

## 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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328 West Orange St  
Lancaster, PA 17603



**Prelude***Jesus, We Want to Meet*

Nigerian Hymn

**Worship Leader:**

John Weigel

**Welcome & Lighting of the Peace Candle****Song Leader:**

Beth Graybill

**Call to Worship****Sermon:**

Joseph Gascho

**Gathering Songs***Come Walk With Us*

VT 23

*On the journey to Emmaus*

Sing the Story 98

**Children's Time:**

Darrell Yoder

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

VT 282

**Prelude & Offertory:**

Maren Morgan

**Offering Prayer****Musicians:**Maren Morgan, Roger  
Lentz, Jean Sensenig**Offertory**

West African drum riffs

**Sound:**

Rod Houser (1st)

Daryl Snider (2nd)

**Scripture****Romans 7: 15-20**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

**Zoom Technician:****Greeters:**

Mary Lou

Weaver Houser (1st)

Brenda Sauder (2nd)

**Luke 24:13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

**Ushers:**

Marian Good,

Carolyn Weaver (1st),

Deb Hall,

Laurel Martin (2nd)

**Fishbowl Volunteers:**

Sherry Groff

Gwen Eberly

Eva Lucas Towers

and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**Song of Response***Lord Jesus You Shall be my Song as I Journey*

VT 581

**Sharing Time***Loving God, Hear our prayer***Prayer****Announcements and Introduction of Visitors****Closing Hymn***Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

VT 743

**Benediction**

Today and always we hope to have open eyes...to be strong in our awareness... humble in our perspectives...and joyous in our opportunities. In Jesus' name...