

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.

LANCASTER
328 West Orange St. Lancaster, PA 17603
Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster
October 15, 2023

Worship Leader: Prelude
Sherry Groff *St. Anne's Reel* Traditional

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

Song Leader:
Marty Kelly **Welcome & Call to Worship** VT 146

Children's Time: Leader: Lord Jesus, you turn the tables on our greed and set a
Jane Weigel different kind of feast:
**All: where mercy answers every need and great ones
humbly serve the least.**

Prelude & Offertory: Leader: You cast aside our vain desires and offer us a nobler goal:
Dean Clemmer & Larry Penner **All: the justice that your love requires and dignity for
every soul.**

Accompanist: Leader: Lord Jesus, come and overturn the powers that corrupt
Matt Krebs and bind.
**All: Transform our temples with your love and claim our
conscience with your mind.**

Zoom Technician:
Steve Walter

Greeter: Gathering Songs
Carolyn Dries *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us* VT 718
Open My Eyes That I May See VT 738

Ushers:
Marian Good
Luke Good **Children's Time** *Come and See* VT 282

Fishbowl Volunteers: **Offering & Offertory**
Gwen Eberly *Poor Wayfaring Stranger* Traditional
Denise Cope

Environment Design: **Scripture - Matthew 21: 12-17**
Zita Angelo & Renee King
Then Jesus went into the temple and threw out all those who were selling and buying there. He pushed over the tables used for currency exchange and the chairs of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It's written, *My house will be called a house of prayer.* But you've made it a hideout for crooks." People who were blind and lame came to Jesus in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and legal experts saw the amazing things he was doing and the children shouting in the temple, "*Hosanna* to the Son of David!" they were angry.

They said to Jesus, "Do you hear what these children are saying?" "Yes," he answered. "Haven't you ever read, *From the mouths of babies and infants you've arranged praise for yourself?*" Then he left them and went out of the city to Bethany and spent the night there.

Sermon

Song of Response
Longing for Light VT 715

Sharing Time & Prayer

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song
With My Voice Alone VT 800

Benediction VT 1044
By the tender mercy of our God, may the dawn from on high break upon us, to give light to those who sit in shadows as we pray in solidarity with those whose hearts and bodies are aching today and guide our feet in the way of peace.