

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 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.



ALL SAINTS

October 30, 2022

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

PRELUDE

Ashokan Farewell, by Jay Unger

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader:
Urbane Peachey

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Song Leader:
Leon Miller

Hymn *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah* VT 95
Lighting the Christ Candle

Sermon:
Leslie Homer-Cattell

Hymn *O Thou in Whose Presence* VT 600

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Children's Time: **Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.**

Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy.

Prelude & Offertory:
Maren Morgan

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for God is with me.

Sound:
Cody Litwiller (1st)
Cody Litwiller (2nd)

Behold I tell you a mystery! We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Where O death is your victory; Where, O death is your sting?"

Zoom Technician:
Drew Brubaker

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in God's house forever. Thanks be to God.

Greeter:
Jean Sensenig (1st)
Rod Houser (2nd)

Children's Time *Come and See* VT 282

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND LIFE

Ushers:
John Kanagy (1st)
Carolyn Dries (1st)
Jack Shope (2nd)
Zita Angelo (2nd)

We unite with Jesus of Nazareth who was "anointed to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Amen."

Congregational Prayer

Lighting the Peace Candle:

In lighting the peace candle this morning we are bonded in our heart and commitment to 80 million refugees and displaced people, the migrant and the oppressed and with all those suffering from gun violence and oppression in our country and so many places in the world.

Offertory

Stand By Me, by King, Leiber and Stoller

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Hebrews 11:1-3 & Hebrews 12:1-3

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Sermon

Remembrance Ceremony

Hymn

O Healing River

VT 706

COMMUNITY LIFE

Sharing Time & Announcements

Closing Hymn

Praise God (Doxology)

VT 71

DEPARTING BLESSING

Special thanks to Lynn Sommer, Fraktur Artist, for the bulletin cover art entitled *O Healing River*. She wrote:

*I found myself sitting in a Sunday morning service when we heard the tragic news of the death of a fellow congregant, Glen Lapp, a Mennonite Central Committee worker in Afghanistan. We also learned Glen had recently requested that our congregation sing *O Healing River* so he could listen to a recording. The act of painting this fraktur was a prayer for world peace.*

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.