

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/

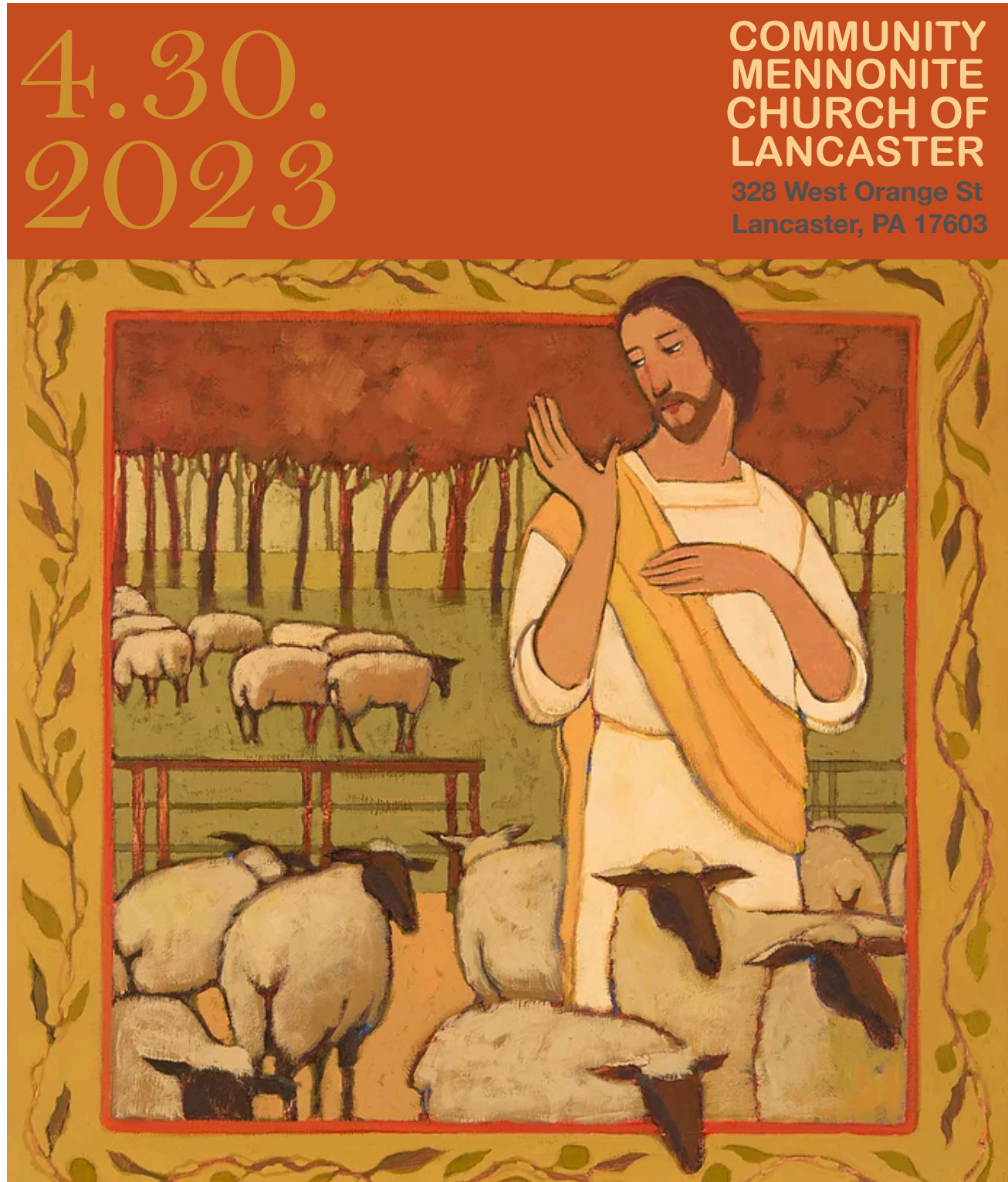
CMCL Vision Prayer

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.



Worship Leader: Leslie Homer-Cattell
Prelude
Could it be that God is singing VT 42

Song Leader: Dan Laubach
Welcome
"I see you!" & "I am here!"

Musicians
 Daryl Snider & Jean Sensenig
Lighting of the Peace Candle & Call to Worship
 We gather in this space, and God says,
 "I see you."
 We pause in this time, and say,
 "We are here - together before you, O God."
 Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke

Scripture Reader: Marian Good (1st) Simon Hoover (2nd)
Gathering Song
Together VT 389
God Be the Love VT 43

Children's Time: Amanda Stoltzfus
Children's Time - 8th Grade Bibles
 Annali Cooke, Susan Gascho-Cooke and Teman Cooke
 Bridget Crouse, granddaughter of Joan and Ed Kane
 Joshua Hoover, Kirsten Kelly-Hoover and Eric Hoover
 Eleni King Martin, Chad Martin and Jess King
 Lukas Kehler, Rhea Miller and Adam Kehler
 Nora Schlegel, Dan Schlegel and Denise Cope

Prelude & Offertory: Daryl Snider
Sound: Cody Litwiller

Zoom Technician: Stock Weinstock
Mornings on Orange Street (MOOS)
 Elizabeth Morales, Director

Greeter: Beth Crosby(1st) Pauline Zimmerman(2nd)
Offering Prayer

Ushers: John Kanagy(1st), Ken Beam, Beth Crosby(2nd)
Offertory
The Sound of Silence by Paul Simon

Fishbowl Volunteers: Jane Weigel, Lindsey Deininger
Scripture - John 10:1-10 CEB
 I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice."

Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying. So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

Sermon

Song of Response
Guide My Feet VT 816

Sharing Time

Sharing Time Prayer - Psalm 23 NRSV
 You are my shepherd, I shall not want.
 You make me lie down in green pastures;
 you lead me beside still waters; you restore my soul.
 You lead me in right paths for your name's sake.
 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in your house my whole life long.

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn
God Be with You Till We Meet Again VT 840

Benediction
"God be with you." & "Go in peace."

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