

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

"Here's my heart"

4.14.2024

COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 W Orange Street
Lancaster, PA 17603



Worship Leader: **Prelude**
Verna Miller *All the Diamonds* by Bruce Cockburn

Prelude: **Lighting of the Peace Candle**
Daryl Snider

Welcome & Call to Worship

Offertory: Jesus said,
K-5 Children **“Follow me.”**
Jesus said,
“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Sermon: Jesus said,
Susan Gascho-Cooke **“Forgive seventy times seven.”**
Jesus said,

Song Leader: **“Feed my sheep.”**
Kate Umble Smucker
In response, we say:

Children’s Time: **“Here’s my heart.**
Jane Weigel **Take and seal it.**
Seal it for thy courts above.”

Prayer of Confession

Sound: Gracious God,
Michael Eby-Good Like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink.
You tell us Your truth and we push it away.
Zoom Technician: We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance.
Drew Brubaker We profess our faith and deny it three times.
We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence.
Greeters: Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey
Carol Spicher of faith.
Larry Groff Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our
limited imagination.
Call us out of the boat once more. With humble hearts we pray, amen.

Gathering Songs

Jim Spicher *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* VT 347
Scott Weaver *Together* VT 389

Fishbowl Volunteers: **Children’s Time—1st Grade Blessing**
Lindsey Deininger
Margaret Krumm

Presented by: *Meredith Fisher & Susan Gascho-Cooke*

for: Lila Deininger, Journey Kenon, Teo Sampaio, & Junia Stoltzfus

Offering Prayer & Offertory

Peace Like a River
All God’s Critters Got a Place in the Choir

Scripture — John 21:1-19 CEB

Renee King
Zita Angelo
Susan King
Heidi Wenger
Brenda Sauder
Crescentia Volz
Joanne Leatherman
Pauline Zimmerman
Gwen Reed Blankenship
Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee’s sons, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter told them, “I’m going fishing.” They said, “We’ll go with you.” They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn’t realize it was Jesus. Jesus called to

them, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” They answered him, “No.” He said, “Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn’t haul in the net. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren’t far from shore, only about one hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you’ve just caught.” Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn’t torn, even with so many fish. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” Jesus asked a second time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.” He asked a third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me?” He replied, “Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don’t want to go.” He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.”

Sermon

Song of Response

Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing VT 344

Sharing Time & Prayer — *Loving God, hear our prayer...*

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

Come, Thou Fount (theme song for **Wandering Heart** series) VT 563

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. Amen.