

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.



THIS I BELIEVE

November 6, 2022
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Prelude Tom Tucker

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome

Worship Leader: Sherry Groff
Song Leader: Marty Kelley

To Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster, a church of welcoming people. In November, members are invited to share 500-600 word "This I Believe" statements. So, each Sunday 3 people will share, in lieu of sermon time.

Call to Worship

Children's Time: Carolyn Dries
Prelude & Offertory: Tom Tucker

God of the living church empower, thine ancient might reveal; Give wisdom for this crucial hour, and in Thy mercy, heal.

God of the living church forgive, renew, perfect, translate; in Thee to be, and move, and live; Immanuel, we wait.

God of the living church renew, fresh vision now impart, and as we strive to live for You, sustain each faithful heart.

God of the living church, we plead, bestow Thy mighty power, Thy loving presence, Lord, we need, to guide us in this hour.

Sound:
Michael Eby-Good (1st)
Ezra Kauffman (2nd)

Zoom Technician:
Beth Graybill

Greeter:
David Stallings (1st)
Kirsten Hoover (2nd)

Ushers:
Carolyn Weaver (1st)
Marian Good (1st)
Ryan Kauffman (2nd)
Christy Heatwole Kauffman (2nd)

Hymn *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT 57

Children's Time *Come and See* VT 282

Offertory Prayer

Take our lives and let them be, consecrated, Lord to Thee; Take our moments and our days, let them flow in ceaseless praise; Take our silver and our gold, not a mite would we withhold. Take our intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

—Paraphrase of song from *The Mennonite Hymnal*

Offering/Offertory Tom Tucker

Scripture Psalms 145

1-5: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, your greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

17-21: The Lord is just in all the Lord's ways, and kind in all doings. The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call in truth. The Lord fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked will be destroyed. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless the Lord's holy name forever and ever.

This I Believe: Michael Sharp—*How I believe God can be trusted on life's journey*

Hymn *And I Will Raise You Up* VT 641

This I Believe: John Weigel—*A Confession*

Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* VT 610

This I Believe: Ed Kane—*Unconventional Encouragement to Do Good*

Hymn *Help us to Help Each Other* VT 722

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.

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn *Go Now In Peace* VT 835

Benediction

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Parent, who has shown us such love, and in grace has given us such unending encouragement and so sure a hope, still encourage and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

—*Hymnal, A Worship Book, # 773*

Special thanks to Carmalena Stoltzfus Iyengar, artist, for the bulletin cover art.

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.