

CHILDCARE

1st Service—Diane Umble, Dean Brubaker
Christian Ed—Jerry Lapp, Becci Leatherman
2nd Service—Lynn Bergey, Sonya Hershey-Velasco, Dan Schlegel
Helper: Ella Reist

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors

- Join us for coffee at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Room/Parrot Cafe. Christian Education hour begins at 10 a.m.
- Assisted listening devices are stored in the cart at the rear of the sanctuary.
- Pick up an information booklet in the foyer to learn more about our faith community.
- Sunday parking is available at Groff Funeral Home, 1 block east and in the lot behind the church across the alley.
- Restrooms are on the lower level near the kitchen

Adult Christian Education—10 a.m.

Parrot Café—Meets in Fellowship Room

Coffee, newspapers and conversation

Creation Care, Sustainability and CMCL—Meets in Sanctuary

This four week series, beginning today, May 1 and ending May 22, will focus specifically on resources and ideas that can help CMCL and participants conserve energy and make wise energy source choices.

This Week at CMCL

May 1 Parenting Workshop

Church Information

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

Worship: 8:30 and 11 a.m.; Fellowship Time: 9:45 a.m.

Christian Education: 10 a.m. Adults meet in sanctuary, children and youth in education wing located south of sanctuary.

Bulletin announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Wednesday

Sharing posts: sharing@communitymennonite.org

Lead Pastor: Susan Gascho-Cooke (susan@communitymennonite.org), off Monday

Associate Pastor: Chad Martin (chad@communitymennonite.org), off Monday

Director of Children & Youth: Elizabeth Brubaker-Weida
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Pastoral Team: Gwen Peachey, Jay Martin, Darrell Yoder, Michael Eby-Good, Sue Stoesz Bauman

Office staff: Rod Houser (Tue, Wed and Fri)

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Childcare Coordinators: Denise Cope and Brenda Sauder

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Light—A Call to Seeing

How does our celebration of resurrection and rebirth shape our relationship to creation? In this season after Easter we will explore our call to participate in the redemption and restoration of the planet. Our worship will follow in the footsteps of the six movements of God in the creation story of Genesis 1 -- light, air, water, plants, animals, humanity.

photo by Joseph Gascho

Light makes everything holy—

The moon asleep in its hammock

Keeping its appointments with the stars;

The sacred nakedness of lovers

And the Byzantine brilliance of night...

Light makes everything holy—

The child in the womb, adrift in a sea-whorl; Tiny

fingerprints pointing the way

To whatever is given, or hidden

And can't be explained...

—from “Adagio to Light” by Edward Fisher

Prelude

Dean Clemmer

Words of Welcome

He kept me safe another night;
I see another day;
Now may His Spirit, as the light
Direct me in His way

Call to Worship

And God stepped out on space,
And He looked around and said,
"I'm lonely –
I'll make me a world."

And far as the eye of God could see
Darkness covered everything,
Blacker than a hundred midnights
Down in a cypress swamp.

Then God smiled,
And the light broke,
And the darkness rolled up on one side,
And the light stood shining on the other,
And God said, "That's good!"

from "The Creation" by James Weldon Johnson

Opening Prayer

Singing *For the beauty of the earth* HWB #89
 Turn the world around (see bulletin insert)

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1–5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Children's Time

*Children age 4 and under may go to childcare.
Activity sheets are available for others through grade five.*

Offertory Prayer

Offering/Offertory Dean Clemmer

Scripture Reading Revelation 21: 22–26

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

Sermon "Open up the doors, and see all the people" Chad Martin

Singing *Alleluia, the great storm is over* STJ #71

Communion
Singing *Our Father, which art in heaven* STJ #48

Sharing and Prayer
Where do you sense God moving among us? This is a time to respond to the scripture, music and message of the morning.

Announcements/Introduction of Visitors

Singing *Come and be light for our eyes* STJ #5

Benediction

Keep us from danger, and from sin;
Help us your will to do.
And may Your Spirit, as the light,
Direct us as we go.

Worship Leader—Joseph Gascho
Song Leader—Christy Heatwole Kauffman
Sound Technician—1st Svc. Don Kulp, 2nd Svc. Chris Bowers
Environment—Jake Keeler and Jonathan Mast
1st Service Greeter—Paul Leatherman; Ushers—Dean Brubaker, Beth Crosby
2nd Service Greeters—Zita Angelo, Frank Carano; Ushers—Jack Shope, Lynn Bergey