

## 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

April 2, 2023  
Palm Sunday



**seeking:** Where are  
you headed?

## Welcome & Lighting of the Peace Candle

### Prelude

#### Call to Worship

We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering, who lights a candle in the darkest night, who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.

We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth, who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power.

We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it, cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another.

We believe in a God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day.

That is where God is headed.  
That is where we follow.  
May it be so.  
Amen.

#### Gathering Hymns

All Creatures, Worship God Most High                      VT 81 vs. 1,2,3,7  
Could It Be That God is Singing?                                      VT 42

**Children's Time**                      *Come and See*                      VT 282

## FIRST SERVICE

**Offering/Offertory**                      VT 313  
*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**Scripture**  
Matthew 21:1-11

**Sharing:** Bob Yoder, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

### Sharing Time

### Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

## SECOND SERVICE

### Offering/Offertory

**LMS Campus Chorale (set 1)**                      *see insert*

### Sharing Time

### Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

### LMS Campus Chorale (set 2)

### Closing Hymn

*May the Lord Bless You and Keep You*                      VT 846

### 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.

**Worship Leader:**  
Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Song Leader:**  
Marty Kelley

**Children's Time:**  
Marilou Adams

**Prelude & Offertory:**  
LMS Campus Chorale  
Director: Emily Grimes

**Sound:**  
Michael Eby-Good (1st)  
Ezra Kauffman (2nd)

### Zoom Technician:

**Greeters:**  
Carolyn Dries (1st)  
Kristen Hoover (2nd)

**Ushers:**  
Lorman Laird,  
Jermel Laird (1st),  
Jack Shope,  
Laurel Martin (2nd)

**Environment:**  
Lenten Rose paintings:  
Cara Longacre Hurst &  
Cynthia Kilbourne

**Needlework & Prints  
of Menno Simmons  
sayings:**  
Rachel Kraybill-Stahl

**Fishbowl Volunteers:**  
John Weigel,  
Denise Cope