

## 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/](http://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

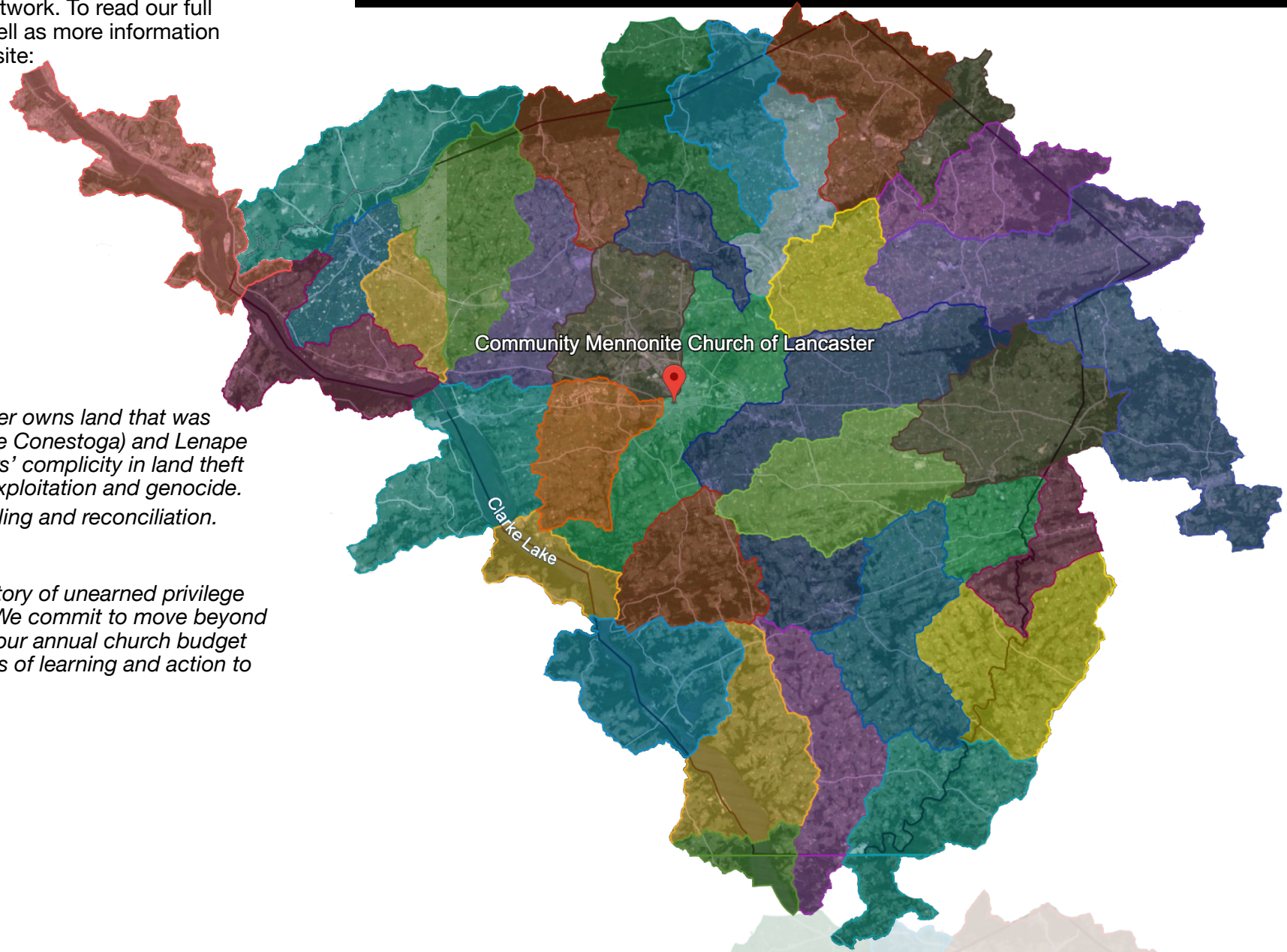
*We acknowledge that Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster owns land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock confederacy (also known as the Conestoga) and Lenape people at the time of European contact. We lament our ancestors' complicity in land theft from Indigenous Peoples and how we benefit from 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.*



# WATERSHEDS in Lancaster County





**Worship Leader:** **Prelude**  
Sherry Groff *The Light of Good-Bye* by Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Prelude & Offertory:** **Lighting of the Peace Candle**  
Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Welcome & Call to Worship** VT 49

**Sermon:**  
Susan Gascho-Cooke

All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain.  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the sorrow be washed away in the waves of God's mercy, as deep cries out to deep. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Holy Spirit come.

**Song Leader:**  
Joanne Leatherman

**Gathering Songs**

*For the Beauty of the Earth* VT 120

**Children's Time:** *This is God's Wondrous World* VT 180

**Children's Time** *Come and See* VT 282

**Sound:** **Offering Prayer**  
Monte Garber

**Offertory**  
*When a Tree Falls* by Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Zoom Technician:** Steve Walter

**Scripture — Genesis 2: 4-15 CEB**

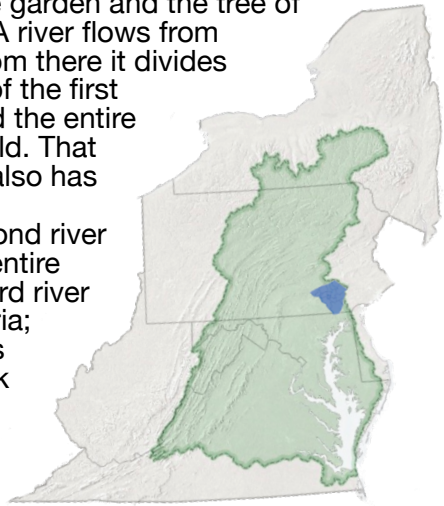
**Greeters:**  
Carolyn Dries  
Larry Groff

**Ushers:**  
Pauline Zimmerman  
Jean Sensenig

**Fishbowl Volunteers:**  
Beth Crosby  
Christy Kauffman  
Eva Towers

**Environment Design**  
Renee King,  
Zita Angelo,  
Crescentia Volz,  
Art Exploration  
Affinity Group

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. On the day the Lord God made earth and sky— before any wild plants appeared on the earth, and before any field crops grew, because the Lord God hadn't yet sent rain on the earth and there was still no human being to farm the fertile land, though a stream rose from the earth and watered all of the fertile land — the Lord God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath into his nostrils. The human came to life. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human he had formed. In the fertile land, the Lord God grew every beautiful tree with edible fruit, and also he grew the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flows from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides into four headwaters. The name of the first river is the Pishon. It flows around the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. That land's gold is pure, and the land also has sweet-smelling resins and gemstones. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It flows around the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris, flowing east of Assyria; and the name of the fourth river is the Euphrates. The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it.



**Chesapeake Bay Watershed**

**Sermon**

**Song of Response**  
*Touch the Earth Lightly* VT 145

**Sharing Time & Prayer**

**Announcements & Introduction of Visitors**

**Closing Song**  
*Our Garden Needs Tending* VT 788

**Benediction** VT 789

Be a sower, plant a seed, let it grow into a tree.  
Give it water, watch it grow, and give it the love that it needs.  
Be humble and gentle and always keep looking for peace.  
God makes the sun rise on the good and the evil, rain fall on the rocks and the weeds.  
Let's be loving to one another.  
Join in God's circle of peace.

