

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.

The background of the right side of the page is a close-up photograph of a stone wall, with various sized and colored stones (grey, tan, brown) stacked together. On the left side of this image, there is a vertical black bar containing a white dashed-line graphic that resembles a heart or a stylized 'H' shape. Below this graphic is a red location pin icon with a white mountain range inside it.

Wandering Heart

"Praise the mount"

LENT III

3.03.2024

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 W Orange Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Worship Leader: **Prelude**
Leslie Homer-Cattell *Down by the Riverside* arr. Daryl Snider

Prelude & Offertory: *Still, Still with Thee*

Men's Quartet:

Ron Umble,

Luke Good,

Daryl Snider,

Stock Weinstock

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Welcome & Call to Worship

The heavens declare the glory of God,
the dome of the sky speaks the work of God's hands.

**Every day it utters speech,
every night it reveals knowledge.**

Without speech, without a word,
without their voices being heard,
**their message goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.**

Accompaniment:

Matt Krebs

Sermon:

Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader:

Christy Heatwole

Kauffman

Children's Time:

Janet Allen

Gathering Songs

Come, Thou Fount VT 563

The Church's One Foundation VT 397

Sound:

Michael Eby-Good

Zoom Technician:

Steve Walter

Greeters:

Joanne Leatherman

Larry Groff

Ushers:

Pauline Zimmerman

Marian Good

Fishbowl Volunteers:

Beth Graybill,

Jane Weigel

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of God,

Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.

Like Peter, we see you in our midst and are confident in our faith.

Other days, we are uncertain and shaken, struggling with
unanswered questions.

We lose sight of you.

Some days, we rest easy in your blessings -

trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.

Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

We lose sight of ourselves.

We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith.

When we are far from you and ourselves, remind us of your
tender loving grace.

**Gently pull us toward you. Remind us of who you are and
have made us to be.**

Amen

Words of Assurance

Children's Time

Come and See

VT 282

Offering Prayer

Environment Design, Collaborative Painting:

Renee King

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Offertory

See whose Glory Fills the Skies

arr. Ron Umble

Scripture - Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon

Song of Response

Our God in Heaven

VT 673

Sharing Time & Prayer

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

VT 831

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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Welcome & Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-4, Complete Jewish Bible (adapted)