

## 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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SENIOR RECOGNITION

COMMUNITY MENNONITE  
CHURCH OF LANCASTER  
328 W. Orange St. Lancaster, PA 17603

8.13.23

## Prelude

**Worship Leader:**

Christy Heatwole  
Kauffman

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

## Welcome & Lighting of the Peace Candle

prayer from Talitha Amadea Aho, *In Deep Waters*

**Song Leader:**

Leon Miller

## Call to Worship

VT 862

You who open doors and dismantle barriers,

**Children's Time:**

Sarah Fritz

**open our hearts to praise you,**

that we might live the full truth of who we are,

**that we might live as neighbors and friends, no longer strangers and enemies;**

open our hearts to the transforming power of your love,

**that we might forgive and reconcile, making peace and learning war no more,**

that we might be your people, one body in one Spirit,

**to tell your grace to all the world.**

We pray in the name of the One who walked among us. Amen

**Prelude & Offertory:**

Rhea Miller

**Scripture Reading:**

Rick Shoup

## Sound: Gathering Songs

Maren Morgan

*Morning Has Broken*

VT 495

*O Worship Our God*

VT 129

**Zoom Technician:**

Drew Brubaker

## Children's Time

*Come and See*

VT 282

## Greeter: Offering Prayer & Offertory

Beth Crosby

*The Mountain of God*

VT 1018

## Ushers: Scripture - Isaiah 43:1-2, 16-19

Pauline Zimmerman,  
Carolyn Weaver

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you...

Thus says the Lord,

who makes a way in the sea,

a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse,

army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things,

or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert.

## High School Senior Recognition

**Henry Clapper**, son of Michael Clapper and Amelia Rauser

**Simon Hoover**, son of Kirsten Kelly Hoover and Eric Hoover

**Claire Hurst**, daughter of Kevin and Cara Longacre Hurst

**Esme Martin**, daughter of Chad Martin and Jess King

**Allison Penner**, daughter of Beky Weidner and Larry Penner

**Maia Shenk**, daughter of Christine Kaufman and Tim Shenk

**Greta Shumaker**, daughter of Rod Shumaker and Gwen Eberly

**Soleil Yoder-Salim**, daughter of Ish and Mel Yoder-Salim

## Song of Response

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

VT 738

## Communion

## Sharing Time & Prayer

VT 734

## Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

## Closing Song

*Move in Our Midst*

VT 827

## Benediction

Keep your eyes wide open, your hands willing,

your hearts generous,

your ears attentive,

your senses awake,

your feet light,

and your hope alive.

Go and shine wherever you may be.

Go and embrace with tenderness all of life

with its sorrows and joys.

Go and know what divinity expects and what your kindred seek.

May the creative force bless you.

May the divine solidarity sustain you.

And may you be encouraged and awake in fullness of life.

*Liturgies from Below: Cláudio Carvalhaes, adapted*