

## 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/](http://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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<b>Worship Leader:</b> Faith Cowell	<b>Prelude</b> <i>Everlasting God, On You I Call</i>	VT 630
<b>Offertory:</b> Daryl Snider	<b>Lighting of the Peace Candle</b>	
<b>Song Leader:</b> Christy Heatwole-Kauffman	<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Worship</b> You who open doors and dismantle barriers, <b>open our hearts to praise you,</b> that we may live the full truth of who we are, that we might live as neighbors and friends, no longer strangers and enemies; <b>open our hearts to the transforming power of your love,</b> that we might forgive and reconcile, making peace and learning war no more, <b>that we might be your people,</b> <b>one body in one Spirit,</b> <b>to tell your grace to all the world.</b> We pray in the name of the One who walked among us as brother and friend. <b>Amen</b>	
<b>Children’s Time:</b> Kay Reist		
<b>Sound:</b> Monte Garber		
<b>Zoom Technician:</b> Steve Walter		
<b>Greeters:</b> Carolyn Weaver Larry Groff		
<b>Ushers:</b> Laurel Martin Lamar Weaver	<b>Gathering Songs</b> <i>The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound</i>	VT 392
	<b>Children’s Time</b> <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
<b>Fishbowl Volunteers:</b> Carol Eby-Good Carrie Groffman	<b>Sharing Art</b> —Crescentia Mello-Volz	
<b>Cover Art:</b> “Letting Go,” by Crescentia Mello-Volz	<b>Sharing Art</b> —Chris Longenecker	
	<b>Offering Prayer &amp; Offertory</b>	
	<b>Sharing Art</b> —Doug Reesor	
	<b>Scripture</b> — Hebrews 10:19-25 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.	

<b>Reflection</b> — Jon Brandt CMCLers Jon Brandt and Stephanie Hanna live in Lancaster, PA half the year and Winnipeg, Manitoba the other half. Since they're currently in Winnipeg, Jon will be sharing his reflection remotely.	
<b>Song of Response</b> <i>To Leave the Stones Unthrown</i>	VT 580
<b>Sharing Time &amp; Prayer</b> <i>Loving God...hear our prayers</i>	
<b>Announcements &amp; Introduction of Visitors</b>	
<b>Closing Song</b> <i>What Is the World Like</i>	VT 298
<b>Benediction</b>	