

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.

At the end of life, our questions are very simple:
Did I live fully?
Did I love well?

-Jack Kornfield



week one:
THIS I BELIEVE

11.12.23

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COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

Worship Leader:
Dep Napolitan

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Your hands.
The ones that you are holding together
In prayer or desperation or hope,
The ones that may shake with worry
Or sit still from the gravity of headlines.
Those hands, your hands.
There is something to remember about your hands

Children’s Time:
Monte Garber

That they are the same hands that offered
a tissue to a someone
Who, with tears streaking her face,
Asked “Why? Why?”
Addressed not to you but to God,
Asked of a world
Whose glue has come unstuck.

They are the same hands that give
The world its most needful thing.
Always offered, or tried to offer, the kindest touch
Exactly when it was hoped for.

Nothing can take away the brilliant
Beautiful power of the hands
God gave you, not to pull a trigger,
But to proclaim the softness of this world.
There is power in your hands,
The power of a kindness that beckons
To remake the world, always,
As though this were its first day.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Gathering Song

Could it be that God is Singing VT 42

Children’s Time *Come and See* VT 282

THIS I BELIEVE - Verna Miller

Offering Prayer

Offertory

THIS I BELIEVE: HOPE - Zita Angelo

Song of Response

Hymn to Hope by Secret Garden

Communion

Sharing Time

Announcements

Closing Song

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing VT 812

Benediction

A Prayer among Friends

Among other wonders of our lives, we are alive
with one another, we live here
in the light of this unlikely world
that isn’t ours for long.
May we spend generously
the time we are given.
May we enact our responsibilities
as thoroughly as we enjoy
our pleasures. May we see with clarity,
may we seek a vision
that serves all beings, may we honor
the mystery surpassing our sight,
and may we hold in our hands
the gift of good work
and bear it forth whole, as we
were borne forth by a power we praise
to this one Earth, this homeland of all we love.

Prelude, Offertory & Communion:
Men’s Quartet:
Luke Good, Daryl Snider,
Ron Umble, Dan Laubach

Sound:
Maren Morgan

Zoom Technician:
Steve Walter

Greeter:
Nancy Borremans

Ushers:
John Kanagy,
Ryan Kauffman

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Beth Crosby
Gwen Eberly
Sophia Sauder

Environment Design:
Zita Angelo
& Renee King