

## 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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# PENTECOST



**COMMUNITY  
MENNONITE  
CHURCH OF  
LANCASTER**

328 West Orange St  
Lancaster, PA 17603

**May 28, 2023**

## Prelude

*Rainbow Connection*

by Paul Williams  
& Kenneth Ascher

## Lighting of the Peace Candle

## Welcome & Call to Worship

## Gathering Songs

*In the Bulb*

VT 670

*In Christ There is No East or West*

VT 390

## Children's Time

*Come and See*

VT 282

## Offering Prayer

## Offertory

*Indelibly Linked*

by Daryl Snider

## Parrot Pinning

I will tell you what wisdom is and how she came to be  
and I will hide no secrets from you,  
but I will trace her course from the beginning of creation.

From everlasting she was firmly set from the beginning,  
before earth came into being.

There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy, clear, unpolluted, good,  
irresistible, humane, free from anxiety, all powerful —  
for she is a breath of the power of God;

In every generation she passes into holy souls  
and makes them friends of God.

And it was a mark of insight to know whose gift she was.

O God of my ancestors and Lord of mercy,  
give us the Wisdom that sits by your throne.

## Song - *Lord, Make Us Instruments*

*Lord, Make us instruments of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let your love increase  
Lord, make us instruments of your peace,  
Walls of pride and prejudice shall cease  
When we are your instruments of peace.*

Where there is hatred, we will show Your love  
Where there is injury, we will never judge  
Where there is striving, we will speak Your peace  
To the people crying for release,  
We will be Your instruments of peace

Where there is blindness, we will pray for sight  
where there is darkness, we will shine Your light  
Where there is sadness, we will bear their grief  
To the millions crying for relief,  
We will be your instruments of peace.

## Scripture- Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## Sharing and Q&A: The Trans Experience, in Life and Spirit

## Sharing Time & Prayer

## Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

## Closing Hymn

*Lord, Make Us Instruments* (reprise)

## Benediction Prayer

As you go forth from this place,  
may the wind of the Spirit startle your senses and blow through your life;  
may the fire of the Spirit scorch your complacency and light your way.  
And may the blessing of the Holy One—Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer—rest with you  
now and forever more. Amen.

**Parrot Pinning:** excerpts from the Wisdom of Solomon 6:22; 7: 22, 25, 27; 8: 21; 9: 1, 4)

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**Children's Time:**  
Ed Kane

**Prelude & Offertory:**  
Daryl Snider

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