

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 20, 2022
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Prelude *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!*

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Greeting & Welcome

Worship Leader: **Gathering Hymns** *Spirit, Open My Heart* VT 636
Jermel Laird
Lorman Laird *Faith Begins by Letting Go* VT 585

Song Leader: **Children's Time** *Come and See* VT 282
Christy Heatwole
Kauffman **Mornings on Orange Street** *Elizabeth Morales, Director*

Children's Time: **Offering/Offerory** *God, Whose Farm is all Creation*
Marilou Adams

Scripture Psalm 46

Prelude & Offertory: Luke Good
Dan Laubach
Ron Umble
Sound: Monte Garber (1st)
Monte Garber (2nd)
*To the leader. Of the Korahites. According to Alamo. A Song.
God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
Selah*

Zoom Technician: Steve Walter
*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.*

Greeter: Jean Sensenig (1st)
Leslie
Homer-Cattell (2nd)
*The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah*

Ushers: Carolyn Weaver (1st)
Ken Beam (2nd)
Pauline
Zimmerman (2nd)
*Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'*

*The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah*

This I Believe: Darrell Yoder—*I Believe in the Power of Story*

Hymn *Hope is a Candle* VT 211

Scripture Luke 4:14-22

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me 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 favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?'

This I Believe: Ken Kulp—*The Economics of Jesus*

Hymn *For The Healing of the Nations* VT 705

Sharing Time

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

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

Benediction

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.*