

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



December 17, 2023



Worship Leader:
Sherry Groff

Prelude
O Come, Emmanuel by Elaine Hagenberg

Prelude & Offertory:
Adult Choir

Welcome & Call to Worship

Song Leader:
Marty Kelley

Gathering Song
Hark! the Glad Sound! VT 217

Sound:
Monte Garber

Offering Prayer

Offertory
Personent hodie arr. John Rutter

Thanks & Blessing VT 968
(for Marian Good & Meredith Fisher)
May God, who calls you to this ministry,
grant you grace, joy and endurance.
Amen!
May Christ guide and empower you for service and leadership.
Amen!
May the Holy Spirit fill you with gifts you need.
Amen!
May the One whose love unites us as the body of Christ
strengthen us to live and proclaim the gospel together.
Amen!

Sharing Time

Prayer

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Song
O Little Town of Bethlehem VT 245

Children's Program
The Indescribable Gift

Children & Adult Choirs
A La Ru by Douglas E. Wagner

Benediction

Closing Hymn
Go Tell It on the Mountain VT 252

Children's Program - *The Indescribable Gift*

Written By:

Jane Weigel

Directors:

Jane Weigel & Marian Good

Costume Design:

Diana Nugent & Sarah Fritz

Narrators:

Eric De La Rosa & Nora Schlegel

Mary's Angel:

Aiden Nugent

Mary:

Jane Stallings

Joseph's Angel:

Cora Miller

Joseph:

Ian Volz

Donkey:

Theo Sampaio

Angels:

Aisha Subira, Hawa Zubeda, Junia Stoltzfus, Martha Katarina, Lila Deininger

Shepherds:

Arlo Sampaio, Sutter Nugent, Paul Smucker

Magi:

Kellen Deininger, Journey Kenon, Isaac Schlegel

Sheep:

Pascal Chubb, Matilda Friesen, Thena Kuhns, Sebastian Laubach, Ansel Miller,
Indira Sampaio, Penn Schade, Oran Smucker