

## 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.*

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# COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER



## SANKOFA II

January 22, 2023  
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

**Prelude** *Happy Farmer & Für Elise*

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp** by Jan Richardson  
*“Where the Map Begins”*

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

O God,  
**Open our hearts**  
to this shimmering hour  
by which our path  
is made.

**Open our eyes**  
to the light that shines  
on what we will need  
to see.

**Open our hands**  
to those who go with us,  
those seen  
and those known only  
by their blessing,  
their benediction  
of the road that is  
now our own.

**Amen**  
*adapted excerpt from “The Shimmering Hours” by Jan Richardson*

**Gathering Songs**

*What is this Place* VT 22

*Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT 1

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

**Offering/Offertory**

**Scripture** I Kings 19:11–13

He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the

earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’

**Sankofa Reflections** Teman Cooke and Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Song of response** VT 267/268  
*What Child is This?/Helpless and Hungry*

**Sharing Time**

**Response:** *Loving God, hear our prayers.*

*(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](mailto:leslie@communitymennonite.org))*

**Sharing Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Sending Song** VT 607  
*Onyame wo mu o (In Your Sickness)*

**Benediction**

With the psalmist, we can say: *The Lord is our light and salvation; whom shall we fear? The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?* Go now to live in peace and joy. Amen.

*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.

**Worship Leader:**  
Leslie Homer-Cattell

**Song Leader:**  
Ron Umble

**Sermon:**  
Teman Cooke  
Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Children's Time:**  
Annali Cooke

**Prelude:**  
Maya Iyengar

**Offertory:**  
Leena Iyengar & Tina  
Davidson

**Sound tech:**  
Rod Houser/Michael Eby-  
Good

**Zoom:**  
Drew Brubaker

**Worship Environment:**  
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