

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.



LENT IV
3.10.2024

**COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER**

328 W Orange Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Worship Leader: Michael Kuhns
Prelude
Ki Mi Tziyon (Hebrew Folk Song) arr. Gail B. Poch & Gerald J. Luongo

Prelude & Offertory: Maren Morgan
Lighting of the Peace Candle

Welcome & Call to Worship VT 1047
 Come, Come, whoever you are.
 Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
 It doesn't matter.
 Ours Is not a caravan of despair.
 Come, even If you have broken your vow
 a thousand times.
 Come, yet again, come, come.

Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader: Marty Kelley

Children's Time: Ed Kane
Gathering Songs
Come to Me, O Weary Traveler VT 157
Come Thou Fount VT 563

Sound: Daryl Snider
Children's Time *Come and See* VT 282

Zoom Technician:
Offering Prayer & Offertory
His Love Is Everything *Lift Up Your Voice & Sing II, #273*

Greeters: Mary Lou Weaver Houser
 Sherry Groff

Ushers: Jean Sensenig
 Deb Hall

Fishbowl Volunteers: Adam Miller
 Sherry Groff
 Sophia Sauder

Environment Design, Collaborative Painting: Renee King
 Zita Angelo
 Crescentia Volz
 Susan King
 Joanne Leatherman
 Brenda Sauder
 Heidi Wenger
 Pauline Zimmerman
 Gwen Reed Blankenship

Scripture-
Matthew 16: 21-23
 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22
 "Give thanks for YHWH's goodness; God's love endures forever!"
 Let these be the words of YHWH's redeemed, those redeemed from the oppressor's clutches those brought home from foreign lands, from east and west, from northern lands and southern seas. Some were fools who suffered because of their rebellion, because of their own sins, until they were so sick, nearly at death's door, that food became repugnant. Then they called to YHWH in their trouble and God rescued them from their sufferings, sending a word to heal them, and snatching them from the Pit. Let them thank YHWH for this great love, for the marvels done for all people. Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and recount what God has done in joyful song.

Sermon

Song of Response

O Everlasting Love

VT 733
 vv. 1,2,4,5

Sharing Time & Prayer

God, in your Mercy, Hear our prayer.

From all that is broken,
 let there be beauty.
 From what is torn, jagged,
 ripped, frayed,
 let there be
 not just mendings
 but meetings unimagined.
 May the God in whom
 nothing is wasted
 gather up every scrap,
 every shred and shard,
 and make of them
 new paths,
 doorways,
 worlds.

VT 908

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

Seeds

VT 777

Benediction

Here now these words of sending:

All that is gold does not glitter,
 Not all those who wander are lost;
 The old that is strong does not wither,
 Deep roots are not reached by the frost.

Go In Peace.