

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.



**Wandering
Heart**

"Jesus sought me"

LENT I

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**COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER**

328 W Orange Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Worship Leader:

Ken Beam

Prelude*Il Canzona Variée from Quartet, Op. 109* by Alexander Glazounov**Sermon:**

Susan Gascho-Cooke

Lighting of the Peace Candle

VT 865

Prelude & Offertory:Saxophone Quartet:
Ryan Kauffman, soprano
Isaac Hoover, alto
Daryl Snider, tenor
Alicia Smith, baritone**Welcome & Call to Worship**Come in.
Feel your feet on the floor.
Settle your worries.
Take a deep breath.
Dust the cobwebs from your ears.
Relax the tension in your jaw,
for Christ is here.
God never stops seeking us.
We have been found.
Let us find God in return.
Let us worship the God of deep waters. Amen.**Song Leader:**

Marcy Hostetler

Scripture Reader:

Zita Angelo

Children's Time:

Jonathan Sauder

Gathering Songs*What is this place*

VT 22

Sound:

Monte Garber

I sought the Lord

VT 161

Zoom Technician:

Steve Walter

Children's Time*Come and See*

VT 282

Greeter:

Carolyn Dries

Offering Prayer**Offertory****Ushers:**Christy H. Kauffman,
Deb Hall*Il Variation I from Quartet, Op. 109*

by Alexander Glazounov

Scripture - Luke 5: 1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

Fishbowl Volunteers:Carol Eby-Good,
Kim Van Donk**Environment Design,
Collaborative Painting:**Renee King
Zita Angelo
Crescentia Volz
Susan King
Joanne Leatherman
Brenda Sauder
Heidi Wenger
Pauline Zimmerman
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But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Sermon**Song of Response***Come, Thou Fount*

VT 563

Sharing Time & Prayer**Announcements & Introduction of Visitors****Closing Song***Could it be that God is singing*

VT 42

BenedictionBeloved wanderer,
as you leave this place,
may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve.
May you look for God in every face.
May you find the courage to get out of the boat,
to run to the tomb,
and to speak of your faith.
And when the world falls apart,
may you hear God's voice deep within,
saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid."
You are called.
You are blessed.
In both your ups and your downs,
you always belong to God.
Go now in peace.
Go trusting that good news.
Amen.