
COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

May 29, 2011

Animals—A Call to Tend

How does our celebration of resurrection and rebirth shape our relationship to creation? In this season after Easter, 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 and humanity.



photo by Peggi Miller

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors

- Join us for coffee at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Room/Parrot Cafe. Christian Education hour resumes in September.
- 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

The Parrot Café is open all summer.

Coffee, newspapers and conversation

This Week at CMCL

- | | | |
|------|----|---|
| May | 31 | Parenting Workshop, 3:45 p.m. |
| June | 3 | Parrot Gallery Reception/Poetry Reading |

Church Information

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

Worship: 9:30 a.m.: Fellowship Time: 10:45 a.m.

Christian Education: No Christian Education during summer months.

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 (on Sabbatical June 1—Sept. 1)

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

And then there was St Kevin and the blackbird.
The saint is kneeling, arms stretched out, inside
His cell, but the cell is narrow, so
One turned-up palm is out the window, stiff
As a cross-beam, when a blackbird lands
And lays in it and settles down to rest.
Kevin feels the warm eggs, the small breast, the tucked
Neat head and claws and, finding himself linked
Into the network of eternal life,
Is moved to pity: Now he must hold his hand
Like a branch out in the sun and rain for weeks
Until the young are hatched and fledged and flown.

—excerpt from *St. Kevin and the Blackbird* by Seamus Heaney

Prelude Eric Umble

Welcome

Call to Worship adapted from STS #198

Memorial Candlelighting

Gathering Hymns *All creatures of our God and King* HWB #48
All things bright and beautiful HWB #156

Scripture Genesis 1: 24-25

And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Children's Story Darrell Yoder

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

Offering/Offerory Eric Umble

Hymn

Scripture Acts 17: 22-29

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill.

Sermon “The Earth is Alive” Chad Martin

Blessing for Chad's Sabbatical Jay Martin for Pastoral Team

Leader: On the seventh day God rested and celebrated all of creation. God surveyed all that God had made and said, "It is good."

All: Chad, we work together in ministry here at CMCL, and have much to celebrate. We celebrate your encouragement, direction, and leadership in our work together as God's people in this place. Of this ministry together we say with confidence, "It is good."

Leader: We send you now on this Sabbatical journey confident that God will bless your every step, refresh your spirit, renew your mind, strengthen your body, and return you to us empowered for our continued task of ministry in Lancaster, and in the world.

All: We will miss you, even as we faithfully carry out with joy and hope the ministry to which we are called. As you attend to your Sabbatical, please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you, that we support you in every way, and that we look forward with joy to your return.

Chad: I, too, look forward to that day when I will return and share in our ministry together. I will miss you as well. Thank you for creating this opportunity for a time of Sabbath rest in my ministry.

All: Go, now, with our blessing, and with the blessing of our loving Creator God. Amen.

Sharing Time

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

Closing Hymn

Benediction HWB #764

Worship Leader—Susan Gascho-Cooke
Song Leader—Beth Graybill
Sound Technician—Jason Mundok
Environment—Jake Keeler

Greeters—Mary Alice Ressler, Darrell Yoder
Ushers—Gerald Ressler, Sylvia Yoder

CHILDCARE

Christy Heatwole Kauffman, Kevin Longacre Hurst, Jean Sensenig
Helper: Ella Reist