

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors.

- Join us for coffee at 9:40 a.m. in Christian Ed foyer.
- Assisted Listening Devices are located at the rear of the sanctuary.
- Pick up info booklet in foyer to learn more about our faith community.
- Sunday parking is available at Groff Funeral Home, 1 block east.
- Restrooms on lower level near kitchen

Summer Community Hour—10 a.m.

- **Parrot Café**—coffee/refreshments, newspapers, conversation Fellowship Room
Childcare area available, not formally staffed
- **Sacred Space**—silent reflection
Last room in first floor Christian Ed wing
- **Ordinary Lives**—discussion/reflection on the week along with Sunday scripture
Library (second floor)
- **Focused discussions**—10 a.m.
The Gathering Place (new basement)
Today: Senior Youth and Parents

This week at CMCL

Tuesday, July 3—Worship Committee

Church Information

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

Worship: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Christian Ed—10 a.m.

Information for bulletin due in church office by 4 p.m., Wednesday

Pastor: Pam Dintaman (day off—Thursday); dintaman@communitymennonite.org

Associate Pastor: Chad Martin—chad@communitymennonite.org

Director of Children & Youth: Emily Smucker Beidler
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Elders: Laura Boll, Dennis Clemmer, Phil Kauffman-Jantzi, Marilyn Kennel

Office Staff: Rod Houser (Tue, Wed and Fri), Temp Staff (Mon and Thu)

Small Groups: For information contact Gerald Ressler (627-1830) or church office.

Website: www.communitymennonite.org

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary

July 1, 2007

Prelude

Kilbourn/Rast Family

Call to Worship

Singing

Here, O Lord, your servants gather

Hymnal #7

Spirit of God! descend

Hymnal #502

Scripture

Galatians 5:1, 13-18, 22-25

The Message by Eugene Peterson

Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?

My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness. For there is a root of sinful self-interest in us that is at odds with a free spirit, just as the free spirit is incompatible with selfishness. These two ways of life are antithetical, so that you cannot live at times one way and at times another way according to how you feel on any given day. Why don't you choose to be led by the Spirit and so escape the erratic compulsions of a law-dominated existence?...

But what happens when we live God's way? God brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely...

Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

Singing *Gracious Spirit, dwell with me* Hymnal #507

Children's Time Pam Dintaman

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

Offering/Offerory Kilbourn/Rast Family

Scripture Reading 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Singing *Take, O take me as I am* STJ #81

Sermon "Stepping Out of the Shadow" Pam Dintaman

Response

Leader: Sometimes when the flame goes out, and we imagine ourselves not good enough, sometimes when the way is too difficult and we can find no one else to lead, sometimes when the gifts seem thin, and we feel we cannot find the way ourselves...

People: Come to us, O God, and whisper your presence.

Leader: Sometimes when the questions are too deep and there is no one else to seek an answer, sometimes when the mantle is unworn and we are the only ones to pick it up, sometimes when the world is tough and your calling even tougher...

People: Come to us, O God, and whisper your presence.

Leader: May we find a new way to serve you, may we find a new ear to listen, may we find a new adventure to begin...

People: Come to us, O God, and whisper your presence.

Leader: May we find a new dream to dream, may we find a new language to speak, may we find a new daring within our souls,

People: Come to us, O God, and whisper your presence. Amen

Communion

Sharing Time 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. We're glad to hear who the visitors are among us.

Announcements

Benediction

Worship Leader—Elaine Lapp Esch

Song Leader—Jay Martin

Sound Technician—Don Kulp

Environment—Melanie Yoder-Salim and Mary Lou Weaver Houser

1st Service Greeters—Herb Myers; Ushers—Prem Dick, Jean Sensenig

2nd Service Greeter—Rod Houser; Ushers—Gladys Horst, Ken Beam

Summer Hospitality (between services)—Charlotte/Don Kulp small group

Childcare

1st Service—Dean Brubaker, Nancy Brubaker

2nd Service—Omer Brubaker, Sonya Hershey Velasco, Doris Kolb