

## 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



*Anabaptist Dirk Willems Rescues His Jailer\**

## CMCL'S ANABAPTIST ROOTS

January 22, 2023

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

**Prelude** *Salut d'Amour by E. Elgar*

Isaiah 61: 8-9

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. NRSV

**Welcome**

**Worship Leader:** John Weigel  
**Song Leader:** Beth Graybill

Welcome to the Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster where all are welcomed, all are known, and all are loved.

**Call to Worship**

**Sermon:** Urbane Peachey  
**Children's Time:** Carolyn Dries

Today God, we ask that you help open our minds, our hearts and our perspectives to a new understanding of our place in the world. Today, help us to revel in our common history with other people and the great mystery of our current lives with each other. In Jesus' name.

**Prelude & Offertory:**

Christy Heatwole  
Kauffman  
Dean Clemmer

**Hymn** *What Is This Place* VT #22

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

**Sound Tech:** Cody Litwiller

**Offering Prayer**

God, show us the path to create a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect—a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love. Give us the inspiration and courage to build this together with Jesus by our side. Amen

**Offering/Offertory**

*Ave Verum Corpus from K. 618 by W. A. Mozart*

**Scriptures**

Isaiah 61: 1-2

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn. NRSV

**Hymn** *Everlasting God, On You I Call* VT #630

**Sermon**

*The Anabaptist Movement in an Ecumenical Context*

**Hymn** *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours* VT #568

**Sharing**

**Announcements**

**Hymn** *What Does the Lord Require of You?* VT #207

**Benediction**

God—you have heard our prayers, joys and concerns. Stand with us as we navigate the world in which we live today. Grant us grace and peace for this journey...in Jesus' name we pray . . .

*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*

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**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.

