

## 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



Door of No Return, Cape Coast Castle, Ghana, photo by Eriselle Cooke

## Sankofa

Lent 1: Who will you listen to?

February 26, 2023  
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

**Prelude**                    *Down by the Riverside*, arranged by Daryl Snider

## Welcome & Lighting of the Peace Lamp

**Worship Leader: Call to Worship**

Annali Cooke and  
Leslie Homer-Cattell

*In a world full of noise,  
**we believe that God is speaking.***

**Song Leader: we believe that God is singing.**

Dan Laubach

*In a world full of chaos,  
**we believe that God is healing.***

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

*Church, who will you listen to?  
**We will listen to God, our Creator, Friend, and Guide.***

**Children's Time: We will listen to our neighbor.**

Susan  
Gascho-Cooke

*Church, what will you listen for?  
**We will listen for the sound of life-giving water in the desert.***

**Prelude & Offertory:**

Luke Good, Dan Laubach,  
Daryl Snider, & Ron Umble

***We will listen for the tears and the laughter of friends and neighbors.***

**Sound:**

Rod Houser (1st)  
Daryl Snider (2nd)

**Gathering Song**

VT 1

*Summoned by the God who Made Us*

**Zoom Technician:**

Stock Weinstock

**Children's Time** (second service)

VT 282

*Come and See*

**Greeter: Offering Prayer**

Jean Sensenig (1st)  
Larry Groff (2nd)

**Offertory**

*There is a Balm in Gilead*  
arranged by Dan Laubach

**Ushers:**

Marian Good,  
Luke Good (1st),  
Sherry Groff, Pauline  
Zimmerman (2nd)

**Prayer of confession & words of assurance**

***Loving God,  
We confess that you are the source of justice and joy.  
And so we once again turn to you.  
Reorient our lives and steps, we pray.***

**Amen.**

*Peace be with you.*

*As we seek justice and joy, God always with us.*

*With courage and hope, let us continue on this path together.*

## Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11, CEB (Common English Bible)

Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. The tempter came to him and said, "Since you are God's Son, command these stones to become bread."

Jesus replied, "It's written, *People won't live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.*"

After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, *I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone.*"

Jesus replied, "Again it's written, *Don't test the Lord your God.*"

Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said, "I'll give you all these if you bow down and worship me."

Jesus responded, "Go away, Satan, because it's written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*" The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

## Readings

see bulletin insert

## Sermon & Reflection

## Song of Response

VT 434

*O God Our Refuge*

## Sharing Time

## Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

## Sending Song

VT 829

*Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues*

## Benediction

As you leave this place,  
may God bless you with seeking.  
Seek out the hungry.  
Seek the weary.  
Seek the good in every person you pass.  
Seek out the hopeful.  
Seek the faithful.  
Seek God in each of us.

As you seek and as you wonder,  
may you find what you are looking for.  
In the name of our loving God,  
who is always seeking us,  
go now in peace.

Amen.

*Note: Prayers adapted from Lent 2023 resources by Sanctified Art*

