

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 owns land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock confederacy (also known as the Conestoga) and Lenape people at the time of European contact. We lament our ancestors' complicity in land theft from Indigenous Peoples and how we benefit from a legacy of exploitation and genocide.

We intend for this statement to be a first step in a journey of healing and reconciliation.

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER



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October 23, 2022

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*
by Walter Brueggemann

Worship Leader:
Leslie Homer-Cattell

Welcome

Call to Worship & Prayer of Confession

O God,
We are strange conundrums of faithfulness and fickleness.
We cleave to you in all the ways that we are able.
We count on you and intend our lives to be lived for you,
and then we find ourselves one of your people
who are always seeking elsewhere and otherwise.
So we give thanks that you are the God who yearns and waits
for us,
and that our connection to you is always from your side.
It is because of your goodness
that neither life nor death
nor angels nor principalities
nor heights nor depths
nor anything in creation
can separate us from you.
We give you thanks for your faithfulness,
so much more durable than ours.
Amen

Song Leader:
Christy Heatwole
Kauffman

Sermon:
Dr. Regina Shands
Stoltzfus

Children’s Time:
Marilou Adams

Prelude & Offertory:
Larry Penner

Sound:
Rod Houser (1st)
Daryl Snider (2nd)

Zoom
Technician:
Drew Brubaker

Greeter:
Larry Groff (1st)
Rebecca Boyer (2nd)

Gathering Songs *For the Beauty of the Earth* VT 120

Come to the Water VT 35

Ushers:
Sherry Groff (1st)
Deb Hall (2nd)
Rod Houser (2nd)

Children’s Time *Come and See* VT 282

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Scripture John 15:12-17

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon

Song of Response *What Can I Leave Behind* VT 154

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 leslie@communitymennonite.org

Loving God, hear our prayers.

Sharing Prayer

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Sending Song *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* VT 831

Benediction

*Between services all are welcome to
the Parrot Gallery downstairs for coffee, tea and fellowship.
Christian Education classes for all ages from 10:00 - 10:50.*