

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

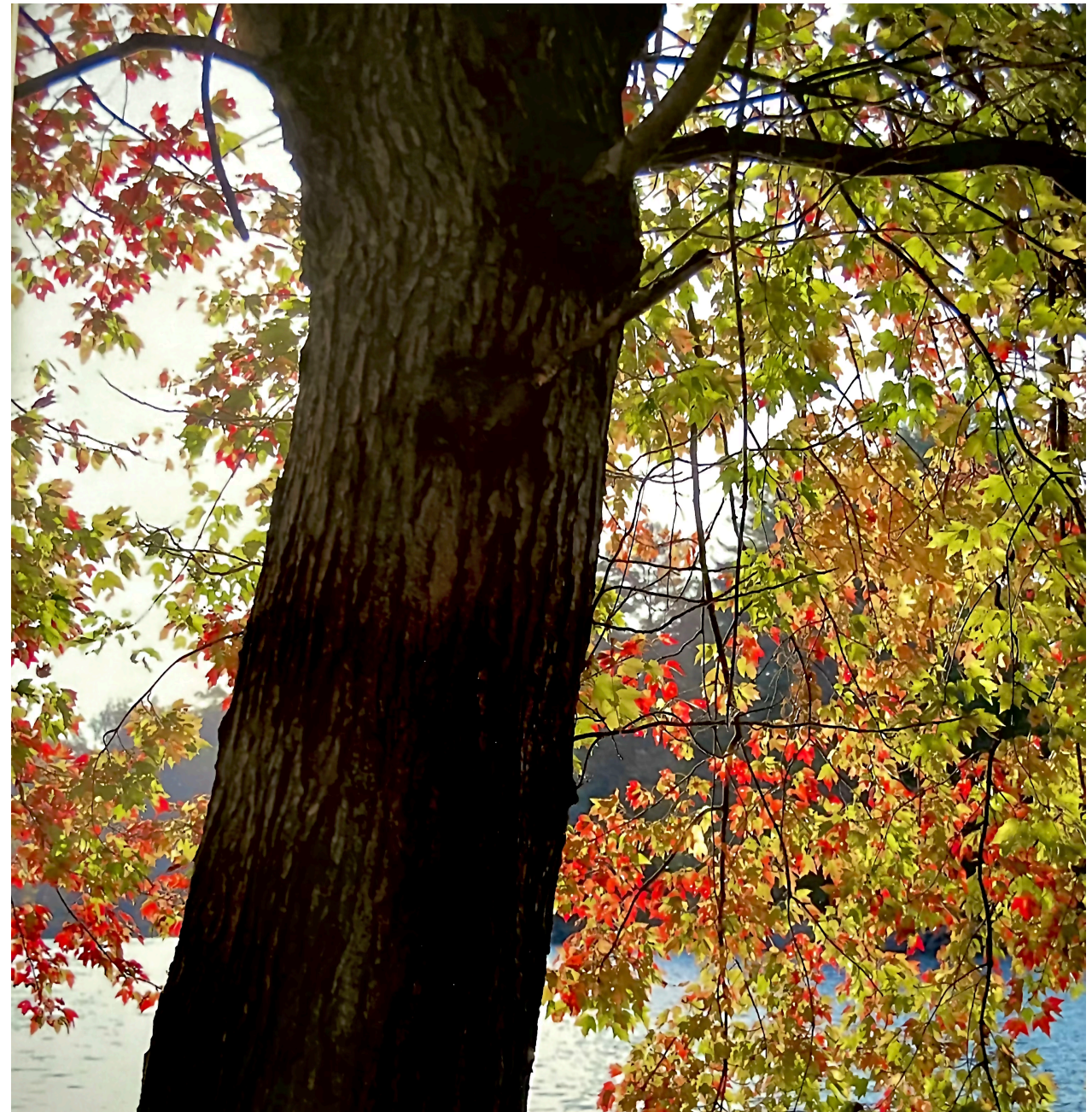
Through your grace, O God, form us into a community called to follow Jesus, known and loved by you, nourished throughout our lives by worship, relationships and the biblical story, open to new voices and new dreams, committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty, responsive to human 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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LANCASTER, PA 17603**

09.29.2024

**COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER**

Worship Leader: Leslie Homer-Cattell
Prelude
The Swan by Saint-Saens

Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke
Lighting of the Peace Candle

Prelude & Offertory: Stock Weinstock
 acc. Diane Tiogo
Welcome & Call to Worship VT 857, adapt.
*Loving God,
 You call us together
 to reflect on your Word
 and our life in your world.
 Be with us now
 as we sing and pray together,
 that we may hear your voice
 and better understand your way.
 This we pray
 through Jesus Christ.
 Amen*

Song Leader: Ron Umble

Accompanist: Marcy Hostetter

Scripture Reader: Frank Muse

Children's Time: Jane Weigel
Gathering Songs
Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah VT 95
One is the Body VT 386

Sound: Cody Litwiller

Children's Time *Come and See* VT 282

Zoom Technician:

Offering Prayer

Greeters: Joanne Leatherman
 Ken Beam
Offertory
 Medley: *When Peace Like a River and Nothing is Lost*

Ushers: Lorman Laird
 Jermel Laird
Scripture — Psalm 1 (CEB)
 The truly happy person
 doesn't follow wicked advice,
 doesn't stand on the road of sinners,
 and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.

Fishbowl Volunteers: Jane Weigel
 Gwen Eberly
 Instead of doing those things,
 these persons love the Lord's Instruction,
 and they recite God's Instruction day and night!

Environment Design: Renee King
 Zita Angelo
 Crescentia Volz
 Pauline Zimmerman
 Brenda Sauder
 Gwen Reed Blankenship
 They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,
 which bears fruit at just the right time
 and whose leaves don't fade.
 Whatever they do succeeds.
 That's not true for the wicked!
 They are like dust that the wind blows away.
 And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice—

neither will sinners
 in the assembly of the righteous.
 The Lord is intimately acquainted
 with the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked is destroyed.

Sermon

Song of Response

Lead Me, Guide Me VT 601

Blessing of farewell for Pastor Leslie Homer-Cattell

Sharing Time & Prayer

Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

The Lord Bless You and Keep You VT 846

Benediction

*Go now in peace and strength, beloved people.
 Keep following the good road together.
 The Spirit of God is with you.
 Amen.*



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