

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

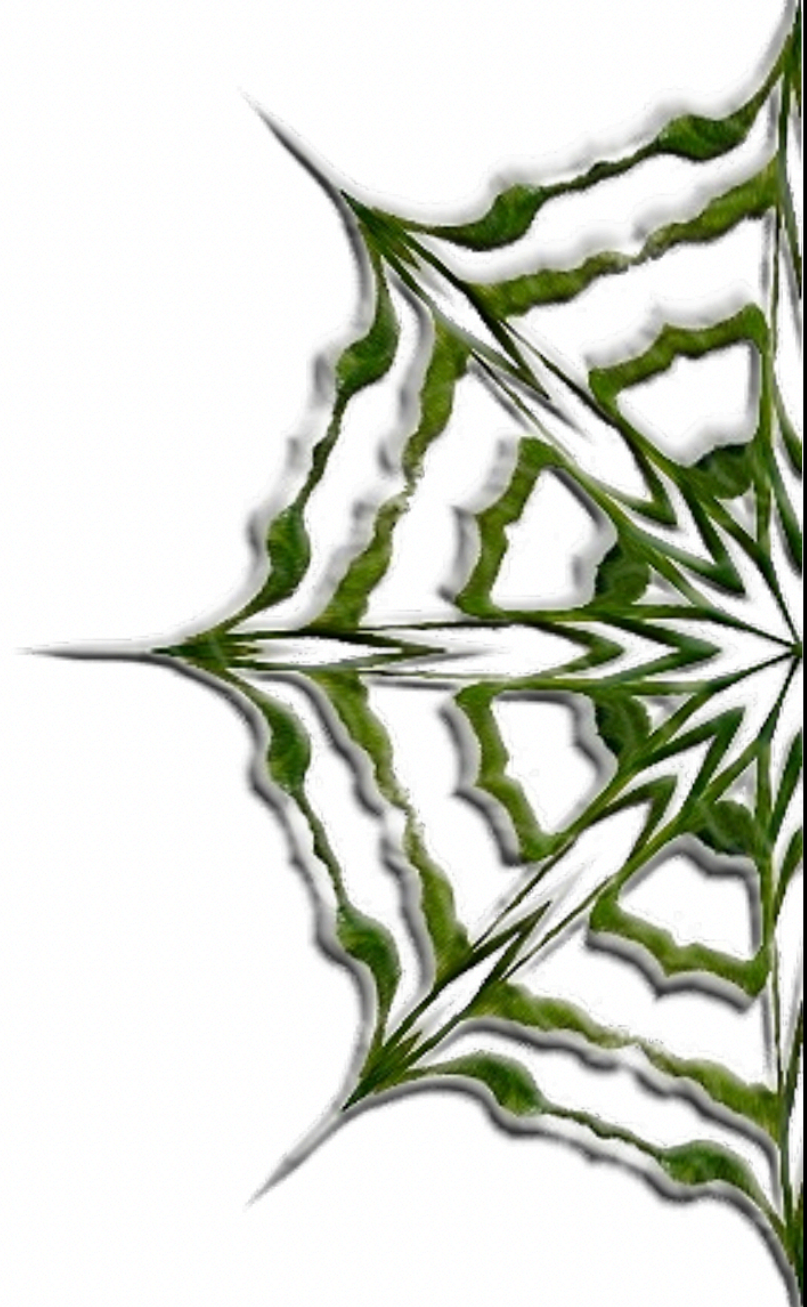
*Through your grace, O God, form us into a community
called to follow Jesus,
known and loved by you,
nourished throughout our lives by
worship, relationships and the biblical story,
open to new voices and new dreams,
committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty,
responsive to human 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.



LENT
Christ Collides



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COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

Worship Leader:
Christy Heatwole Kauffman

Prelude & Offertory:
Ron Umble, Donna Kirby,
Dean Clemmer, Anna
Smucker, Jean Sensenig
David Stallings

Accompanist:
Larnie Myer

Sermon:
Judy Zook

Song Leader:
Beth Graybill

Children’s Time:
Ed Kane

Sound:
Daryl Snider

Zoom Technician:
Drew Brubaker

Greeters:
Diane Umble
John Kanagy

Ushers:
Linford Good
Deb Hall

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Gwen Eberly
John Weigel
Yehyun Choi

Worship Environment:
Crescentia Volz
Alicia Smith

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Prelude
I Saw the Light

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Welcome & Call to Worship by Beth Richardson, *Passion Sunday*

ALL: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
ONE: Today we enter Holy Week, with its cycle of life, death, and new life.

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Jesus, the holy one, the whole one, enters Jerusalem as he rides on
the back of a donkey colt. Crowds wave palm branches and cry out,

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Jesus, holy one, enter the gates of our hearts today as we join you in
this time of your Passion. With you, let us remember and celebrate
your birth, your calling, your ministry.

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Jesus, our mentor of wholeness, guide us through the streets of our
journey. Open our eyes and our ears to the guiding of God's spirit who
calls us to costly faithfulness and to joyous wholeness. Let us sing
with all our selves.

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest heaven. Amen.

Gathering Songs
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VT 313
Siyahamba (We are Marching) VT 793

Children’s Time *Come and See* VT 282

Offering Prayer VT 1017

Offertory
Will the Circle Be Unbroken by C. Gabriel, arr. R. Umble

Scripture — Luke 19:29-44
When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the
Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, ‘Go into the village
ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has
never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, “Why are
you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.” ’ So those who were sent
departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt,
its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ They said, ‘The
Lord needs it.’ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their
cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept
spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path
down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began
to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they
had seen, saying,
‘Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!’

by Hank Williams, Jr., Arr. R. Umble

prayer by John Phillip Newell

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’
He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, ‘If you, even you, had only
recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from
your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts
around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the
ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone
upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.’

Sermon —*Christ Collides With Our Expectations*

Song of Response
How Can We be Silent? VT 790

Sharing Time & Prayer
Loving God...hear our prayers Pastoral Prayer adapt. from
Thank You for Life by Lois Siemens

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song
Christ has No Body Here but Ours VT 568

Benediction
Love is the origin and source of all good things.
Love guides, love protects, love leads to the end.
from the *Office of Readings*,
Feast of St. Stephen