

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.



Peace School Sunday

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 W ORANGE STREET LANCASTER, PA 17603

JUNE 23, 2024



Worship Leader: **Prelude**
Diane Umble *Two Stones*

Sermon: **Lighting of the Peace Candle**
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Prelude & Offertory: **Call to Worship**
Emerson Sampaio

All who thirst, come to the water.
Come, all who are weary;
Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.
The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,
and our Gracious God beckons and blesses us.
Drink deeply of these living waters.
You are the fountain of life: **refresh us.**
You are the cleansing spring: **heal us.**
You are the well from which we drink and never thirst again: **fill us.**

Song Leader:
Christy Heatwole
Kauffman

Children's Song Leader:
Kate Umble Smucker

Children's Time:
Meredith Fisher
& Friends

Welcome & Gathering Prayer

Gathering Songs

Sound: *The River is Here* by Andy Parks VT 514
The Tree Song

Children's Time *Come and See* VT 282

Greeters:
Mary Lou Weaver Houser
Larry Groff

◆ **Peace School Reprise**

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Jesus' Love is Bubbling Over

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Carol Spicher
Carol Eby-Good

Scripture — Isaiah 55:1

All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!
Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat!
Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk!

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

Sermon

Song of Response

Peace will Come by Tom Paxton

Sharing Time & Prayer

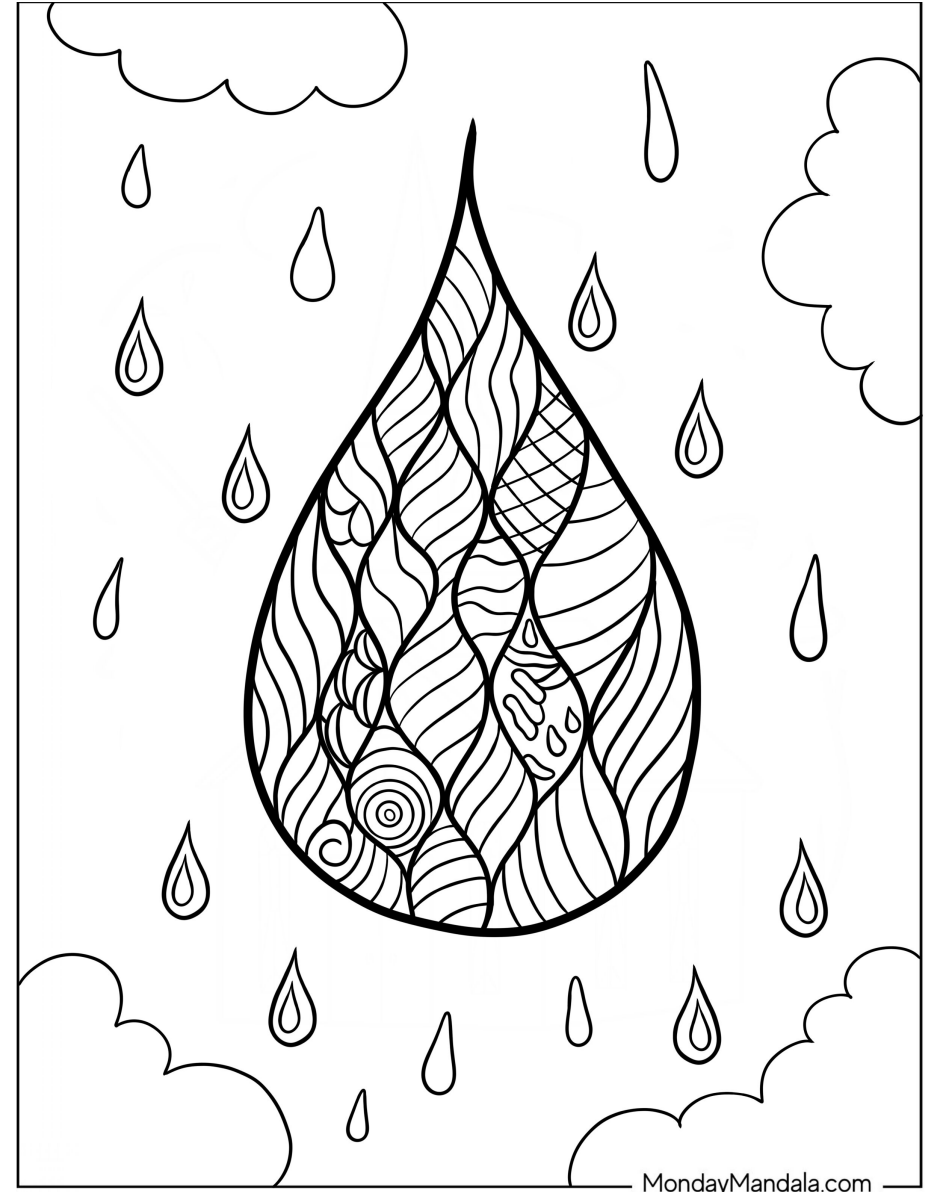
Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song
The Peace of the Earth

Benediction

As we scatter this week, may we remember, O God,
You are the Ocean, the source of all life.
You are the River, saving us from death.
You are the Stream, restoring our community's strength.
Cover us with the fountain of your love...
Today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen



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