

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

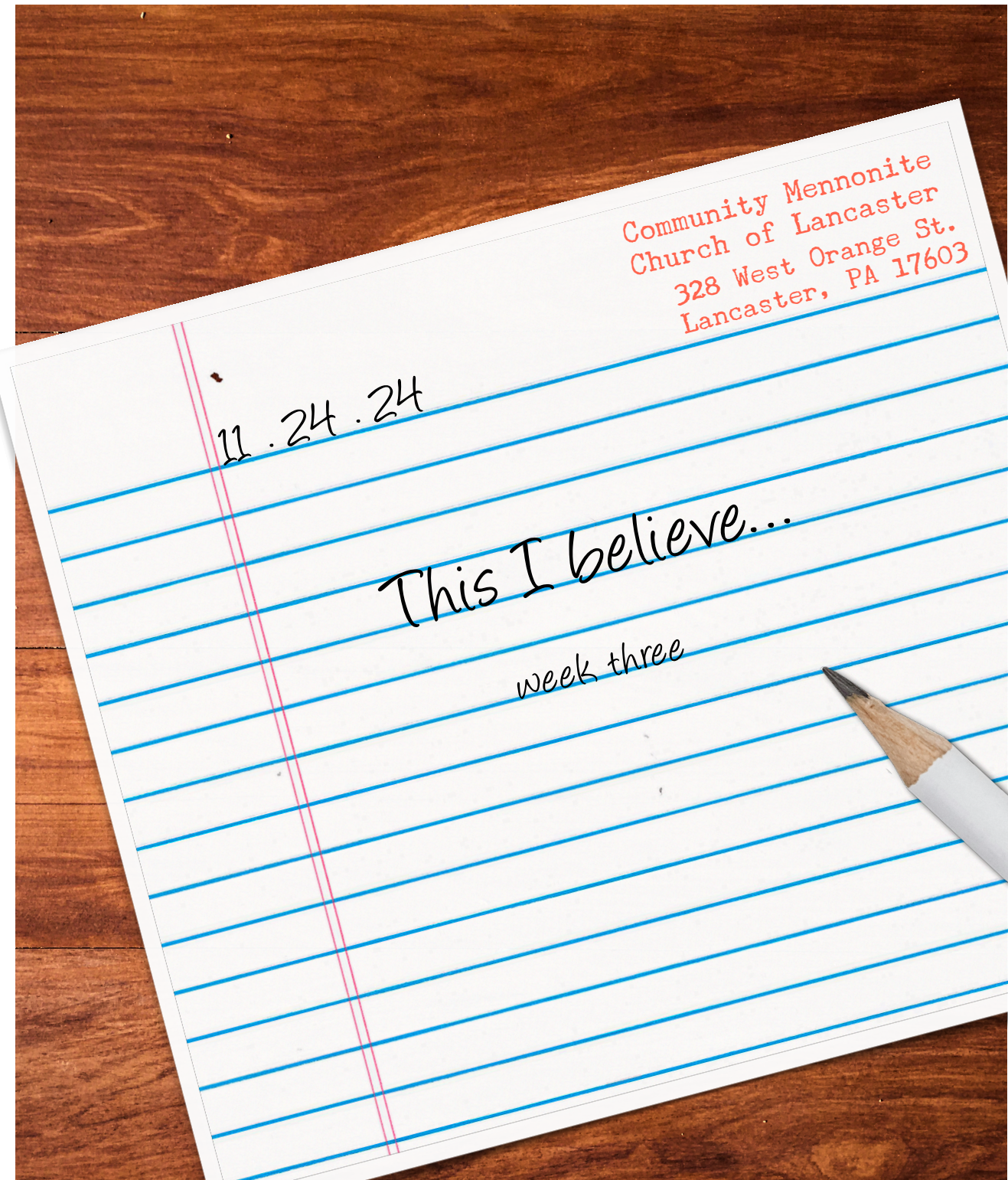
Through your grace, O God, form us into a community called to follow Jesus, known and loved by you, nourished throughout our lives by worship, relationships and the biblical story, open to new voices and new dreams, committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty, responsive to human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



Worship Leader: Prelude

Judy Zook

From This Bright Hour

by Mark Miller

Prelude & Offertory:

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Lynn Sommer
Charmayne Brubaker
Mary Alice Ressler
Dan Laubach

Welcome & Call to Worship

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.

Song Leader:

Dan Laubach

Scripture Reader:

Sophia Sauder

Fill us this morning with your peace:

Your Spirit is our peace and our path. Amen.

Gathering Songs

Summoned by the God Who Made Us

VT 1

Could it be that God is Singing

VT 42

Children's Time:

Susan Gascho-Cooke

Sound:

Ezra Kauffman

Children's Time

Come and See

VT 282

Offering Prayer

Zoom Technician:

Stock Weinstock

Offertory

Every Word and Every Breath

by Mark Miller

Greeters:

Mary Lou Weaver-Houser
Ken Beam

Scripture — Ephesians 3:16-21 CEB

I ask that God will strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches of God's glory through the Spirit. I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God.

Ushers:

Carolyn Dries
Carolyn Weaver

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.

Fishbowl Volunteers:

Carol Spicher
Jane Weigel

***This I Believe* Reflections**

Crescentia Volz

Ron Zook

Environment Design:

Alicia Smith
Crescentia Volz
Fall 2024 environment includes congregation participation and sharing of root beliefs

Song of Response

Spirit of the Living God

VT 740

Sharing Time & Prayer

Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

Go, My Friends in Grace

VT 810

Benediction

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