

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.

4.16.
2023

COMMUNITY
MENNONITE
CHURCH OF
LANCASTER

328 West Orange St
Lancaster, PA 17603



Worship Leader: Christy Heatwole Kauffman
Prelude
Spirit of Life VT 368
arr. by Stock Weinstock

Song Leader: Marcy Hostetler
Psalm 16

Welcome & Lighting of the Peace Candle

Sermon:
Leslie Homer-Cattell

Call to Worship

Leader: In this world of security gates,
self-sufficiency, and internet passwords,

Children's Time:
Darrell Yoder

All: *we gather to worship;*

Prelude & Offertory:
Stock and the Yards;
Diane Toigo, Jeff Thal,
Phil Holzinger,
& Stock Weinstock

People: **to listen for the voice of Jesus who calls our
name, to witness to the One who walks through
locked doors,**

Leader: to wonder at the scarred hands,
hearing Jesus say to each of us:

Sound:
Monte Garber (1st)
Scott Volz (2nd)

All: *Peace be with you.*

Gathering Songs

Now the Green Blade Rises

VT 353

Zoom Technician:
Steve Walter

Children's Time

Greeter:
Diane Umble (1st)
Zita Angelo (2nd)

Offering Prayer

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. by Paul John Rudoii

Ushers:
Scott Weaver,
Carolyn Weaver (1st),
Jean Sensenig,
Ken Beam (2nd)

Holy One,
as you are faithful to us,
may we be faithful to you:
faithful with our time and energy,
faithful with our possessions and wealth.
Receive these gifts by your grace.

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Beth Crosby
Carol Eby-Good

Multiply and use them
through the power of the Holy Spirit
to make real your reign
of love, justice, and peace in our world. Amen.

Scripture

John 20:19-31 and Acts 2:14a, 22-32

see insert

Sermon

Song of Response

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

VT 376

Sharing Time

Loving God, Hear our prayer

Prayer

Jesus, Messiah, you speak in mystery and wonder.
Where we look for reason and proof,
you offer parable, and dare us to dream differently.
We do not know how or why things happen the way they do,
but we believe, from crucifixion through resurrection,
that in you all things work together for the common good.
Amen.

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

VT 812

Benediction

Peace be with you!
Breathe in the Holy Spirit.
As God our Maker sent Jesus,
so God sends us to announce peace
and live in resurrection hope. Amen.

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