

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster is an inclusive, progressive, Mennonite/Anabaptist Christian peace church. We are a member congregation of the Atlantic Coast Conference of Mennonite Church USA, and of the Supportive Communities Network. To read our full covenant, core values and statement on LGBTQ inclusion, as well as more information about our congregation and denomination, please visit our website:
www.communitymennonite.org/about-us/what-we-believe/

CMCL Vision Prayer

*Through your grace, O God,
form us into a community
called to follow Jesus,
known and loved by you,
nourished throughout our lives by
worship,
relationships
and the biblical story,
open to new voices and new dreams,
committed to one another
in times of celebration and difficulty,
responsive to human need
with justice and compassion.
May your Spirit draw us together into your
new creation.*

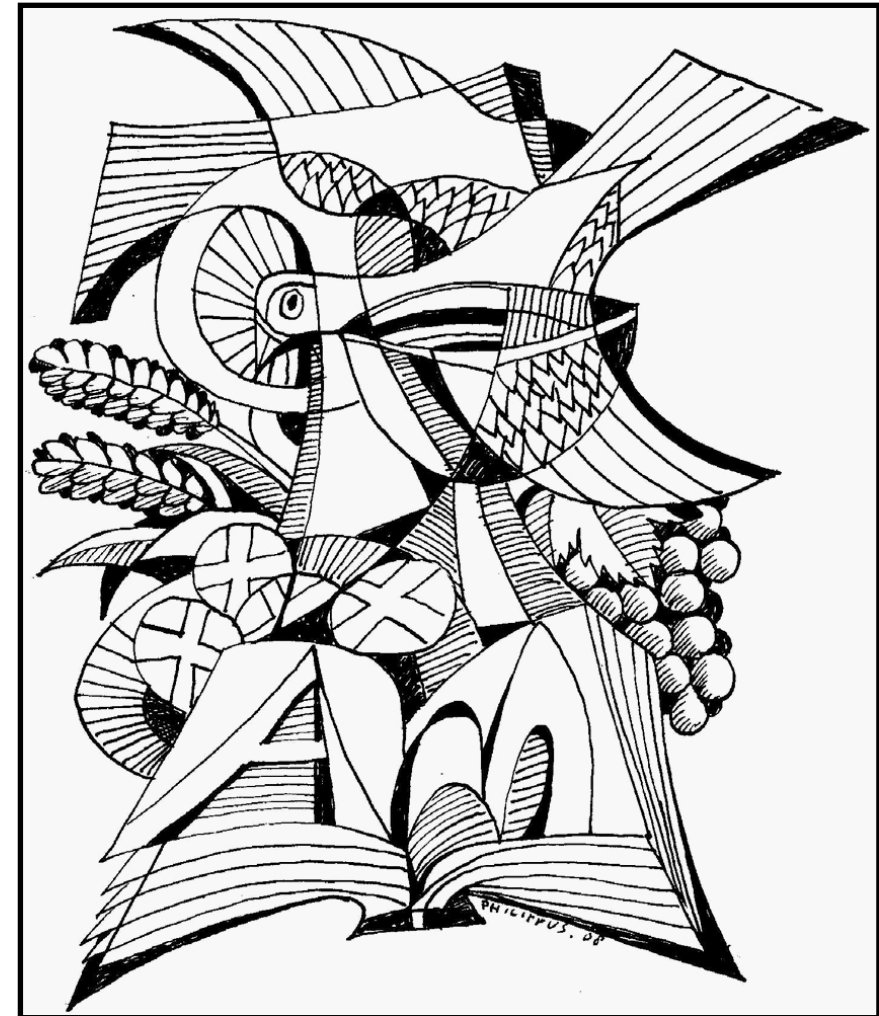
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge that Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster gathers on land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock nation (also known as the Conestoga) at the time of first European contact. We lament our complicity in the exploitation and genocide that resulted in the removal of indigenous people from this land and how we continue to benefit from such tragedies. We acknowledge that healing is necessary and that we have responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation. We hope that this statement will serve as an initial step in that journey.

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact the church office staff at (717) 392-7567 or cmcl@communitymennonite.org.
Summer worship service: 10:00 a.m. (in-person and Zoom)
Administrative Pastor: Leslie Homer-Cattell, (leslie@communitymennonite.org)
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Pastoral Team: Sue Stoesz (Chair), Janet Dick, Matt Krebs, Ron Vogt
Office staff: Donna Stoltzfus, (donna@communitymennonite.org)

If you'd like a mailbox or to be added to our email list, email susan@communitymennonite.org
To join our closed Facebook Page search for Parrot Nation and request to join.



ORDINARY TIME

September 4, 2022
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

	Prelude		
	Lighting of the Peace Lamp		VT 850
	Welcome & Call to Worship		VT 1043
Worship Leader: Beth Graybill	Opening Prayer	<i>A Prayer for Labor Day</i> adapted from Bread for the World	
Song Leader: Brenda Sauder	Gathering Hymns	<i>For the Healing of the Nations</i> <i>Thy Word is a Lamp</i>	VT 705 VT 398
Children's Time: Darrell Yoder	Responsive Reading		VT 724
Reader: Frank Muse	Children's Time	<i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
	Offering Prayer		
Prelude: Stock Weinstock	Offertory	<i>Simple Gifts</i> , arr. Mark Hayes	
Offertory & Accompaniment: Roger Lentz	Scripture	Psalm 139	
Sound: Maren Morgan		¹ You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. ⁵ You have encircled me, You have placed your hand upon me.	
Zoom Technician: Stock Weinstock		⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. ¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.	

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in secret,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts,^[a] God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Reading	Secrets, by Friedrich Buechner	
Hymn	<i>O God, You Search Me</i>	VT 199
Reading	Lord's Supper, by Friedrich Buechner	
Communion	<i>We Shall Walk Through the Valley</i>	VT 574
	additional verses:	
	<i>We shall lie down in pastures of green; we shall lie down in pastures of green, and if Jesus himself will be our leader, we shall lie down in pastures of green.</i>	
	<i>He shall lead us beside the still waters; he shall lead us beside the still waters, and if Jesus will be our leader, we will pass the still waters in peace.</i>	
	<i>He will spread out a table before us; he will spread out a table before us, and if Jesus himself will be our leader, we will break bread together in peace</i>	
Sharing Time	— If you share a prayer request at the mic and would like to have it included in the Sharing Time email, email it to susan@communitymennonite.org	

Loving God, hear our prayers.

Sharing Prayer

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn	<i>Go, My Children</i>	VT 830
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Benediction

*Please join us in the Parrot Gallery fellowship hall downstairs
following the service for coffee, tea and fellowship.*