

## 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

328 West Orange St  
Lancaster, PA 17603

March 12, 2023  
**Lent III**

**seeking:** *Will you give me a drink?*

**Prelude**  
**Worship Leader:** *Carrickfergus* (traditional Irish)  
Sherry Groff *Song of the Books* (traditional Irish)

**Song Leader:** **Lighting of the Christ Candle**  
Brenda Sauder Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sermon:** **Welcome**  
Susan  
Gascho-Cooke

**Children's Time:** **Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold)**  
Jane Weigel Third Week of Lent: "Will you give me a drink?"  
We gather together—  
**the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers,**  
**in hopes of seeing God.**

**Prelude & Offertory:** We gather together—  
Alicia Smith, **the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely,**  
Daryl Snider **in hopes of finding peace.**  
We gather together—  
**those who are thirsty and those with water to spare,**  
**in hopes of finding justice.**

**Sound:** So come to the well,  
Rod Houser (1st) come to the table.  
Daryl Snider(2nd) Come, let us worship God.

**Zoom Technician:** **Gathering Hymns**  
Steve Walter *We All Come Thirsty* (see insert)

**Greeter:** *Seek Ye First* VT 417  
Carol Spicher (1st)  
Joanne  
Leatherman (2nd)

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

**Offering Prayer**  
God of conversation,  
Linford Good, We come to you today thirsty—  
John Kanagy(1st), thirsty for hope,  
Christy Kauffman, thirsty for good news,  
Ryan Kauffman (2nd) thirsty for a glimpse of you.  
So today we pray,  
**Fishbowl Volunteers:** move in these words like a current.  
Andre Chubb Give us the courage to wade into your story  
Ashley Miller with open eyes and open hearts.  
Give us the courage to drink this moment in.  
We are listening.  
We are grateful.  
We offer our attention.  
Amen.

**Offertory** *Londonderry Air* (Irish Folk Song)

**Scripture**  
John 4:5-42 (see insert)

**Hymn of Response**  
*Be Thou My Vision* VT 549

**Communion Prayer**  
The Prayer That Jesus Taught Us:  
Our Loving God, in whom is heaven,

**Communion Music**  
*For Those Tears I Died/Come To the Water* Marsha J. Stevens

**Sharing Time & Prayer**

**Announcements and Introduction of Visitors**

**Closing Hymn**  
*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* VT 536

**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.

*Adapt. from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed*