

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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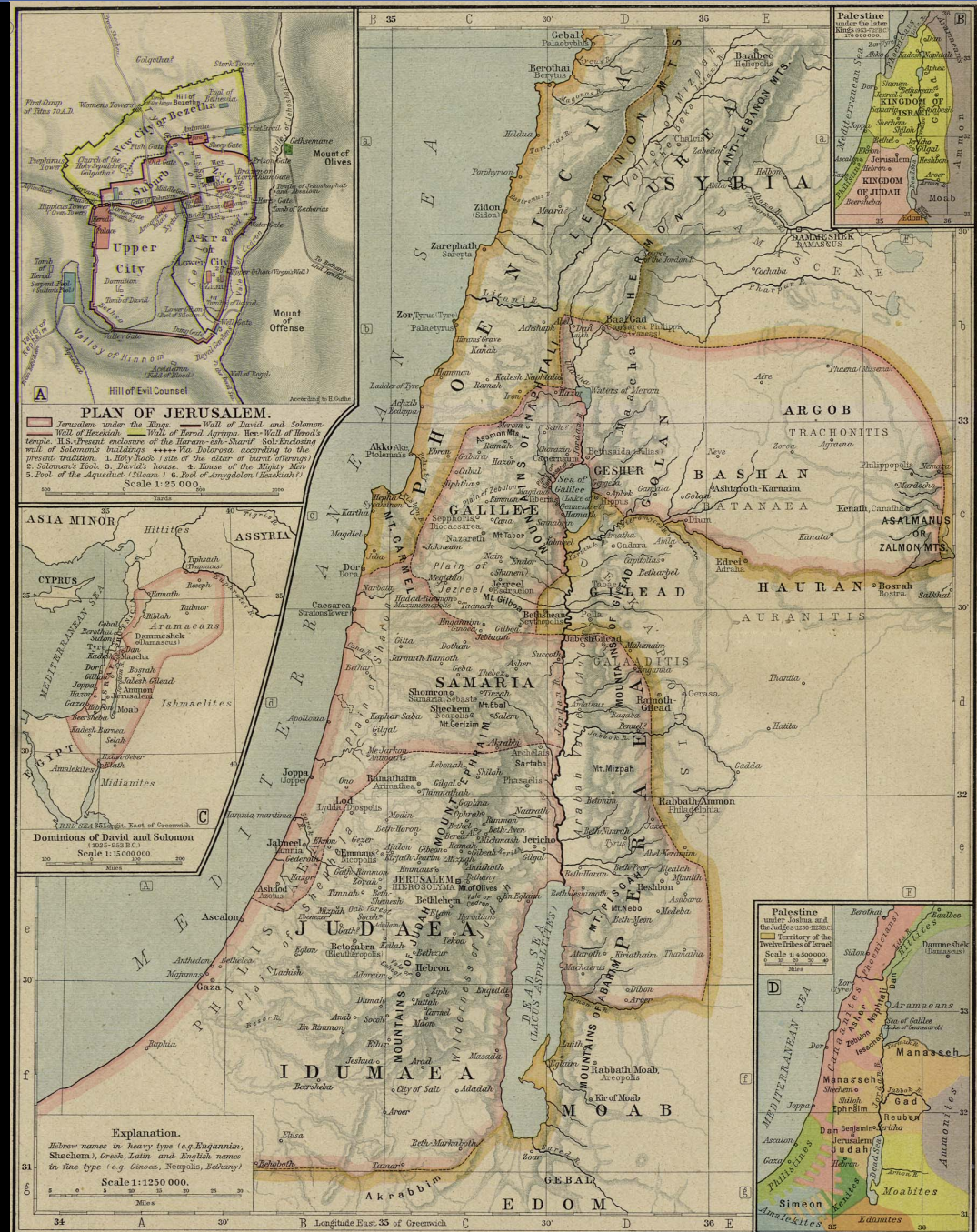
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COMMUNITY MENNONITE

CHURCH OF LANCASTER



Worship Leader: **Prelude**
Susan Gascho-Cooke *Up Jumped Spring* by Freddie Hubbard

Sermon: **Lighting of the Peace Candle**
Frank Muse

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prelude & Offertory: We believe that horizons of hope are never fixed.
Larry Penner

They always move beyond, in the creativity of God.

We believe that powers of evil cannot kill God.

Special Music: **God walks on free and leaps ahead of us in the risen Christ of faith.**
Dean Clemmer

We believe that the Spirit can never be confined.

Daryl Snider
Song Leader: **She dances forth in the world and is found in surprising places,
leading us on until the end of time.**
Leon Miller

Gathering Song

Children's Time: *There's a Wildness in God's Mercy* VT 156
Ed Kane

Children's Time *Come and See* VT 282

Sound: **Offering Prayer** VT 1043
Monte Garber

Zoom Technician: **Offertory**
Steve Walter *God Bless the Child* by Billie Holiday & Arthur Herzog Jr.

Greeters: **Scripture**
Esther Becker **Micah 4: 3-4**
John Kanagy [God] shall judge between many peoples,
And shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;

Ushers: they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
Laurel Martin nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore;

Fishbowl Volunteers: but they shall all sit under their own vines
Jean Sensenig and under their own fig trees,
Ashley Miller and no one shall make them afraid;
Eva Towers for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Matthew 5:3
"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth..."

Sermon

Song of Response
Gwen Reed Blankenship *If You but Trust in God* VT 576

Sharing Time & Prayer
Loving God...hear our prayers

Special Music
That's What Makes You Strong by Jesse Winchester

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song
Take My Life, and Let it Be VT 759

Benediction

dreaming of more

If you need to be reminded:
(as we all do
from time to time)
you are beloved.
your flesh bears Sacred worth.
neither prejudice nor power should keep you
from safety nor community nor a place to learn nor a place to work nor a place to
practice your faith.
neither should it keep your neighbor from the same.
in a world and time where systems of violence
entice us to compromise our values
use us as pawns
tokenize us
ban us
exploit us
and teach us to turn on one another
may we be reminded
of our collective power
of the possibilities we bear
of our divine calling...
not to settle for dreams of access to what is corrupt
but to seek, and create, and imagine and protest our way
to something altogether better.
feeding each other until we get there
clothing one another until we get there
protecting one another until we get there
hiring one another until we get there
building community with one another until we get there
creating sacred space with one another until we get there
sharing all that we have with one another until we get there
trusting that these practices
in small and ordinary and extravagant ways
will in and of themselves
enflesh that which we dream of.
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