

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 two:
THIS I BELIEVE

11.19.23

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COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

Worship Leader: **Prelude**
Verna Miller *Arietta*

Song Leader: **Lighting of the Peace Candle**
Marty Kelley

Prelude:
Maya Iyengar

Pianist:
Marcy Hostetler

Sound:
Monte Garber

Zoom Technician:
Drew Brubaker

Greeter:
Carolyn Dries

Ushers:
Jermel Laird

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Jane Weigel,
Andre Chubb

Environment Design:
Zita Angelo
& Renee King

In lighting this candle we join the thousands, yes, millions,
who continue to pray, long, and wait
for peaceful resolutions in the many areas of conflict around the world.
We are weary but we cannot lose hope.
God of mercy, hear our prayers.

Welcome

Call to Worship

(phrases from Psalm 95, 96, 100 in Psalms Anew translation)

One: Come, let us sing joyfully to God; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us greet God with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms.

One: For Yahweh is a great God above all gods.

All: Bless God's name; proclaim God's salvation day after day.

One: Tell God's glory among the nations; tell God's wondrous deeds to all people.

All: Serve God with gladness; Come into God's presence with joyful singing!

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; bless God's name.

All: For Yahweh is good; God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness is to all generations.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the God who made us.

Gathering Song

Sing to the God of Harvest

VT 122

4th Grade Blessing *Come and See*

VT 282

Cora Miller with parents Darcy and Adam Miller

Jane Stallings with parents Julianna and David Stallings

Ian Volz with parents Crescentia and Scott Volz

Offering Prayer

Offertory - Hymn of Gratitude
Now Thank We All Our God

VT 114

*vs. 3: sing alternate words

THIS I BELIEVE - Marty Kelley

Song of Response
God of the Bible

VT 420

*vs. 1,2, & 4

THIS I BELIEVE - Ashley Miller

Song of Response
Longing for Light

VT 715

*vs. 1,2, & 5

THIS I BELIEVE - Ellen Kanagy

Sharing Time & Prayer

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song
Seeds

VT 777

Benediction

Go on your way rejoicing.

As you travel, may you be safe.

As you spend time with family and friends,

may you be blessed and be a blessing to everyone.

Because Thanksgiving is thanks-living, let's spread the love!

And be grateful!

Go in peace.