

## 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

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# II CORINTHIANS 4: 5-18

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328 W. Orange St. Lancaster, PA 17603



October 1, 2023

**Worship Leader:** **Prelude**  
John Weigel

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

**Song Leader:** **Welcome & Call to Worship**  
Marcy Hostetler

**Children's Time:** **Gathering Songs**  
Jonathan Sauder

*Let There Be Light*

VT 714

**Prelude & Offertory:** *Within Our Darkest Night*  
Daryl Snider

VT 632

**Scripture Reader:** **Children's Time** *Come and See*  
Karen Shenk Zeager

VT 282

**Sound:** **Offering & Offertory**  
Michael Eby-Good

**Scripture - II Corinthians 4:5-18**

**Zoom Technician:** For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus  
Stock Weinstock Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Greeter:**  
Joanne Leatherman

**Ushers:**  
Luke Good  
Marian Good

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

**Fishbowl Volunteers:**  
Beth Crosby  
Lori Bergey

**Environment Design:**  
Zita Angelo  
& Renee King

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

**Sermon**

**Song of Response**

**Sharing Time**

**Announcements & Introduction of Visitors**

**Closing Song**

*Shalom, My Friends*

VT 842

**Benediction**

Please go with a new and deeper peace. Please go with a new familiarity of the treasure in your heart and the comfort in knowing that you are never alone. In Jesus' Name...Amen