

# 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/](http://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 13, 2022  
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

**Prelude** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Traditional American Melody, arranged by Mark Hayes

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

**Worship Leader:** Paul Allen  
Janet Ressler  
Voice 1: I will light a light  
in the name of the Maker  
who lit the world  
and breathed the breath of life for me.

**Song Leader:**  
Beth Graybill

Voice 2: I will light a light  
in the name of the Son,  
who saved the world  
and stretched out His hand to me.

**Children's Time:**  
Jane Weigel

**Prelude & Offertory:**  
Christy Heatwole  
Kauffman  
& Roger Lentz

Voice 1: I will light a light  
In the name of the Spirit  
who encompasses the world  
and blesses my soul with yearning.

**Sound:**  
Maren Morgan (1st)  
Daryl Snider (2nd)

**Together:** We will light a light for God's love  
God above us,  
God beside us,  
God beneath us;  
The beginning,  
The end,  
The Everlasting One.

**Zoom  
Technician:**  
Drew Brubaker

**Greeter:**  
Rod Houser (1st)  
Ken Beam (2nd)

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Ushers:** Bonnie Weaver (1st)  
Zita Angelo (2nd)  
Laurel Martin (2nd)  
Leader: To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars,  
before a flower, a leaf in the sunlight, or a grain of sand.

**All: To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree astir with  
the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud.**

Leader: To worship is to work with dedication and with skill;  
it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

**All: To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth;  
it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within.**

Leaders: Worship is the mystery within us all reaching out to the  
Mystery beyond.

**Gathering Hymn** *Lead Me, Guide Me* VT 601

**Children's Time** *Come and See* VT 282

**Offering/Offertory** *How Great Thou Art*  
Stuart K. Hine, arranged by Roger Lentz

**Scripture** Psalms 98

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand  
and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The LORD has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his  
steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have  
seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and  
sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of  
melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the  
King, the LORD. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in  
it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence  
of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with  
righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**This I Believe:** Jeff Hawkes—*Lottery*

**Hymn** *The Hand of God Shall Hold You* VT 671

**This I Believe:** Marty Kelley—*I No Longer Ask the Question*

**Hymn** *Christ Has No Body* VT 568

**This I Believe:** Joe Gascho—*I Believe in Incarnation*

**Hymn** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* VT 419

**Communion** *I am the Bread of Life* Jaime Thietten

**Sharing Time**

**Announcements and Introduction of Visitors**

**Closing Hymn** *Sing a New World Into Being* VT 809

**Benediction**

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