

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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Worship Leader: Diane Umble	Prelude <i>Jerusalem</i>	by Steve Earle
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Lighting of the Peace Candle 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.	Luke 1:78-79
Prelude & Offertory: Daryl Snider, Rhea Miller	Welcome & Call to Worship That you formed our bodies in the darkness of the womb And fashioned every creature from the soil of the earth Thanks be to you, O God. That you knitted into our senses A thirst for water and a hunger for food And wove into every living being Desires for life Thanks be to you. Let us be alert To the yearnings that you have placed within us And let us know what will truly satisfy the desires of our hearts. Let us be attentive To the yearnings that you have planted in every human being And let us be sure of what will fulfill them. Let us be guided by your wisdom, O Christ Let us be guided by your wisdom.	
Song Leader: Marty Kelley		
Children's Time: Darrell Yoder		
Scripture Reader: Patsy Fratanduono, sister of Pam Brubaker		
Sound: Monte Garber		
Zoom Technician: Steve Walter		
Greeters: Mary Lou Weaver Houser Laurel Martin	Gathering Songs <i>Holy Spirit, Come With Power</i>	VT 57, vs. 1-2
Ushers: Ken Beam Beth Crosby	alternate lyrics for verse 2: Holy Spirit, come with fire, burn us with your presence new. Let us as one mighty choir sing our hymn of praise to you. Sanctify our pain and sadness and transform them with your love. Burst upon your congregation, give us gladness from above.	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Beth Graybill Larry Groff	<i>Lord, Listen to Your Children</i>	VT 682
Environment Design: Renee King Zita Angelo Crescentia Volz Pauline Zimmerman Brenda Sauder Gwen Reed Blankenship	Children's Time <i>Come and See</i> Offering Prayer Offertory <i>My Soul Cries Out</i>	VT 282 VT 412

Scripture — I Corinthians 2:6-10

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love God” —

God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Sermon

Ordination of Pam Brubaker

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Song of Response

One Voice

by the Wailin' Jennys

performed by:
Redmond Brubaker, Drew Kirner & Marah Brubaker

Sharing Time & Prayer

Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

O Blessed Spring

VT 522, vs. 1 & 5

Benediction

traditional blessing

May there always be work for your hands to do.
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine upon your window pane.
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near to you and
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

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Call to Worship: adapt. from *Celtic Benediction*, by J. Philip Newell