

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.

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MENNONITE
CHURCH OF
LANCASTER
6.11.23



PSALMS

Lighting of the Peace Candle

by Paul Simon

The sacred harp that David played
to make his songs of praise
We long to hear those strains that set his heart ablaze

Worship Leader:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader:
Marty Kelley

The ringing strings
The thought that God turns music into bliss

Children's Time:
Janet Ressler

Prelude *A Meditation*

by Larry Minsky

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 131 and "My Heart is Not Proud," by Caroline Herring

Prelude & Offertory:
Roger Lentz

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up,
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

Sound:
Scott Volz

Zoom Technician:
Drew Brubaker

Greeter:
Mary Lou Weaver
Houser

Gathering Songs *This Is God's Wondrous World* VT 180
The Garden Needs our Watering VT 788

Children's Time *Come and See* VT 282

Ushers:
Ken Beam,
Jermel Laird

Offering & Offertory by Arthur Hertzog Jr & Billie Holiday
arr. by Lee Evans
God Bless The Child

Psalms for the Temple: in conversation with songwriters
Caroline Herring, Bobby McFerrin, Paul Simon

Psalm 42:1-6a and "My Soul Thirsts for God," by Caroline Herring

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and behold
the face of God?

My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
'Where is your God?'

These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.

Bulletin cover:
image of harp:
Steve Erspamer, SM
Liturgy Training
Publications,
Clip Art for Year B

Albums cited:
Caroline Herring:
Verse by Verse (2018)

Paul Simon:
Seven Psalms (2023)

Bobby McFerrin:
Medicine Man (1990)

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

excerpt from "Seven Psalms," by Paul Simon

The Lord is my engineer
The Lord is the earth I ride on
The Lord is the face in the atmosphere
The path I slip and slide on

And the Lord is a virgin forest
The Lord is a forest ranger
The Lord is a meal for the poorest
A welcome door to the stranger

The Covid virus is the Lord
The Lord is the ocean rising
The Lord is a terrible swift sword
A simple truth surviving

Hymn

What Is This Place VT 22

Communion

Psalm 23 and "Psalm 23" by Bobby McFerrin

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.

Sharing Time

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Benediction

May the prayers and songs of the Temple ring throughout your life this week.
May the prayers and songs of your heart remind you of
the temple you are,
the temple the world is,
and the light of God that shines within that will never go out.