

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

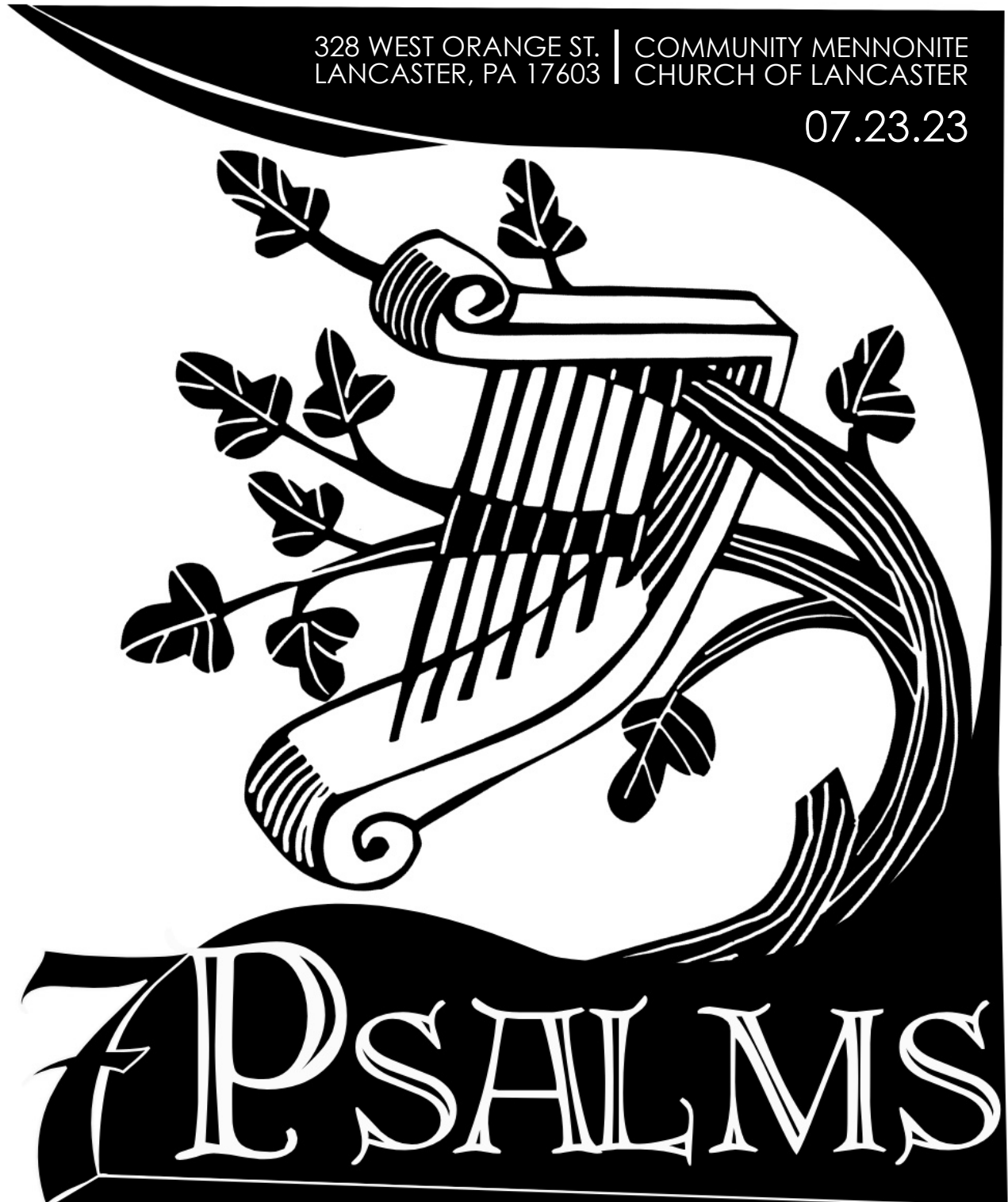
We acknowledge that Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster owns land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock confederacy (also known as the Conestoga) and Lenape people at the time of European contact. We lament our ancestors' complicity in land theft from Indigenous Peoples and how we benefit from 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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COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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Worship Leader: Prelude
Ellen Kanagy *Under God's Wings* by B.B. McKinney

Sermon: Welcome
Susan Gascho-Cooke **Lighting of the Peace Candle**

Song Leader: Call to Worship adapted from VT 855
Christy Heatwole
Kauffman To worship is to stand in awe under the stars or before a lovely flower.

Children's Time: To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree moving with the wind, or a cloud-filled sky.
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Prelude & Offertory: To worship is to work with dedication and skill; and to pause, rest, listen to music.
Men's Quartet:
Daryl Snider,
Dan Laubach,
Ron Umble, Leon Miller **To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth;**
It is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within.

ALL: Worship is the mystery within us reaching out to the Mystery beyond us.

Sound:
Rod Houser Let us worship together.

Zoom Technician: Gathering Songs
Drew Brubaker *Come Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT 7
Gathered Here VT 3

Greeter:
Larry Groff **Children's Time** *Come and See* VT 282

Ushers:
Sherry Groff,
Carolyn Weaver **Offering Prayer**

Offertory
Fishbowl Volunteers: *Balm in Gilead* arr. Dan Laubach
Denise Cope,
Jean Sensenig

Scripture Reading

Environment Design: Psalm 111:10
Celebrating Parrots, Pentecost & Pride.
Designed by: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
Zita Angelo all those who practice it have a good understanding.
& Renee King His praise endures for ever.

Job 28:28
And he said to humankind,
"Truly, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;
and to depart from evil is understanding." '

Psalm 34:4-14
I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?
Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.

Sermon

Song of Response
Ask the Complicated Questions VT 440

Sharing Time & Prayer

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song
There's a Wild Hope in the Wind VT 828

Benediction adapted from VT 906

May we live into a wild hope!
And may the Love
Which overcomes all differences,
Heals all wounds,
Puts to flight all fears,
Brings peace where there is unrest,
Be in us and among us
Now and always.

Go in peace.