

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/

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

328 West Orange St
Lancaster, PA 17603

March 19, 2023
Lent IV

seeking: Who sinned?

Worship Leader:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Song Leader:
Beth Graybill

Prelude

Welcome

Sermon:
Leslie Homer-Cattell

Call to Worship
Scripture is full of questions...

Children's Time:
Marilou Adams

Where are you?
Am I my sibling's keeper?

Whom shall I send?
Who do you say that I am?

Prelude & Offertory:
Emerson Sampaio
(Ryan Kauffman-1st
service)

Who sinned?

How many times shall I forgive?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Scripture is full of questions,
so just like those in our scriptures,
may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.

Sound:
Maren Morgan (1st)
Scott Volz (2nd)

Let us ask and seek after God.

Zoom Technician:
Steve Walter

Gathering Hymns

The Lord is My Light

VT 437

Open My Eyes (Abre Mis Ojos)

VT 732

Greeter:
Carol Spicher (1st)
Rebecca Boyer (2nd)

Children's Time - 1st Grade Bibles (second service)

Isaac Schlegel (parents: Denise Cope and Dan Schlegel)

Gwen Krumm (parents: André Chubb and Margaret Krumm)

Ushers:
Marian Good,
Phil Kreider (1st)
Zita Angelo,
Deb Hall (2nd)

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Scripture

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Jean Sensenig,
Christy Heatwole
Kauffman

John 9: 1-7 NRSV

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.'

We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

John 9:8-41
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Sermon

Candle lighting & Song

Confitemini Domino

VT 52

Sharing Time

Loving God, Hear our prayer

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn

Benediction

**We believe in a loving God,
a God who does not keep score,
a God who wants good for us.**

We believe in a creative God,
**a God who would heal with mud,
a God capable of seeing what we cannot.**

We believe in a saving God,
**a God who heals,
a God who greets our questions with patience,
a God who sends us out with hope in our step.**

What wondrous love is this. Amen.