

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.



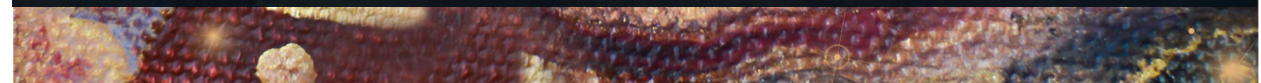
How does a
weary world
rejoice? *We sing stories
of hope*

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328 West Orange St
Lancaster, PA 17603



December 10, 2023



Worship Leader: Lorman Laird, Jermel Laird	Prelude	
	Welcome & Call to Worship	VT 859
Prelude & Offertory: Ryan Kauffman	Gathering Song <i>O, How Shall I Receive Thee</i>	VT 215
Sermon: Mitch Nugent	<i>Come, Join in Mary's Prophet-Song</i>	VT 246
Song Leader: Christy Heatwole Kauffman	Children's Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
Children's Time: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Lighting of the Advent Candles One: How does a weary world practice love? All: By sending cards, and picking up the phone.	
Sound: Maren Morgan	One: By practicing empathy, and assuming the best in others. By learning people's stories and finding common ground. All: By advocating for justice, and saving a place at the table.	
Zoom Technician: Steve Walter	One: There are a million ways to practice love. So today we light the candle of love as a reminder and a charge. All: With God's help, may we bring love into a weary world. Amen.	
Greeter: Beth Crosby	Offering Prayer	
Ushers: Carolyn Weaver, Fern Clemmer	Offertory	VT 1017
Fishbowl Volunteers: André Chubb Jean Sensenig Eva Towers	Scripture - Isaiah 9: 1-7 But there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish! In the past God humbled 'the land of Zebulun, the land of Naphtali; but in the future God will bring glory to this Road to the Sea, this Land beyond the Jordan, this Galilee of the Nations. The people walking in darkness are seeing a brilliant light — upon those who dwell in a land of deep shadows light is shining! God, you have made the nation greater— you have brought them abundant joy! They celebrate in your presence as with the harvest celebrations, or as warriors celebrate when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdens them, the weight on their shoulders,	
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the rod of their oppressors—
you have shattered it,
as you did at the defeat of Midian.
For every boot that tramped in battle,
every cloak that was dragged through blood,
is now used as fuel for the fire.
For a child is born to us,
an heir is given us,
upon whose shoulders
dominio will rest.
This One shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, the Strength of God,
Eternal Protector, Champion of Peace.
This dominion, and this peace,
will grow without end,
with David's throne and realm sustained with justice and fairness,
now and forever.
The zeal of YHWH Omnipotent
will accomplish it!

Sermon - Mary's Song: Rest for the Weary by Way of Revolution

Song of Response

O God of Blessings

VT 700

Sharing Time

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

My Soul Cries Out

VT 412

Benediction

Family of faith,
as you leave this place,
you go into a weary world—
so speak tenderly.
Do the good that is yours to do.
Choose connection.
Hold onto hope.
And remember
that Christ took on flesh for you.
You are God's beloved.
So go rejoicing.
The world needs it.
Amen.