

Community Mennonite Church

September 5, 2010

Creation is a Song

Gathering

PRELUDE

Brad Lehman

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Shirley Yoder Brubaker

PSALM READING from Psalm 104:1-9, 24-26

All: *Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

Left: O Lord, my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
Wrapped in light as with a garment.

Right: *You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,*

Left: you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind.

Right: *Lord, you have made so many things.
How wisely you made them all.*

All: *Send forth your Spirit, Lord;
renew the face of the earth.*

Left: The earth is filled with your creation.

Right: *There is the ocean,
deep and wide where countless creatures live,
large and small alike.*

Left: Ships sail on it, and in it plays the leviathan,
the sea monster you made.

Right: *May the Glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works.*

All: *Send forth your Spirit, Lord;
renew the face of the earth.*

OPENING HYMNS **God of the earth, the sky, the sea**

Ray Horst *Blue 53*

Praise the source of faith and learning
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Hearing God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 38:1-18

Ted Swartz

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nancy Heisey

HYMN

Of the Father's love begotten

Blue 104

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 1:3-10

**May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
Be acceptable in your sight, O God,
my Rock and my Redeemer.**

SERMON

Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Responding in Faith

HYMN

You walk along our shoreline

Green 99

OFFERING OUR FIRSTFRUITS – CARING & SHARING OFFERING
OFFERTORY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us affirm our faith together.

Women: **We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things, and celebrates all things.**

Men: We believe earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with our kin.

Women: **We believe that God became flesh and blood,
became a part of earth,
a human being called Jesus Christ,
who lived and breathed and spoke among us,
suffered and died on a cross
for all human beings and for all creation.**

Men: We believe that the risen Jesus
is the Christ at the core of creation,
reconciling all things to God,
renewing all creation and filling the universe.

Women: **We believe the Spirit renews life in creation,
groans in empathy with a suffering creation,
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.**

All: **We believe that with Christ we will rise
and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.**

MCC SALT REPORT FROM NEPAL AND INDIA

Michelle Kennel

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sending

HYMN

The peace of the earth

Green 77

Iced Tea/Lemonade Fellowship

Welcome to all visitors!

- Restrooms and Nursery Care (ages 3 and under) are off the main hallway (north side of building)
- The Church Newsletter is in one of the kiosk pockets
- "Quiet activity bags" for ages 3 to 5 are available in the back of the sanctuary
- Visitor Information can be in the kiosk in the fellowship hall.
- Please let us know you were here by filling out a blue slip in the Welcome to Worship brochure and placing it in the offering plate.

TODAY, Sept 5

Worship at 9:00 AM – Caring & Sharing offering
Announcements: Shirley Yoder Brubaker
Nursery: Veronica Nyawalla & Carissa Sweigart
Sound: Terry Burkhalter
Greeters: David Graybill & Brenda Martin
Head Usher: Jim Bishop
Sunday School at 10:30 AM
All-church picnic at Morrison Park at 12:30 PM

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~Our Mission~

*We the people of Community Mennonite Church
offer our gifts and lives to the call of Jesus Christ.
We strive actively to follow the God of peace
through our worship, fellowship, and service to
both the local community and the wider world.*

CMC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Mon Church office closed
Wed 6:30 PM Finance Committee, Rm 202
7:00 PM Outreach Commission at Pastor
Jennifer's home
Fri-Sun All-Church Retreat at Camp Overlook
Next Sun 10:00 AM Worship
Speaker: Rachel Miller Jacobs
Worship Leader: Retreat Committee
Nursery: Shannon & Brandon Roth
Sound: Wayne Gehman
Greeters:
Head Usher: Harold Shenk

PASTORAL TEAM

Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Lead Pastor
cmc_jennifer@ntelos.net Mon-Thur 9-4, off Fri
Jason Gerlach, Pastor of Youth Ministry
youthpastor@ntelos.net Mon, Wed, Thur 9-noon
Shirley Yoder Brubaker, Interim Pastor
cmc_shirley@ntelos.net Tue, Wed 9-noon

Tina Beachy, Pastoral Elder
Lonnie Yoder, Pastoral Elder

CHURCH COUNCIL

Andrea Wenger, Council Chair
David Detrow, Vice-Chair
Terry Burkhalter, Administrative Chair
Brian Martin Burkholder, Community Life Chair
Jennifer Murch, Youth Chair
Heidi Winters Vogel, Outreach Chair
Hedy Reese, Worship Chair

CHURCH OFFICE

Sandy McCafferty, Office Coordinator
office hrs: Mon-Fri, 9-4:30

IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

Sun 3-6:30 PM Sharon Miller private event
Mon 6:30-8:30 PM English class, Rm 109, Rm 203, FH
Wed 5:30-8:30 PM Patchwork Pantry, kitchen, FH, 109
Thur 6:30-8:30 PM English class, Rm 109, Rm 203, FH

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 12-13 Women's Prayer Retreat at Massanetta Springs

Attendance last Sunday: 252

Offering: \$5,163

YTD Budget Comparison: -\$19,968

PRAISE THE SOURCE OF FAITH AND LEARNING

by Thomas Troeger

(Tune: Hyfrydol - see HWB 383, "God, whose giving...")

Praise the source of faith and learning
that has sparked and stoked the mind
With a passion for discerning
how the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing
from the wonders we survey
Keep our faith forever growing
and renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom, we acknowledge
that our science and our art
And the breadth of human knowledge
only partial truth impart.
Far beyond our calculation
lies a depth we cannot sound,
Where your purpose for creation
and the pulse of life are found.

As two currents in a river
fight each other's undertow,
Till converging they deliver
one coherent steady flow;
Blend, O God, our faith and learning
till they carve a single course;
Till they join as one, returning
praise and thanks to You, their Source.

CHRISTIAN HABITS

The last couple of Sundays Pastor Jennifer has encouraged weekly participation in **worship and Sunday School**. These are two primary ministries of our congregation. Many of us at CMC give generously of our time, talent, and money to support these ministries with over 300 people involved in them. As we gather 'round God's word, these habits form us as a people and form us for God's mission.

Our annual fall **church retreat** is also a time when we are formed as a people—getting to know one another as we play, eat and worship together. This year features Biblical storytelling and an intergenerational project of creating a Bible story timeline.

As part of our **discernment** process related to sexuality, we are planning two fall Bible studies. A serious engagement with scripture in a conversation that includes very different points of view may seem daunting, but the Bible itself includes stories of God's people wrestling over issues of faith, community formation and practice. We hope you'll attend one session each month. Oct Bible Study: 10/12 (eve), 10/14 (eve), 10/16 (morning). Nov Bible Study 11/16 (eve) 11/17 (eve), 11/20 (morning).

PASTORAL TEAM