

## 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.*

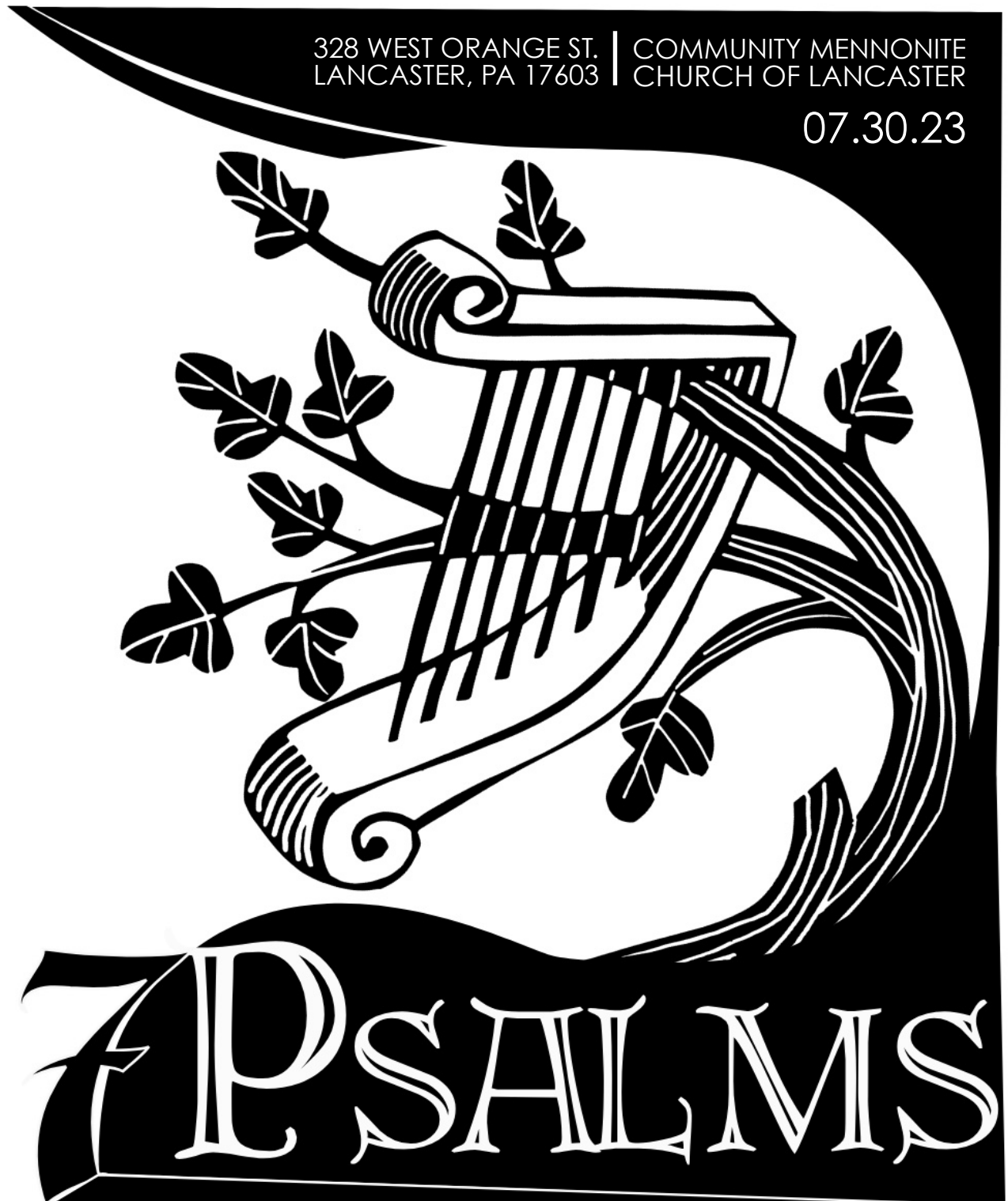
*We intend for this statement to be a first step in a journey of healing and reconciliation.*

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COMMUNITY MENNONITE  
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

07.30.23



**Worship Leader: Prelude**

Ken Beam *'Round & 'Round the Earth is Turning* English Folk Song

**Sermon: Welcome & Lighting of the Peace Candle**

Leslie Homer-Cattell **Call to Worship** VT 863

**Song Leader: Gathering Songs**

Beth Graybill *We Are Often Tossed and Driven* VT 311  
*Come, thou Fount* VT 563

**Children's Time:**

Ed Kane **Children's Time** *Come and See* VT 282

**Prelude & Offertory:**

Women's Trio: **Offering Prayer & Offertory**  
 Ellen Kanagy, Christy *Spirit is around Us like A Rainbow* Velma Frye  
 Heatwole Kauffman,  
 Brenda Sauder

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 22 *see insert*

**Sound:**

Monte Garber **An interpretation of Psalm 22** by Mitch Nugent

**Zoom Technician:**

Stock Weinstock *(inspired heavily by Rob Lacey's "Word On The Street")*  
 All right, God. The Universe. Love at its purest. All the names we call  
 you. Why? Why would you cut me off like this?

**Greeter:**

Mary Lou Weaver Why'd you turn what's best away from me? Why make this so hard?  
 Houser And you walked away when in earshot of my groans, my pain. You  
 left me. I think. So why?

**Ushers:**

Laurel Martin, My heart's been a mess all day long — and no reaction.  
 Scott Weaver Night-time: I'm calling out from my heartsick dreams — still no relief.

And, yes, you're the force that's bigger than me,  
 Known by people who've got their eyes open  
 Generations who've relied on you as Source of... well, everything.  
 The ancients, our ancestors, our friends of similar heart,  
 They leaned heavy on you, and you always turned up.  
 'Cause love always turns up.

**Fishbowl Volunteers:**

Larry Groff,  
 Andre Chubb

**Environment Design:**

*Celebrating Parrots,  
 Pentecost & Pride.* So, come on back and show up, love. Pour on the goodness.

Designed by:  
 Zita Angelo  
 & Renee King  
 Because I've got people right now whose boot I'm under,  
 They're putting me through the grind —  
 Placing everything I've worked for at risk.  
 All the misunderstandings and misconceptions  
 The mistakes and heartaches.  
 "They say he's got faith but then why's he crawling down the road?  
 If he's such friends with God, then let the divine take off his load."

And the ancestors whisper that  
 you're my midwife: you delivered me to the world;  
 You put this instinct in me, as my mother fed me.  
 From the womb you've been with me and in me.  
 That I am not alone.

So don't go scarce on me, don't go away  
 I need help to sort out today  
 So please stay. Stay.

**Sermon**

*Why.....?*

*Yet you are...*

*My family/friends trusted you when...*

*But I am...*

*Yet it was you who...*

*But you, O Lord, do not be far away...come quickly...*

*From you comes my praise...*

**Song of Response**

*My God, My God* VT 696

**Sharing Time & Prayer****Announcements & Introduction of Visitors****Closing Song**

*Sizohamba naye (We Will Walk with God)* VT 815

**Benediction**

Leader: The blessing of God,  
 the shalom of God  
 the wildness  
 and the warmth of God  
 be among us  
 and between us,  
 now and always

**People: The divine spirit dwells in us:**

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**