

## 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.*

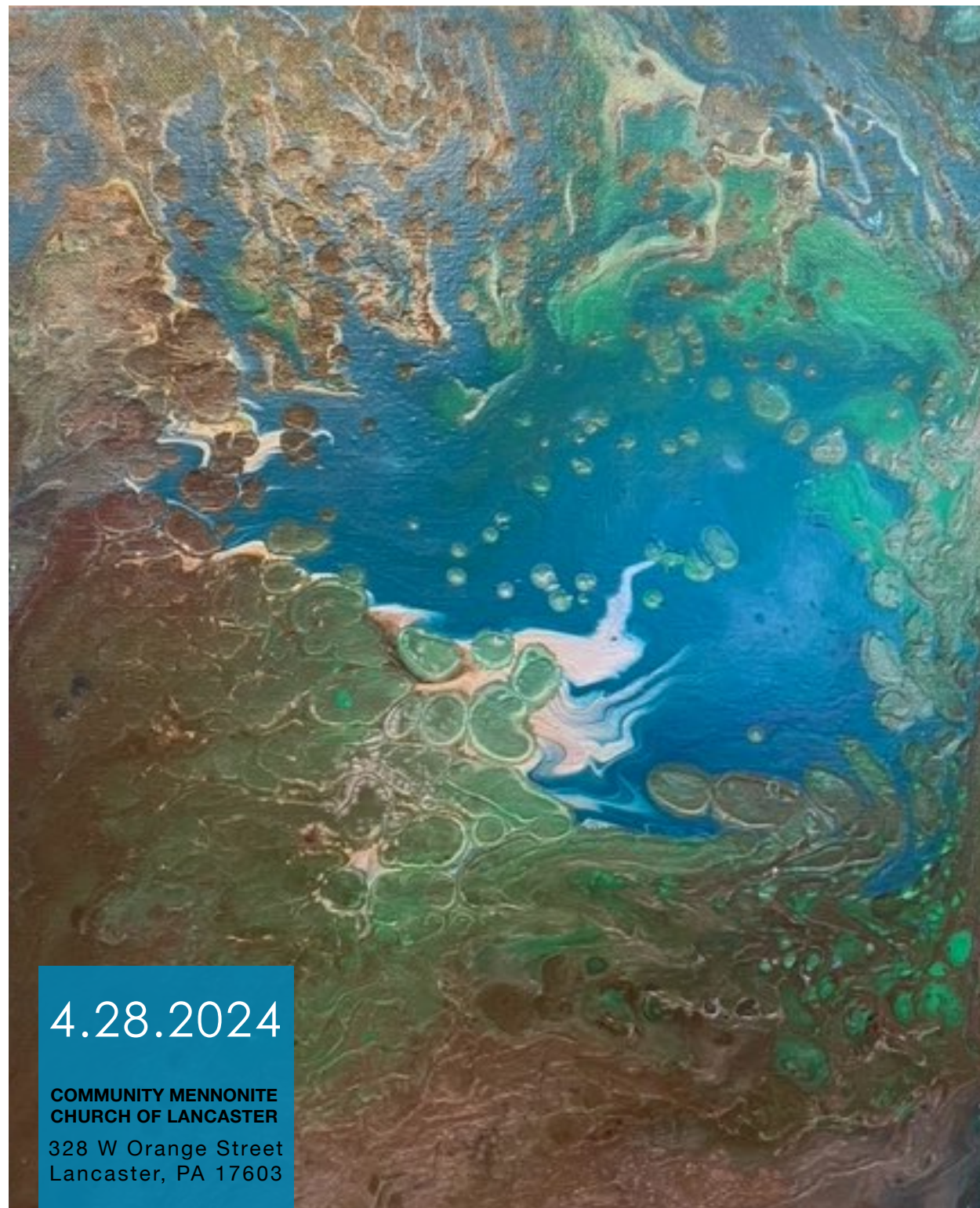
## DISMANTLING RACISM STATEMENT

*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.*



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



**Worship Leader:** **Prelude**  
Hans Smucker *Mach's Mit Mir*

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

Brenda &  
Jonathan Sauder

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

O God, in the beginning your Spirit hovered over the ancient deep  
in which all life was born.

**Offertory:**  
Faith Sauder

Bless all oceans and waters; Let your Spirit come and renew the  
face of the earth.

**Accompanists:**  
Ryan Kauffman, flute  
Daryl Snider, guitar

Save us from selfish use of what you have given so that people  
everywhere may enjoy it and give you thanks.

**Sermon:** **Gathering Songs**  
Leslie Homer-Cattell *We Worship God the Rock* VT 424  
*Beauty for Brokenness* VT 712

**Song Leader:** **Children's Time** *Come and See* VT 282  
Christy Heatwole  
Kauffman

**Offering Prayer**

**Children's Time:** **Offertory**  
Janet Allen *How Could Anyone* by Shaina Noll

**Sound:** **Scripture — Psalm 107: 33-43**  
Ezra Kauffman

God turns rivers into desert,  
watery springs into thirsty ground,  
fruitful land into unproductive dirt,  
when its inhabitants are wicked.  
But God can also turn the desert into watery pools,

**Zoom Technician:**  
Stock Weinstock

**Greeters:** thirsty ground into watery springs,  
where he settles the hungry.  
They even build a city and live there!

Carolyn Weaver  
Ken Beam

**Ushers:** They plant fields and vineyards  
and obtain a fruitful harvest.  
God blesses them, and they become many.

Linford Good  
John Kanagy

God won't even let their cattle diminish.

**Fishbowl Volunteers:** But when they do diminish—  
when they're brought down by oppression, trouble, and grief—  
God pours contempt on their leaders,  
making them wander aimlessly in the wastelands.

Brenda Sauder  
Larry Groff  
Sophia Sauder

But God raises the needy from their suffering;

he makes their families as numerous as sheep!

Those who do right see it and celebrate,  
but every wicked person shuts their mouth.

Whoever is wise will pay attention to these things,  
carefully considering the Lord's faithful love.

**Environment Design**  
Renee King  
Zita Angelo  
Crescentia Volz  
Pauline Zimmerman  
Brenda Sauder  
Gwen Reed Blankenship

**Sermon**

**Song of Response**  
*Healing River of the Spirit* VT 642

**Sharing Time & Prayer**

**Announcements & Introduction of Visitors**

**Closing Song**  
*Called by Earth and Sky* VT 806

**Benediction** VT 1009, ad.

Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands.  
Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame.  
We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich,  
entertain, and protect us.  
May we, who are made in your image, care for them well.