## 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.

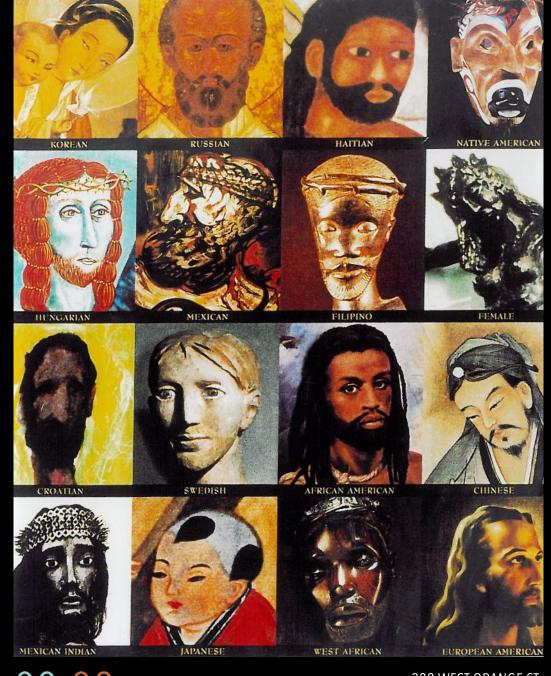
## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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.





)9.08 2024 328 WEST ORANGE ST. LANCASTER, PA 17603 COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER Worship Leader: Prelude

Sherry Groff Lord, I hope this day is good by Don Williams

Sermon: Leslie Homer-Cattell

**Lighting of the Peace Candle** 

**Prelude & Offertory:** 

Ron & the 4Ds

(Dennis Maust, Dean Clemmer.

David Stallings, Daryl Snider)

Song Leader: Marty Kelley

**Scripture Reader:** Rebecca Burkholder

Children's Time:

Sound:

Daryl Snider

Zoom Technician: Drew Brubaker

**Greeters:** 

Carol Spicher Larry Groff

Jim Spicher

**Ushers:** 

Lori Bergev

**Environment Design:** 

Renee King Sermon Zita Angelo Crescentia Volz Pauline Zimmerman Brenda Sauder Gwen Reed Blankenship

**Call to Worship** 

Welcome

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors:

through the voices of your prophets,

the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son,

so that we may live according to your word, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Gathering Songs** 

VT9 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us VT 718

Children's Time Come and See VT 282

Blessing for the Christian Ed year

Offering Prayer

Offertory

by Jim Reeves It is no Secret What God can do

Scripture — Hebrews 1:1-3a

Phil Kreider In the past, God spoke through the prophets to our ancestors in many times and many ways. In these final days, though, he Fishbowl Volunteers: spoke to us through a Son. God made his Son the heir of everything and created the world through him. The Son is the Carolyn Dries light of God's glory and the imprint of God's being. He maintains everything with his powerful message.

Song of Response

Guide My Feet VT 816, vs. 1-3

#### Communion

The Prayer Jesus Taught

Our loving God, in whom is heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation.

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

# **Communion Closing Prayer**

VT 946

VT 809, vs. 1 & 4

**Sharing Time & Prayer** 

Loving God...hear our prayers

#### **Announcements & Introduction of Visitors**

**Closing Song** 

Sing a New World into Being

**Benediction**