
COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

May 22, 2011

Plants—A Call to Growth

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.

Image by Teman Cooke

Worship Leader—Chad Martin

Song Leader—1st Svc. Ron Umble, 2nd Svc. Jay Martin

Sound Technician—1st Svc., Steve Stayrook; 2nd Svc., Don Stoltzfus

Environment—Jake Keeler

1st Service Greeter—Lois Martin; Ushers—Fern Clemmer, Carolyn Weaver

2nd Service Greeters—Pauline Zimmerman, Jarol Boan; Ushers—Doug Burkholder,
Chris Fraser

CHILDCARE

1st Service—Kelvin Mack, Ruth M. Martin

Christian Ed—Gwen Eberly, Doris Shenk

2nd Service—Michael Eby-Good, Steve Walter, Desiree Reesor

Helper: Isaac Martin

Adult Christian Education—10 a.m.

Parrot Café—Meets in Fellowship Room

Coffee, newspapers and conversation

Creation Care, Sustainability and CMCL—Meets in Sanctuary

Open Discussion. This is your chance to let CMCL leaders know how you'd like to lighten the congregation's ecological "footprint". We'll review highlights from the last three weeks and explore next steps.

Facilitators: Chad Martin w/ Facilities and Adult CE Committees

This Week at CMCL

May 22 Parenting Workshop, 3:45 p.m.

25 Congregational Council, 7 p.m.

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
(beth@communitymennonite.org)

Pastoral Team: Gwen Peachey, Jay Martin, Darrell Yoder, Michael Eby-Good, Sue Stoesz Bauman

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

Small groups: Doris Shenk (dorishshenk@fastmail.fm) or church office.

Childcare Coordinators: Denise Cope and Brenda Sauder

Prelude

Jordan Rast

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

adapted from HWB #680

God of all life,
we thank you
for the signs of your love that surround us,
for sun and warmth and all that comes to life
within creation,
for all that sleeps within the earth awaiting birth.

We praise you

**for the wisdom of your care,
water on the earth,
sunlight on our spirits,
hands on blinded eyes.**

Continue to touch us.

*Reach out to us with compassion and forgiveness
that we may receive your gifts,
that we may know your love and grace,
that we may respond with shalom
to each other
to our neighbors
to this precious planet.
Amen.*

Gathering Songs

*Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah
For the fruit of all creation*

HWB #50

HWB #90

Old Testament Scripture

Genesis 1: 11–12

Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

Children’s Time

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

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6: 19–34

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Offering/Offertory

Jordan Rast

Singing

Thou true vine, that heals the nations

HWB #373

Sermon

"WWJC—What Would Jesus Consume?"

Glenn Gilbert

Utilities Manager and Sustainability Coordinator, Goshen College

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.

Sung Response

Lord, listen to your children

HWB #353

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

The Lord lift you up

STJ #73

Benediction

STJ #163

Go with the strength you have.

Go simply,

lightly,

gently,

in search of Love.

And the Spirit go with you.