

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 trust our
belovedness*

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LANCASTER



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Worship Leader:
Diane Umble

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Candle

We light a candle for peace,
Peace in our hearts,
Peace in our homes,
Peace in our world.

May the light of peace shine through our lives.
Hear these words of Jesus:

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

Passing of the Peace

Welcome and Call to Worship

There are some days when I need the reminder that I belong to God.
Do you ever feel that way?

Yes. We do.

**The world can be a harsh place;
we often need that reminder.**

Well then, let us care for one another
Let us speak the truth we each need to hear.
You belong to God.
You are God’s beloved.

Friend, you belong to God.

You are God’s beloved.

Let us worship the God who knows our names.

Let us worship the God who calls us beloved. Amen.

Gathering Songs

See Whose Glory Fills the Skies VT 274

Let there be Light VT 714

Children’s Time VT 282

Offering Prayer and Offertory VT 1022

Holy One

As you are faithful to us, may we be faithful to you:

Faithful with our time and energy, our possessions and wealth.

Receive these gifts by your grace.

Multiply and use them, through the power of your spirit

To make real your reign of love, justice and peace in our world.

Amen

Scripture — Luke 3:21-22

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

Sermon

Song of Response

With Water Flowing Freely

VT 452

Sharing Time

Sharing Prayer

Help us to remember that your grace and understanding
is deeper and wider than we could possibly imagine.
Help us to remember that Our story begins with belovedness,
even when we lose our way. Even if we stumble and fall,
Help us to remember that you never stop breaking through the clouds
to claim us.

Help us to remember that we are known
....we are forgiven...we are beloved.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

VT 131

Benediction

How does a weary world rejoice?

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.

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Call to Worship, Sharing Prayer and Benediction
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Prelude & Offertory:
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