

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.



Looking back,
LIVING FORWARD

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COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

Worship Leader: Ron Zook	Prelude <i>Light of the World</i>	by Dennis & Nan Allen
Prelude: K-5 children	Lighting of the Peace Candle	
Offertory: Maren Morgan	Welcome & Call to Worship	VT 851
Instrumentalists: Roger Lentz, Marci Hostetler (rehearsal pianist)	Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer to song and silence; People: Jesus calls us to worship. Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity; People: Jesus calls us to love. Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision; People: Jesus calls us to justice. Leader: We hear the call of Christ.	
Sermon: Chad Martin	All: <i>We worship together with joy.</i>	
Song Leader: Ron Umble	Gathering Songs	
Children’s Time: Jane Weigel	<i>Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah</i>	VT 95
	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	VT 137
Zoom Technician: Drew Brubaker	Children’s Time	<i>Come and See</i> VT 282
Greeters: Diane Umble Ken Beam	Offering Prayer	
Ushers: John Kanagy Laurel Martin	Offertory	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Christy Heatwole- Kauffman, Laura Boll, Eva Towers	<i>Halfway Down.</i>	by A.A. Milne & H. Fraser-Simon
<i>*Flowers this morning are provided by Beth Graybill and Stock Weinstock on the passing of their mothers this month.</i>	Scripture — Matthew 25:34-40	
	Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’	
	James 2:14-17 (NRSVUE)	
	What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily	

food and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Sermon — *The next right step*

Song of Response
Spirit, Open My Heart VT 636

Sharing Time & Prayer
Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song
You Are the Salt for the Earth VT 297

Benediction VT 1066
May the Christ
who walks on wounded feet
walk with you on the road.
May the Christ
who serves with wounded hands
stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ
who loves with a wounded heart
open your hearts to love.
May you see the face of Christ
in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet
see the face of Christ in you.