

Worship Leader— Susan Gascho-Cooke  
Sermon— Leslie Homer-Cattell  
Song Leader— Louise Ranck  
Prelude/Offertory— Rhea Miller, Anne Sensenig, Dean Clemmer  
Sound Technician— Ken Kulp  
Greeter— Kirsten Hoover  
Ushers— Phil Kreider, John Kanagy, Jack Shope  
Child Care—Dan Schlegel, Kim Van Donk; Helper— Faith Sauder

# COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

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## Environment: January & February

Front of the Sanctuary- During the month of January we will be exploring Mennonite/Anabaptist history, thus the *fraktur* design. *Fraktur* is the name for the PA German folk art and German “broken/fractured” script, representative of the early German birth, marriage and baptismal certificates. This banner was made by Gwen Eberly, Dale Martin and Lynn Sommer with Olivia Shumaker as our accomplice. The base layer is old hymnal pages from Mennonite hymnals 100 years old, signifying the rich history music brings to our tradition. Some of the hymns in our hymnal go back as early as the 1600’s when Mennonites were meeting in caves. This banner will remain up until March 3rd. We then will switch to our environment for Lent.

Back of the Sanctuary- *Martyrs Mirror* etching “The Witness of Dirk Willems”. The *Martyrs Mirror* was published in 1660 by a Dutch Mennonite. It is a book composed of the stories of Christian martyrs from the beginning to 1660. This particular story depicted in this etching exemplifies the central Anabaptist virtue of peacemaking based on Christ’s work to “love thine enemies”. Dirk Willems, apprehended in Holland, made it across the ice. But when he saw his “thief-catcher” fell through the ice, he returned to assist him. Consequently, Dirk was later burnt at the stake for his beliefs.

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

### CHURCH INFORMATION

**Contact the church office staff** at (717) 392-7567 or [cmcl@communitymennonite.org](mailto:cmcl@communitymennonite.org).

**Worship service:** 9:30 a.m. **Christian Ed:** 11:00 a.m.

**Bulletin Announcements:** [bulletin@communitymennonite.org](mailto: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.

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



A mural at Centro de Atención a Migrantes en Éxodo (CAME; Center for Attention to Migrants in Exodus), a migrant shelter for families and individuals in transit, depicts Jesus riding on top of “La bestia” (“the beast”) with migrants who ride the train to the north. *MCC photo/Laura Pauls-Thomas*

#### Prayer of the migrant

My Lord,

Here I am on the path heading north.

I bring with me everything and nothing.

I have my roots, which have already been taken out of the land you lent to me. I leave my homeland, my friends, my family.

I leave my people and my culture.

I don’t have much left: I only bring my backpack, but I carry it full of faith, of dreams, of hope.

I also bring a heart full of sadness. One day I wish to return, back to my loved ones. I don’t know if I will arrive to the land of my dreams.

Lord, I only ask that you do not leave me alone on this path heading north.

I believe that at least you understand me. You were also a migrant and had a family from which you were exiled.

Lord, I ask for all the migrants like myself that we will never lose the faith and the hope of arriving to the promised land.

*(Signed Jorge Reyes, this prayer was posted on the “spiritual corner” of a bulletin board at Casa Tochan, a migrant shelter for young men in Mexico City.)*

**Prelude** *Acony Bell* (by Gillian Welch)  
Rhea Miller, Anne Sensenig, Dean Clemmer

## Lighting of the Peace Lamp

### Welcome & Call to Worship

With the people in Uganda we say:

**A refugee from South Sudan is my brother.**

With the people of Bangladesh we say:

**A refugee from Myanmar is my sister.**

With the people of Lebanon we say:

**A refugee from Syria is my cousin.**

With the people of Ecuador we say:

**A refugee from Colombia is my mother.**

With the people of South Africa we say:

**A refugee from Congo is my father.**

With the people of Kenya we say:

**A refugee from Somalia is my niece.**

With the people of Germany we say:

**A refugee from Eritrea is my grandmother.**

With the people of our own country, the United States, we say:

**The asylum seeker from Central America is my relative.**

Like God's people of old, in thanksgiving, we remember and say:

**A wandering Aramean is my ancestor** (Deuteronomy 26:5).

We remember, O God, how others welcomed us and our kin as family, and we desire to respond in the same way. Help us be family to those who have lost their homes and their communities. AMEN

*Mennonite Central Committee Canada worship resource*

**Gathering Hymns** *Santo (Holy)* STJ #15  
*We are people on a journey* STJ # 8  
*Eres todopoderoso* (insert)

**Children's Time** Malinda Harnish 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** *In The Garden* (by C. Austin Miles)  
Rhea Miller, Anne Sensenig, Dean Clemmer

**Scripture** Leviticus 19:33-34

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Luke 4:18-21

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them,

‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

1 Peter 2:11-12

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

**Song** *Beauty for brokenness* STS #115

**Sermon** *Reaching for Justice and Communion on the Journey*

Leslie Homer-Cattell

### Time of Sharing & Prayer

*Where do you sense God moving among us? This is a time to respond to the scripture, music, and message of the morning, and to share joys and concerns from your lives and the greater world.*

### Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

**Sending Hymn** *La paz de la tierra (The peace of the earth)* STJ #77

*La paz de la tierra esté contigo, la paz de los cielos también.*

*La paz de los rios esté contigo, la paz de los mares también.*

*La paz profunda cayendo sobre ti. La paz profunda creciendo en ti.*

### Benediction

*ALL are welcome for hot drinks and fellowship in the Parrot Gallery downstairs following the worship service.*

*Visitors and new attenders, we invite you to fill out the visitor forms on the table in the foyer. Feel free to drop them in the offering basket, or hand them to an usher as you leave the service this morning.*