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## CMCL— Order of Worship for Sunday, June 26

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# Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

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## ORDINARY TIME

### CMCL Order of Worship

—June 26, 2022—

*10:00 a.m., Zoom-only -- NO in-person*

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**Prelude—** [Brethren, We Have Met To Worship, VT #25, played by Joe Gascho, slideshow of CMCL worship gatherings](#)

### **Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

#### **Welcome**

This morning you are invited to follow this order of worship alone at home, or to join in on Zoom. We will have the opportunity to gather in person to hear live music by quite a few CMCLers at the home of Darlis Myer and Howard Keener at 4:00 p.m. til dusk.

**Call to Worship,** [God of Gardens Congregational Prayer](#), © Carol Penner  
[www.leadinginworship.com](http://www.leadinginworship.com) (several lines omitted)

*God of gardens,  
thank you for the gardens of Lancaster,  
for peonies and lilacs,  
for yarrow and hydrangea and azalea,  
For fields showing green, for vegetables growing, for fruit setting,  
for the whole wide earth waking up and exploding into life before our very  
eyes,  
slow fireworks of green trees and blossoms everywhere we look.*

*The kingdom of God is like this;  
beautiful and rich and many faceted,  
blooming in hearts around the world for those who have eyes to see.  
The news tells us every horrible thing that happens,  
but you bring good news:  
that people do love each other, that people do help each other,  
that you care for us, that we can make a difference.  
Help us to be your messengers of good news,  
help us to be good news.*

*We need this assurance because we are sometimes overwhelmed with bad  
news,  
in our families and our communities.  
Forgive us for the times this week that we have been short and angry with  
those we love,  
callous and uncaring towards our neighbours or the people we work with.  
Give us open hearts, that grow in love towards every place where love is not.  
Give us compassion especially today for those who are grieving,  
who feel the ache of loved ones who are no longer here.  
Give us compassion especially today for those who struggle with illness*

*who are undergoing tests, or taking medication  
or are afraid to take medication for physical or mental illnesses.*

*God of gardens, be with us this week,  
wherever we grow,  
in your name, Amen.*

**Gathering Hymn—** [Why do We Hunger for Beauty?, by Reunion Vocal Band](#) (feat. Jim Croegaert)

**Offering Prayer—** Thank you for your continued support of your congregation. Our budget supports our staff, our building, our congregational care, and our outreach commitments. We are grateful that this community is a place to seek and give mutual aid and to reach out beyond our community, too. Thanks so much for being the church and giving to the work of the Church.

*Creator Spirit,  
you clothe the flowers of the field:  
enable us to rejoice in all the gifts  
with which you fill us,  
and may that be enough for us. Amen.*

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**Offertory—** [All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir](#), words & music by Bill Staines © Mineral Music (BMI), sung by Peter and Annie Blood-Patterson, creators of the *Rise Up Singing* songbook. The lyrics are so fun, and they're all listed in the description of the video. It's fun to do hand motions of the animals in the song as you sing, too -- and of course clap your paws in the chorus :). Here are the lyrics of the chorus:

*All God's critters got a place in the choir  
Some sing low, some sing higher,  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wires,  
And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now*

### **Lectionary Lectio Divina**

#### **Psalm 16, NRSV**

*A Miktam of David.*  
Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.'

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.  
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.  
For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**Psalm 16 in Hebrew— [audio](#)**

**Psalm 16 paraphrase, by Nan C. Merrill, *Psalms for Praying***

*Remain ever before me,  
O Loving Presence,  
for in You am I safe.  
You are my Beloved; in You  
I can do all things.*

*I look to those who are at one  
with You and learn from them of your ways;  
My delight increases each time  
I sense Your presence within me!*

*Love is my chosen food, my cup,  
holding me in its power.  
Where I have come from,  
Where'er I shall go,  
Love is my birthright,  
my true estate.*

*I bless the Counselor who guides my way;  
in the night also does my heart instruct me.  
I walk beside the Spirit of Truth;  
I celebrate the Light.*

*Thus my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices.  
I shall not be afraid,*

*nor fall into the pit of despair;  
In Love's presence there is fullness of joy.*

*You are my Beloved; in You will I live.*

**Sharing Time**— Please email your prayer requests or reflections this morning to Pastor Susan at [susan@communitymennonite.org](mailto:susan@communitymennonite.org).

***Loving God, hear our prayer.***

**Announcements**— Come enjoy the musical offerings of CMCL musicians with the beautiful backdrop of the Susquehanna River at the home of Darlis Myer and Howard Keener at 4:00 this afternoon (570 Green Hill Road in Conestoga, near Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve). There will be no food provided, but you may bring your own picnic food, to eat as you enjoy music until dusk.

**Closing Song**— [\*Remember the Sun, by Pieta Brown\*](#)

**Benediction**— A Solstice Blessing, written by Pádraig Ó Tuama

*As night stretches here,  
day contracts elsewhere.  
And in their night, we are  
bathed in light. In all nights  
there is light; in long days  
there can be ache too.  
For you, we call the sun  
to stand still a while, and  
the moon too, and stars, and  
the waters and the heavens.  
Hells as well — just for a  
second; just for a breath.  
May that breath rest you.  
And may each breath rest you,  
as it has until now, and now  
and now. This one, after  
that one, after that one after  
that.*

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**Worship Leader & Zoom:** Susan Gascho-Cooke

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