

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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CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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LENT
Christ Collides

03.23
2025

Worship Leader: John-Michael Cotignola-Pickens	Prelude <i>Andante Cantabile</i> from <i>Duo II for Violin and Viola</i> W.A. Mozart
Prelude & Offertory: Tony de la Rosa, Christy Heatwole Kauffman	Lighting of the Peace Candle
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Welcome & Call to Worship One: As we worship, Christ collides with our priorities. Many: We gather and pause from the important busyness of our lives. One: Jesus reveals the depth of God’s purposes. Many: Help us come to our senses by your Spirit. All: For your reign, O God, help us celebrate being found as we worship you.
Song Leader: Beth Graybill	Gathering Song <i>Could it Be that God is Singing</i> VT 42 <i>What is the World Like</i> VT 300
Children’s Time: Darrell Yoder	Children’s Time <i>Come and See</i> VT 282
Sound: Ezra Kauffman	
Zoom Technician:	
Greeters: Joanne Leatherman Ken Beam	My Coins Count CMCL children will come through the sanctuary with cups to collect change for Mennonite Central Committee
Ushers: Carolyn Weaver Pauline Zimmerman	Offering Prayer & Offertory <i>Rondo</i> from <i>Duo I for Violin and Viola</i> W.A. Mozart
Fishbowl Volunteers: Adam Miller Laura Boll	Prayer of Confession and Reassurance All: Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. One: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions. Many: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect. One: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Many: We prioritize the wrong things and the wrong people. All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us bring our priorities in line with yours so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen. Leader: Now hear these words of assurance: God tells us that we are created in God’s image. God created us for relationship with God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break our relationship. God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Alicia Smith	
Prayers from: <i>Leader</i> magazine, Lent 2025 resources	
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Scripture — Luke 15: 1-32

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Sermon —Christ Collides with Our Priorities

Song of Response

God Lights a Lamp

VT 299

Sharing Time & Prayer

Loving God...*hear our prayers*

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

We Shall Walk through the Valley

VT 574

Benediction