

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 three:

THIS I BELIEVE

11.26.23

328 West Orange St. Lancaster, PA 17603
COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

Worship Leader:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Prelude

Your Goodness and Your Mercy by The Seed and the Soil Project

Song Leader:
Kate Umble Smucker

Lighting of the Peace Candle

by Verna Miller

Lighting this candle expresses our longings
week after week

Children’s Time:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

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.

Sound:
Ezra Kauffman

Zoom Technician:
Drew Brubaker

Welcome & Call to Worship

Gathering Song

Greeter:
Joanne Leatherman

Children’s Time

Come and See

VT 282

Ushers:
Fern Clemmer,
Deb Hall

Scripture - 1 John 3:17-18

How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s
goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses
help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in
truth and action.

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Christy Heatwole
Kauffman,
Jean Sensenig

THIS WE BELIEVE - CMCL Core Value #8

We are RESPONSIVE TO HUMAN NEED – We want our lives to
be more than solely for ourselves. We serve and celebrate our
neighborhoods, especially our urban Lancaster context.

Environment Design:
Zita Angelo
& Renee King

Dedication of Grant Street Property

Hymn of Dedication

Offering Prayer

Offertory

I Believe

by Mark Miller

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.

I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God, even when God is silent.

Scripture - Isaiah 40: 28-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? YHWH is the everlasting
God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. This God does not
faint or grow weary; with a depth of understanding that is
unsearchable. God gives strength to the weary, and empowers
the powerless. Young women may grow tired and weary,

young men may stumble and fall, but those who wait for YHWH find a renewed power:
they soar on eagles’ wings, they run and don’t get weary, they walk and never tire.

Scripture - John 20: 24-26

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when
Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to
them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of
the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were
again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus
came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’

THIS I BELIEVE - Jarol Boan

THIS I BELIEVE - Dan Laubach

Song of Response

I Saw a Tree by the Riverside

VT 514

THIS I BELIEVE - John Blase

Reading

Imago Dei

by John Blase

Song of Response

When Peace Like a River

VT 617

Sharing Time

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Benediction

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Amen.