

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.

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER



SANKOFA

February 12, 2023
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Prelude*The Cascades*, by Scott Joplin

Deuteronomy 15: 1, 7-11 NRSV

A Song Without Words, by Charles Brown
(as sung by Blind Willie Johnson)

Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts.

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near', and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'

Welcome**Call to Worship**

VT 1024

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

VT 1006

Gathering Hymn*Here to the House of God We Come* VT 27
God of the Bible VT 420**Children's Time** (second service) *Come and See*

VT 282

Offering Prayer

VT 750

Offertory*Soliloquy*, by John Work, Jr,
words by Myrtle Vorst Sheppard**Scripture**

Leviticus 25: 8-12 NRSV

You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

Sermon Chad Martin, *Reflections on Chestnut Street Housing***Hymn of Response***Let Justice Flow Down* VT 791**Communion****Sharing Time**— 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*Loving God, hear our prayers.***Announcements and Introduction of Visitors****Closing Hymn***Honja sorironeun (With My Voice Alone)* VT 800**Benediction**by Carol Penner from leadinginworship.com (adapted)

Please stay for the West African meal after the second service, in celebration of Sankofa Sabbatical this winter.

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.

Worship Leader:
Susan Gascho-Cooke**Song Leader:**
Marty Kelley**Sermon:**
Chad Martin**Children's Time:**
Marilou Adams**Prelude & Offertory:**
Roger Lentz**Sound:**
Maren Morgan (1st)
Scott Volz (2nd)**Zoom Technician:**
Drew Brubaker**Greeter:**
Larry Groff (1st)
Deb Hall (2nd)**Ushers:**
Carolyn Weaver,
Phil Kreider (1st),
Zita Angelo,
Ryan Kauffman (2nd)