Worship Leader—Deb Napolitan Song Leader—Christy Kauffman Prelude/Offertory—Jerry Lee Miller, Tom Tucker Sound Technician—Monte Garber Greeter—Steve Walter Ushers—Jack Shope, Carolyn Weaver

AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICES

Theme: Recognizing the arts as spiritual and social synergists

Synergy is defined as "the interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations, substances or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects." At CMCL we recognize this synergy in the creation of "whole" persons made "in the image of God."

One CMCL Core Value, Nourished through worship, states," We celebrate music and the arts as vital parts of our spiritual practice."

Each Sunday honors an art form as follows:

August 19: The Art of Poetry, coordinated by Deb Napolitan August 26: The Art of Storytelling, coordinated by Darrell Yoder

CHURCH INFORMATION

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

Worship service: 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed: No Christian Ed during summer

 $\textbf{Bulletin} \ \textbf{Announcements}: \textit{bulletin} @\textit{community mennonite.org} \ \text{by 4 p.m., Tuesday}$

Midweek Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Tuesday

Lead Pastor: Susan Gascho-Cooke—On sabbatical through end of August

Associate Pastor of Youth:

Amanda Stoltzfus (Amanda@communitymennonite.org), Mon and Thu—10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Associate Pastor of Children and Families:

 $Malinda\ Clatterbuck\ (\textit{Malinda@communitymennonite.org}),\ Mon\ and\ Thu-8:15\ a.m.-5$

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Pastoral Team: Carol Spicher, Deb Napolitan, Monte Garber, Luke Good and Naomi

Paine

Office staff: Rod Houser (*Rod@communitymennonite.org*)

Small groups: Church office.

Childcare Coordinators: Kandace Helmuth (Kandace@ptd.net), Michelle Meck

(meckmp@aol.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.

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COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 August 19, 2018



RECOGNIZING THE ARTS AS SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL SYNERGISTS

THE ART OF POETRY

Prelude "Gold Dragonflies" Written by Jerry Lee Miller

Vocals and kazoo, Jerry Lee; Ukulele, Tom Tucker

Welcome and Call to Worship

Gathering Songs For the beauty of the earth HWB #89

Many and great, O God HWB #35

Introduction to the Theme

Poems Written by CMCLers

Larry Penner

Ruth Ann Kulp

Tim Baum

Singing Let the whole creation cry HWB #51

(Poems continued)

Deb Cone-Halsey

Prem Dick (read by Janet Dick)

Nancy Baum

Children's Time Come and See HWB #20

Poems by Alyce Jenkins and Shel Silverstien

Scripture (Poetic Meanderings on)

"A Fifth Gospel"

by Joseph Gascho read by Jim Bowman

What if Joseph sat down with Jesus when he was 15, told him you're getting too old for this, and besides, the orders are piling up and I need you in the shop—you'll have to quit your dance lessons, but Matthew shook his head, said we can't have that?

What if there was a Priscilla who wrote in her journal how she played the trombone while Jesus strummed his guitar and sang protest songs about the Roman occupation, but Mark said *no way*I'll put that in my book?

What if Jesus himself penned a poem when he was twenty-nine about how hard it was to always be best man and never groom, but Luke burned the ode, thought it heresy?

And what if out in the wilderness of temptation, after Satan crawled away, Jesus jammed his easel in the sand and painted camels laden down with gold and myrrh, plodding single file towards the Zion Gate, (eye-of-needle size he made it look),

but John deemed it best not to tell?

Poems Written by CMCLers, Part Two

Offering/Offertory

"When did you stop? A summer dream"

Written and vocals by Jerry Lee Miller; Ukulele: Tom Tucker

Poems Appreciated by CMCLers

Ellen Kanagy

Malinda Clatterbuck

Jack Shope

Lois Martin (read by Levina Huber)

Singing I sing the mighty power of God HWB #46

Sending Blessing for Katy Heinzel

Congregational Response From Mennonite Hymnal

Go in love

For love alone endures.

Go in peace

For it is the gift of God.

Go in safety

For we cannot go where God is not.

Sharing & Prayer

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Singing God be with you HWB #430

Benediction "As Timely as a River" Wendell Berry from "Given"

As timely as a river

God's timeless life passes

Into this world. It passes

Through bodies, giving life,

And past them, giving death.

- and past them, giving dea

The secret fish leaps up

Into the light and is

Again darkened. The sun

Comes from the dark, it lights

The always passing river,

Shines on the great-branched tree,

And goes. Longing and dark,

We are completely filled

With breath of love, in us

Forever incomplete.

Wendell Berry, from "Given"