

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

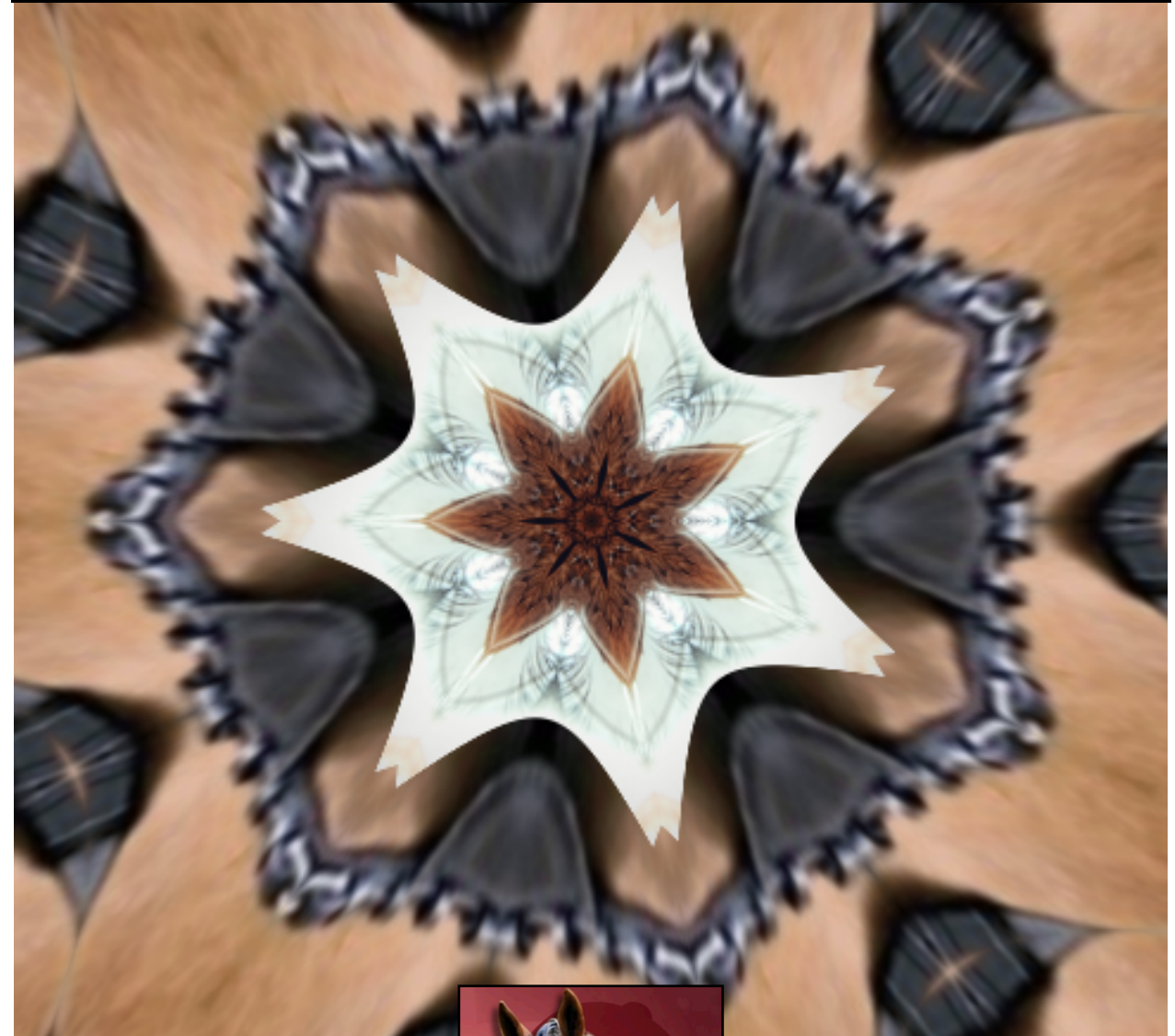
We acknowledge that Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster owns land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock confederacy (also known as the Conestoga) and Lenape people at the time of European contact. We lament our ancestors' complicity in land theft from Indigenous Peoples and how we benefit from 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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Worship Leader: Joseph Gascho	Prelude <i>In the Bulb There is a Flower</i> by Natalie Sleeth
Prelude & Offertory: K-5 Children Kate Umble Smucker Marcy Hostetler Rhea Miller	Lighting of the Peace Candle
	Welcome & Call to Worship
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Gathering Song <i>From North and South, from East and West</i> VT 460
	Children’s Time <i>Come and See</i> VT 282
Song Leader: Marty Kelley	First Grade Blessing <i>Paul Smucker (Hans and Kate Umble Smucker)</i> <i>Sutter Nugent (Diana and Mitch Nugent)</i> <i>Aiden Briel (Hannah Cargill and Craig Clearwater)</i>
Scripture Reader: Zita Angelo	Offering Prayer & Offertory <i>Don’t Forget to Remember</i> by Ellie Holcomb
Children’s Time: Meredith Fisher	Scripture — Luke 18:31-19:10 CEB Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, ‘See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.’ But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, ‘Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.’ Then he shouted, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ He said, ‘Lord, let me see again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God. He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.’ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, ‘He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.’ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.’
Sound: Scott Volz	
Zoom Technician: Stock Weinstock	
Greeters: Jean Sensenig Laurel Martin	
Ushers: Christy Heatwole Kauffman, Ryan Kauffman	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Carolyn Dries Jean Sensenig	
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Alicia Smith	

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Sermon
Christ Collides With Our Blinders

Song of Response
Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn
VT 146

Presentation of Gift from Circle Legacy
Victoria Valentine and CLC leaders
The Circle Legacy Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and empowering Native Americans. Through a variety of cultural events, community projects, and business assistance, CLC honors and supports the First Nations Peoples of the Americas regionally and nationally. We invite you to explore the rich cultural traditions of Native Americans by attending one of our monthly events (often held at CMCL).

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

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
VT 443

Benediction