

## Who We Are

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.*

# COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER



*Fractur by Roma Ruth\**

## CMCL'S ANABAPTIST ROOTS

February 5, 2023

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

**Prelude** arr. Ryan Kauffman  
*You Are Salt For the Earth*

**Worship Leader:** Ken Beam  
**Lighting of the Peace Lamp** VT #1006

**Welcome**

**Song Leader:** Beth Graybill  
**Call to Worship** VT #863

**Reflections:** Daryl Snider  
Mike Sharp  
**Gathering Hymns** *Lead Me, Guide Me* VT #601  
*O Christ Impart Your Teaching True* VT #583

**Children's Time:** Jane Weigel  
**Children's Time** *Come and See* VT #282  
*(Second Service)*

**Prelude & Offertory:** Isaac Hoover  
Ryan Kauffman  
**Offering Prayer** VT #1015  
**Offering/Offertory** *Morning Calm* by Jim Snidero

**Sound Tech:** Michael Eby-Good  
Ezra Kauffman  
**Zoom:** Stock Weinstock  
**Scripture** Matthew 16: 24–25  
Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**Greeter/Ushers:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Cariolyn Dries/  
Lorman Laird, Jermel Laird  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Kirsten Hoover/  
Laurel Martin  
**Reading** Menno Simons  
*Reply to false accusations 1552*

**Worship Environment:**  
The prints on the sanctuary side walls contain artistic interpretations of 4 of Menno Simons' sayings. The needlework piece on the back wall was created by Rachel Kraybill Stahl.

The Prince of Peace is Jesus Christ. We who were formerly no people at all, and who knew of no peace, are now called to be ... a church ... of peace. True Christians do not know vengeance. They are the children of peace. Their hearts overflow with peace. Their mouths speak peace, and they walk in the way of peace.

## Profiles of Anabaptist Values in Action

**Glen Lapp**, CMCLer who died in Afghanistan while on a medical mission with MCC.

by Daryl Snider  
*(including a song that Daryl wrote in memory of Glen)*

**MJ Sharp**, who died in Democratic Republic of Congo while working for the UN.

by Mike Sharp

**Hymn of Response** VT #574  
*We Shall Walk through the Valley*

## Sharing

## Announcements/Introduction of Visitors

**Closing Hymn** *Jesus Christ is Love Divine* VT #749

**Benediction** from *Sing the Journey*

Christ has no body now on earth but ours;  
ours are the only hands with which Christ can do his work,  
ours are the only feet with which Christ can go about the world,  
ours are the only eyes through which Christ's compassion can shine forth upon a troubled world.  
Christ has no body on earth now but ours.

by Teresa of Avila, altered

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\*This Roma Ruth fraktur marked "the 500th anniversary of Menno Simons' birth at Pingjum in Friesland. Prominently featured is a 1552 quotation from Menno on Jesus Christ as the "Prince of Peace."

Traditional Pennsylvania fraktur tulips and birds, with sketches of the church of Menno's first priestly charge at Pingjum and the cottage of his old age near Lubeck, Germany, embellish the design. The border contains Menno's favorite scripture 1 Corinthians 3:11 in Dutch, German, English, and Spanish. (15" x 18". *Hist. Comm. of the Menn. Ch., 1996.*)" (*masthof.com*)

*In the weeks until the beginning of lent, worship themes will be organized around CMCL's Anabaptist roots and contemporary expressions of those core values.*

*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.*

*Adult Christian Education: "Getting to Know You" featuring three mystery presenters. Meets in sanctuary*

