

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
"Teach me"

LENT V
3.17.2024

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER
328 W Orange Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Worship Leader: Christy Heatwole Kauffman	Prelude <i>Hallelujah</i> <i>Ballade</i>	by Martha Mier by Johann Burgmüller
Prelude: Maya Iyengar	Lighting of the Peace Candle	VT 916
Offertory: Tony De la Rosa	Welcome & Call to Worship Why are you here? I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones. I see it! You're in the right place! This is God's house. The door is open to you.	
Sermon: Leslie Homer-Cattell	Why are you here? I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.	
Song Leader: Beth Graybill	We see that in you! You're in the right place. This is God's house. The door is open to you. Let us worship God.	
Children's Time: Janet Allen	Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!	
Sound: Monte Garber		
Zoom Technician: Drew Brubaker		
Gatherers: Beth Crosby Laurel Martin	Gathering Songs <i>Come, Thou Fount</i> <i>Christ, Be All around Me</i>	VT 563 VT 848
Ushers: Carolyn Weaver John Kanagy	Children's Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
Fishbowl Volunteers: Carol Spicher Gwen Eberly	Offering Prayer <i>Allemande from Partita No. 2</i>	VT 1017 by J.S. Bach
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 18:12-22 What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Parent in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.	

If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Parent in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

Sermon

Song of Response

Gentle God, When We Are Driven

VT 150

Sharing Time & Prayer

by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

Blessing 81 adapted from

The Lives We Actually Have: 100 BLESSINGS FOR IMPERFECT DAYS

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

Go, My Children

VT 830

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,
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.