

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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Christ Collides

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COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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Worship Leader: Judy Zook	Prelude <i>Piano Composition</i> by Larnie Myer
Prelude & Offertory: Larnie Myer	Lighting of the Peace Candle
Sermon: Ron Zook	Welcome & Call to Worship One: As we worship, Christ collides with our selfishness. All: Lord, stir our beings as we turn to you. One: Lord, shake our perspective as you work in our lives. All: Help us center on you! All: We are persuaded to listen to you as we worship this day, our living God.
Song Leader: Christy Heatwole Kauffman	Gathering Songs <i>Here to the House of God We Come</i> VT 27 <i>We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer</i> VT 34 Children’s Time <i>Come and See</i> VT 282
Sound: Cody Litwiller	My Coins Count CMCL children will come through the sanctuary with cups to collect change for Mennonite Central Committee
Zoom Technician:	Offering Prayer & Offertory <i>Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child</i> African-American Spiritual Arr. Phillip Keveren
Greeters: Deb Hall Ken Beam	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. All: 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. All: We cling to what we have and trust in material things, ignoring the needs of those around us. All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us loosen our grip on what we have and challenge the selfishness of our society with open hands so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen
Ushers: Phil Kreider Jim Spicher	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Adam Miller Laura Boll	
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Alicia Smith	

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of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. He shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I’m suffering in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.’ The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father’s house. I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don’t come to this place of agony.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.’ The rich man said, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.’ Abraham said, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’

Sermon — *Christ Collides with our Selfishness*

Song of Response
Who will Speak a Word of Warning VT 758

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

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song
Christ has No Body Here but Ours VT 568

Benediction
As we journey, Jesus collides with our selfishness. Know Christ! Listen to Christ! Follow Christ! Expand the reign of God! Go, growing peace!