

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.

COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER
328 West Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
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Worship Leader: Diane Umble
Prelude
Homemade Toy by Daryl Snider

Ritual: Susan Gascho-Cooke
Lighting of the Peace Candle by Verna Miller
Lighting this candle expresses our longings week after week for peace to be lived in all our relationships, in our neighborhoods, in our politically divided nation, and in the many areas of conflict across the globe. We humbly pray for peace.

Song Leader: Ron Umble

Children's Time: Susan Gascho-Cooke

Prelude & Offertory: Daryl Snider
Welcome & Call to Worship VT 863
 Source of all hope and holiness, we gather today to be church. Bless those who are absent **but not from our hearts.** Bless those who are distant, **but not from our love.** Bless each of us here, **that we may choose justice by your Spirit, draw kindness from the well of your mercy, and walk humbly in your path, O God.**

Sound: Michael Eby-Good

Zoom Technician: Drew Brubaker

Greeter: Esther Becker

Ushers: Carolyn Weaver
 Linford Good

Fishbowl Volunteers: John Weigel
 Sherry Groff

Gathering Songs
We Sing to You, O God VT 80
For All the Saints VT 672

Children's Time *Come and See* VT 282

Environment Design: Zita Angelo & Renee King

Offering Prayer

Offertory
All My Favorite People by Over the Rhine

Scripture - Psalm 116:15
 The death of your faithful is precious in your sight, O God.

All Saints' Memorial Candle Lighting

Dean Brubaker (Nov 5, 2022)
 Rosalina Wilson (April 13, 2023)
 Ruth Martin (June 13, 2023)
 Dale Huber (Aug 31, 2023)
 Ada Hallman (September 13, 2023)

We Remember Them

Jewish Book of Prayer

In the rising of the sun and its going down, ***we remember them.***
 In the bowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, ***we remember them.***
 In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, ***we remember them.***
 In the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer, ***we remember them.***
 In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, ***we remember them.***
 In the beginning of the year and when it ends, ***we remember them.***
 When we are weary and in need of strength, ***we remember them.***
 When we are lost and sick of heart, ***we remember them.***
 When we have joys and special celebrations we yearn to share, ***we remember them.***
 So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us, ***we remember them.***

Sharing Time

Song of Response

Through our Fragmentary Prayers VT 677

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

Soon and Very Soon VT 669

Benediction

May God Bless you and keep you.
 May the very face of God shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 May God's presence embrace you
 and give you peace.