

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

July 15, 2018

Worship Leader—Mary Lou Weaver Houser

Preaching—Scott Sprunger

Song Leader—Marty Kelley

Prelude/Offertory—Ron Umble

Ensemble musicians—Rebecca Boyer, Beth Crosby, Anika Krebs, Judy Krebs, Landry Krebs, Matt Krebs, Joanne Leatherman, Laurel Martin, Joe Moore, Carolyn Weaver, Sonny Ditzler on drums, Anne Sensenig on guitar

Sound Technician—Ken Kulp

Greeter—Lois Lehman

Ushers—Luke Good, Laurel Martin, Esther Becker, Beth Crosby

Child Care

Christy Heatwole-Kauffman, Anne Sensenig

Helper—Dulce Zeager

Environment: June through September

The book, *Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes* inspired the current environment in our sanctuary. Japanese legend tells us that one who creates a *thousand origami cranes* will be granted a wish. The paper cranes in the sanctuary were folded by CMCL attendees in anticipation of our annual summer Peace School. Many found the process of folding the paper cranes to be prayerful, and meditative. As our congregation lights our peace lamp each Sunday, our collective prayer is for world peace and harmony in relationships.

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

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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

Bulletin Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org 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 (Malinda@communitymennonite.org), Mon and Thu—8:15 a.m.–5 p.m.

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 are available upon request to the church office.

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



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HOLDING ON—LETTING GO

GOING BEYOND SAFE PLACES
AND EASY ANSWERS

TRUTHS WORTH SEEKING

Prelude *O Lord hear our prayer* Ron Umble, accordion
Lord I am fondly, earnestly longing

Welcome

Call to Worship “Truths Worth Seeking”

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

*Until we extend the circle of compassion to all living things,
we will not ourselves find peace.*

— Albert Schweitzer

Invocation

Antiphonal Reading

There is a truth
that lives within us
that will be within us
forever.
—2 John 2, NIV

**In each of us,
there is a little voice
that knows exactly
which way to go.**

—Alice Walker

There is a really deep well inside me. And in it dwells God. Sometimes I am there too.
But more often stones and grit block the well, and God is buried beneath.

—Etty Hillesum, *An Interrupted Life*

**In order to live your soul into the world, you must continuously loosen your
beliefs about who you are.**

—Bill Plotkin

There is no permutation of humanity in which Christ is not present.”

—Christian Wiman, *My Bright Abyss: Meditations of a Modern Believer*

Gathering Hymns *Let all creation dance* STS #122
Be Thou my vision HWB #545

Children’s Time/Music Ensemble

Come and See HWB #20

Americans Who Tell the Truth

Soleil Yoder Salim
Samantha Smith
Rosa Parks
Woody Guthrie

Singing

Rosa by Libby Roderick

This Land is your Land by Woody Guthrie

Images from *Americans Who Tell the Truth* by Robert Shetterly

Music by “Voices for Peace” directed by Marty Kelley

(Children 0–4 dismissed for childcare; 5 and older for Children’s Church)

Offering/ Offertory *And I will raise you up
Beyond a dying sun*

Scripture

1 John 3:11–19 NIV

Landry and Anika Krebs, Readers

For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

And we ought to lay down our lives for our siblings. If anyone has material possessions and sees a sibling in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence.

Sermon “Truths Worth Seeking” Scott Sprunger

Silence

CMCLer’s respond to “A Truth Worth Seeking”

Hymn *Open my eyes* HWB #517

Sharing

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/Introduction of Visitors

Benediction

To this day I believe we are here on Earth
to live, grow, and do what we can to make this world
a better place for all people to enjoy freedom.

—Rosa Parks