

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**

*"Rescue me
from danger"*

LENT II

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**COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER**

328 W Orange Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Worship Leader: Diane Umble
Prelude & Offertory: Jarrod Lentz, voice
 Roger Lentz, acc.
Mixed Quartet: Ron Umble,
 Daryl Snider,
 Rhea Miller,
 Christy Kauffman
Song Leaders: Marty Kelley,
 Beth Graybill
Children's Time: Jane Weigel
Scripture Reader: Faith Sauder
Sound: Ezra Kauffman
Zoom Technician: Drew Brubaker
Greeter: Esther Becker
Ushers: Marian Good,
 Ryan Kauffman
Fishbowl Volunteers: Ashley Miller,
 John Weigel
**Environment Design,
 Collaborative Painting:** Renee King
 Zita Angelo
 Crescentia Volz
 Susan King
 Joanne Leatherman
 Brenda Sauder
 Heidi Wenger
 Pauline Zimmerman
 Gwen Reed Blankenship

Prelude
Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child African American Spiritual,
 arr. by Harry T Burleigh
 by Tom Fettke

Lighting of the Peace Candle VT 1006

Welcome & Call to Worship
 God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,
the courageous and the fearful,
 the hungry and the hopeful,
the impatient and the reserved.
 God welcomes the young and the old,
the poets and the prophets,
 the faithful and the tired,
the curious and the convicted.
 Wherever you are on your journey,
 wherever your boat is at sea,
there is room for all to gather here.
 This is God's house.
Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

Gathering Songs
Let's Walk Together VT 6
Trust in the Room insert, #84

Children's Time *Come and See* VT 282

Offering Prayer & Offertory
Make Them Hear You music & words by
 Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens

***Music: Justice and Lament**
When Justice is Denied insert, #112
Lament: My Heart is Breaking insert, #48
Only Love insert, #69

Scripture - Matthew 14: 22-33
 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on
 ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after
 he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by
 himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by
 this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,
 for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came
 walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw
 him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!'
 And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them
 and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Reading of Response

I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.
 I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.
 I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.
 I believe in a God who knows my name.
 I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid.
 Amen.

***Music: Hope and Joy**

Come with Me into the Journey insert, #21
We will Rejoice in Love insert, #96

Sharing Time & Prayer

For Those with Whom Our Lives are Bound VT 734

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

Draw the Circle VT 802

Benediction

Beloved 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,
 to speak of your faith.
 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.

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