

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.



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**COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER**

328 W Orange Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

**Wandering
Heart**
*"Songs of
loudest praise"*

Worship Leader: Prelude

The Palms

by J. Faure

Jesus Christ loves you today. And Jesus Christ will love you tomorrow. You are forgiven, claimed, and sent to serve. Go out and sing. Go out trusting these words. Amen.

Offering & Offertory

Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs

by Paul Laubengayer

Sermon - Everything, Everywhere, All at Once

Hymn of Response

I Bind My Heart This Tide

VT 556

Sharing Time & Prayer

Sing: *Lifting all our prayers together singing: Alleluia, Alleluia*

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

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.

Closing Song

*Go in peace and love and courage: Alleluia, Alleluia
based on the Benediction:
Go in love,
For love alone endures.
Go in peace,
for it is the gift of God.
Go in courage,
for we cannot go where God is not.*

Prelude:
Roger Lentz

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Offertory:
CMCL choir
Alicia Smith, flute
Roger Lentz, piano

Welcome & Call to Worship

Sing songs of loudest praise!

Hosanna!

Sing songs that are unashamed.

Hosanna!

Sing songs without being afraid.

Hosanna!

Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

Hosanna!

Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

Sermon:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader:
Brenda Sauder

Children's Time:
Jane Weigel

Gathering Songs

*We shall come together singing: Alleluia, Alleluia
Come Thou Font*

VT 563

Sound:
Ezra Kauffman

Zoom Technician:
Stock Woodstock

Scripture - John 12: 12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Greeters:
Larry Groff
John Kanagy

Ushers:
Sherry Groff
Esther Becker

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Denise Cope
Jean Sensenig

Children's Time - Palm Sunday Procession

Hosanna Loud Hosanna

VT 313

**Environment Design,
Collaborative Painting:**

Renee King
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Prayer

Friends, no matter where you are on the parade route—whether you are waving palm branches through the streets or standing against the wall, quiet and cautious—Jesus marched for you. Jesus' love, his striving for justice and mercy, it was for you. You are included in this story and nothing can ever change that. So hear these words and trust them deep in your bones: We have reason to sing, for Jesus Christ loved you yesterday.