda@communitymennonite.org)), Mon and Thu  
**Pastoral Intern:** Chynaah Maryoung-Cooke, ([chynaah@communitymennonite.org](mailto:chynaah@communitymennonite.org))  
**Pastoral Team:** Sue Stoesz (Chair), Dean Clemmer, Rhea Miller, Elizabeth Nissley, Darrell Yoder  
**Office staff:** Sallie McCann Tupper ([Sallie@communitymennonite.org](mailto:Sallie@communitymennonite.org)), Mon–Fri  
**Small groups:** Church office.  
**Childcare Coordinators:** Julie Bushong ([jul.and.tyler@gmail.com](mailto:jul.and.tyler@gmail.com)), Lindsey Deininger, ([lindsey.garber@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey.garber@gmail.com))  
**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](mailto:sallie@communitymennonite.org)  
**To join our closed Facebook Page** search for Parrot Nation and request to join.

**COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH  
OF LANCASTER**

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603  
March 8, 2020



Selection from “Secret Garden” by Mary Lou Weaver Houser

LENT II

**Worship Leader:**  
Darrell Yoder

**Sermon:**  
Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Song Leader:**  
Marcy Hostetler

**Prelude/Offertory:**  
Fancy Pants:  
Lisa Fairman,  
Dave Lefever and  
Jerry Lee Miller

**Scripture Readers:**  
Agatha Clapper,  
Susan King (2nd)

**Sound Tech:**  
Michael & Aaron  
Eby-Good

**Greeter:**  
Carolyn Dries (1st)  
Kirsten Hoover(2nd)

**Ushers:**  
Scott Weaver  
Linford Good (1st)  
Deb Hall  
Jean Sensenig (2nd)

**Child Care:**  
Christy Heatwole  
Kauffman,  
Adam Miller

**Prelude**      *Ocean of Love*, by Jerry Lee Miller

## Lighting of the Peace Lamp

## Welcome & Call to Worship

A Song of Ascents.  
I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
    from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
    who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
    he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
    will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is your keeper;  
    the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
    nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
    he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep  
    your going out and your coming in  
    from this time on and for evermore.

<b>Gathering hymn</b>	<i>Mothering God</i>	HWB#482
	<i>Let there be light, Lord God</i>	STJ#67

**Children's Time**  
*Come and see*  
*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/Offertory**    *The Earth our Mother*, by Kiva

**Scripture** John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to

## Psalm 121

you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## Song

**Sermon** Susan Gascho-Cooke

## 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

## Benediction

Thou our source  
and our returning,  
our beginning  
and welcome home,  
bless the path  
on which we journey;  
be the way  
that leads us on.

-Jan Richardson, *In Wisdom's Path*

**Notice**— CMCL services are live-streamed from the front right corner of the Sanctuary via FaceTime but are not recorded. To not be shown in the stream, simply avoid walking in front of the front right corner.

**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.