

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.

DISMANTLING RACISM STATEMENT

The predominantly white CMCL community acknowledges a history of unearned privilege and opportunity that occurred at the expense of those of color. We commit to move beyond mere words to tangible reparative acts, increasingly reflected in our annual church budget and through individual contributions. We see this lifelong process of learning and action to be transformational yet acknowledge this is only a step.



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328 West Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603

Worship Leader: Hans Smucker	Prelude	
	Lighting of the Peace Candle	
Prelude, Offertory & Communion Music: Anika Krebs, Matt Krebs	Welcome & Call to Worship	VT 937
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Leader: Friends, as we gather to eat the bread and drink the cup, let us respond with the pledge of love. Will you love God before all things, in the power of God's living Word, and join yourself to God's way?	
Song Leader: Brenda Sauder	All: By the grace of God, I will.	
Children's Time: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Leader: Will you love and serve our neighbors, and lay down your life through the power of Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us?	
Sound: Daryl Snider	All: By the grace of God, I will.	
Zoom Technician: Stock Woodstock	Leader: Will you support and challenge one another, speak and hear the truth, cease what causes harm to our neighbors, and do good to our enemies?	
Greeter: Mary Lou Weaver Houser	All: By the grace of God, I will.	
Ushers: Fern Clemmer Carolyn Weaver	Leader: May the Spirit of God who calls the church to Christ's Supper give us the grace, strength, and patience to live this pledge of love.	
Fishbowl Volunteers: John Weigel Carolyn Dries Eva Towers	All: Amen.	
Environment Design: Zita Angelo & Renee King	Gathering Song <i>Come Away from Rush and Hurry</i>	VT 9
	Children's Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
	Offering Prayer/Offertory	
	Scripture	
	I CORINTHIANS 10:16-17 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.	
	I CORINTHIANS 11:17-33 Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. Indeed, there have to be factions among you,	

for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgement against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

Sermon

Song of Response

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

VT 801

Prayer Before Communion

Holy One: Your Kingdom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Nourish us with bread that sustains body and soul. Transform us into a forgiven and forgiving people, a loving and beloved community; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, both personal and systemic. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Communion

Prayer After Communion

VT 946

Hymn

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

VT 608

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Benediction

As you go from this place: may you live within the Creator's divine grace; may you live out Jesus' boundary-less love; may you live through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BENEDICTION: Joanna Harader Pastor, Peace Mennonite Church