

## 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

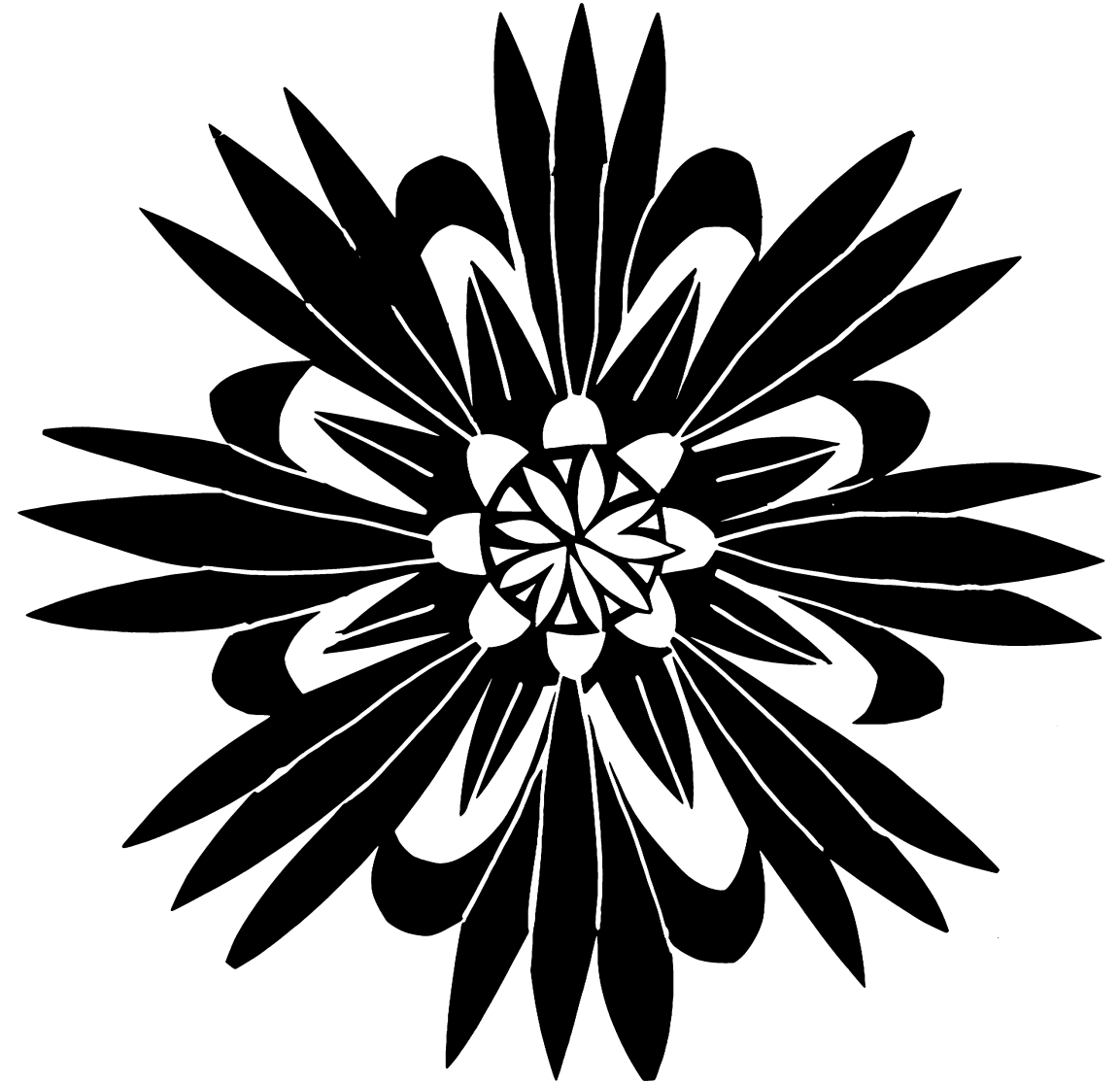
*Through your grace, O God, form us into a community called to follow Jesus, known and loved by you, nourished throughout our lives by worship, relationships and the biblical story, open to new voices and new dreams, committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty, responsive to human 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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COMMUNITY MENNONITE  
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

**Worship Leader:**  
Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Prelude**

**Song Leader:**  
Dan Laubach

**Lighting of the Peace Candle**

**Children's Time:**  
Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

**Gathering Hymns**

*Gathered Here*

VT 3

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

VT 120

**Children's Time**

*Come and See*

VT 282

**Offering Prayer & Offertory**

**Zoom Technician:**  
Steve Walter

**Scripture**

**Matthew 22: 36-40**

**Greeter:** Carolyn Dries  
‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

**Ushers:**  
Jack Shope,  
Ken Beam

**Fishbowl Volunteers:**  
Sherry Groff,  
Andre Chubb

**Galatians 3:26-28**

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

**Environment Design:**  
*Celebrating Parrots,  
Pentecost & Pride.*  
Designed by:  
Zita Angelo  
& Renee King

**Hymn**

*God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song*

VT 539

**Baptism of Faith Sauder**

**Hymn**

*My Life Flows On*

VT 605

**Baptism Ritual**

**Congregational Prayer**

VT 932

As we now receive you into the fellowship of the church,  
we make this covenant with you,  
and we renew our own covenant with God.

We pledge to bear each other's burdens,  
to assist in times of need,  
to share our gifts and possessions,  
to forgive as Christ has forgiven,  
to support each other in times of joy and sorrow,  
and in all things to work for the common good,  
thus proclaiming the presence of Christ among us  
so that our lives may glorify God.

Holy Spirit, make us one body,  
part of the church worldwide,  
united in its diversity,  
now and in every age. Amen.

**Hymn of Response**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

VT 752

**Sharing Time**

**Hymn**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

VT 682

**Announcements & Introduction of Visitors**

**Closing Hymn**

*Siyahamba*

VT 793

**Benediction**

HWB 764, adapted

Go in love,  
**For love alone endures.**  
Go in peace,  
**for it is the gift of God.**  
Go in courage,  
**for we cannot go where God is not.**