

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.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN LECTIONARY SUMMER 2023

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

PROVERBS 31:10-31



October 8, 2023

Worship Leader: Prelude

Christy Heatwole
Kauffman

Welcome & Call to Worship

Liturgies from Below,
Cláudio Carvalhaes

People: God you are our refuge.

Leader: You are the shore in sight,
you are hands that reach out,
you are the ground on which to rest.

Sermon:

Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader: People: God you are our strength.

Jay Martin

Leader: You are the life we long for,
you are the refusal to give up,
you are the keys of home we carry with us.

Children's Time:

Jonathan Sauder

People: God you are our help in times of trouble.

Leader: We call on you from the ruins and the rubble
we call on you from the wildness and the deep,

All: We call on you to meet us in this place!

Prelude & Offertory:

Ron Umble
& Daryl Snider

Gathering Song

Scripture Reader:

Summoned by the God Who Made Us

VT 1

Sound:

Maren Morgan

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Children's Time

Come and See

VT 282

Zoom Technician:

Stock Weinstock

Offering & Offertory

Greeter:

Beth Crosby

Scripture - Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?

Ushers:

Jean Sensenig
Scott Weaver

She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

Fishbowl Volunteers:

Jane Weigel
Sherry Groff

She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.

Environment Design:

Zita Angelo
& Renee King

She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
'Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.'
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Sermon

Song of Response

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

VT 156

Communion

Sharing Time & Prayer

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

VT 846

Benediction

Go forth in peace, and be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And may the God
who fills the hungry with good things
fill us all with Christlike love
and with a consuming hunger for justice
in our land and in our world. Amen.