#### 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.

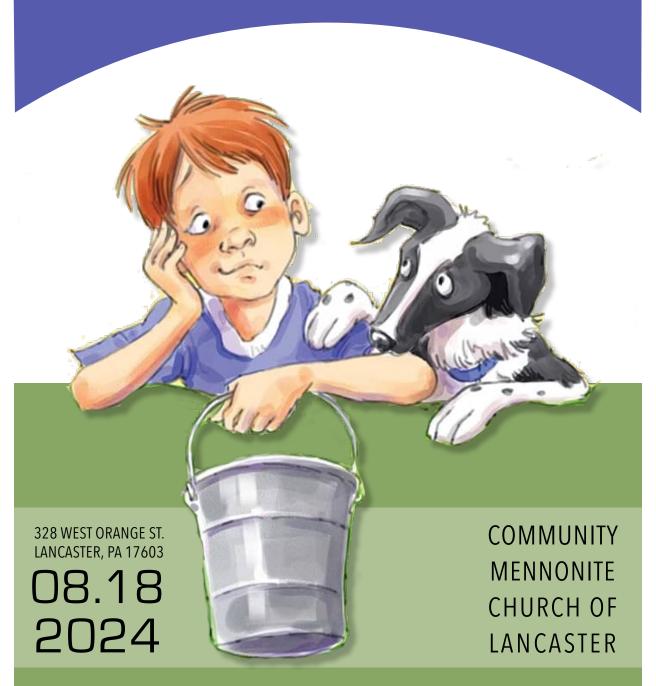
### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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.

# STORIES THAT FORM US



Sermon: Leslie Homer-CattellLighting of the Peace CandleLuke 1:78-79"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'Prelude & Offertory: Emerson SampaioWelcome & Call to Worship ALL: Merciful God, we come together to worship, longing for tenderness because this world can be hard. We come longing for light because our lives are crowded with shadows. We come seeking direction because we don't always know which way to go. Fill us this morning with your peace: your Spirit is our peace and our path. Amen.Zoom Technician: Steve WalterGathering Songs God, Be the Love Holy Spirit, Come With PowerVT 43 VT 57Children's Time Carol SpicherCome and See UT 282VT 282Carol Spicher Carol SpicherOffertory Scripture – Ephesians 4:1-6 CEB Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, l encourage you to live as pople worthy of the call you received from God. Conduct yourspieves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept acan of the with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the spirit with the peace that the synu together. You are one body	Worship Leader: Sherry Groff	Prelude		
Song Leader: Marty KelleyWelcome & Call to Worship ALL: Merciful God, we come together to worship, longing for tenderness 	Leslie Homer-Cattell Prelude & Offertory:	'By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,		
Greeters: Larry Groff Fern ClemmerGod, Be the Love Holy Spirit, Come With PowerVT 43 VT 57Ushers: Laurel Martin Linford GoodChildren's TimeCome and SeeVT 282How Full Is Your Bucket? for Kids 	Song Leader: Marty Kelley Accompanist: Roger Lentz Children's Time: Sue Stoesz Sound: Monte Garber Zoom Technician:	ALL: Merciful God, we come together to worship, longing for tenderness because this world can be hard. We come longing for light because our lives are crowded with shadows. We come seeking direction because we don't always know which way to go. Fill us this morning with your peace: your Spirit is our peace and our path.		
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#### Sermon

Song of Response Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace	VT 719
Blessing of the Backpacks Meredith Fisher	
Sharing Time & Prayer Loving Godhear our prayers	
Announcements & Introduction of Visitors	
Closing Song Christ Has No Body Here but Ours	VT 568
Benediction	