

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.*

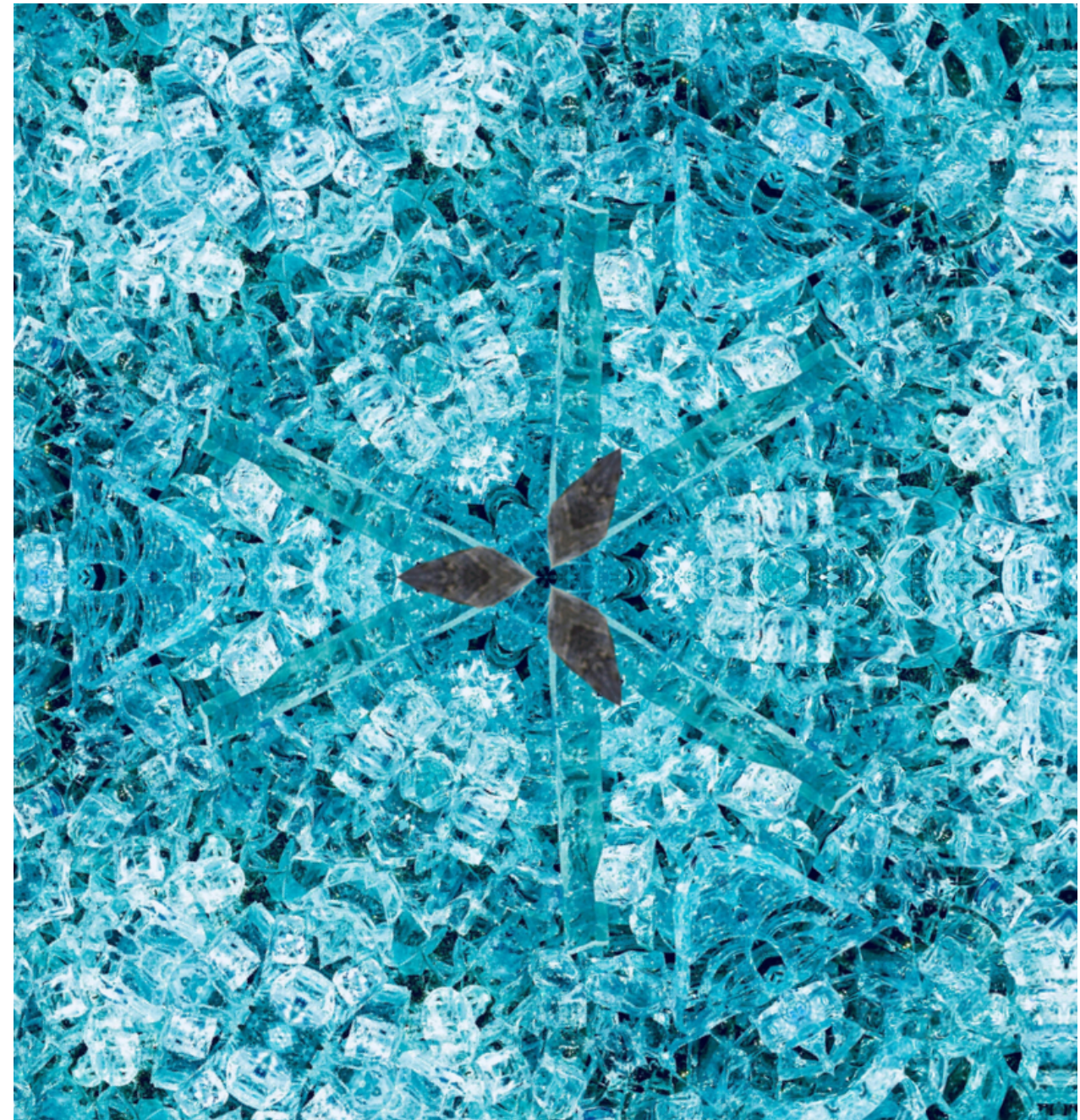


LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

**EASTER
SUNDAY**

Worship Leader: Ron Zook	Prelude <i>Come, Ye Faithful</i>	by R.S. Thatcher
Prelude & Offertory: Easter Choir	Lighting of the Peace Candle	
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Welcome & Call to Worship One: The stone is rolled away! All: Why look for the living among the dead? Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! No nonsense here! Christ collides with death, affecting the universe. Christ collides with death, affecting each of us. Alleluia! Christ is risen! All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!	
Song Leader: Ron Umble		
Children’s Time: Susan Gascho-Cooke		
Sound: Monte Garber	Gathering Songs <i>Lift your glad voices</i>	VT 340
Zoom Technician: Ezra Kauffman	<i>Christ the Lord is risen today</i>	VT 346
Greeters: Esther Becker Larry Groff	Children’s Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
Ushers: Carolyn Weaver Jack Shope	Offering Prayer Offertory <i>On the Rock I Stand</i>	by Edgar Mote & Roger Lentz
Fishbowl Volunteers: André Chubb Christy Heatwole- Kauffman, Larry Groff	<i>I’m Trying to Be Like Jesus</i>	by Janice Kapp Perry, arr. Barlow Bradford
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Alicia Smith	Choir members: Rebecca Boyer Beth Crosby Luke Good Beth Graybill Deb Hall Ellen Kanagy John Kanagy Marty Kelley Joanne Leatherman Laurel Martin Marichelle Roque-Lutz Jean Sensenig Sarah Shirk Don Stoltzfus Diane Umble Ron Umble Stock Weinstock Roger Lentz, piano	
Original photos: Orane Thomas, Deniz Altindas via <i>Unsplash.com</i>	Scripture — Luke 24: 1-12 CEB Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn’t find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn’t know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing.	
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The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn’t here but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn’t believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

Sermon — *Christ Collides with Death*

Song of Response

Christ has arisen, hallelujah! VT 341

Sharing Time & Prayer

*Loving God...**hear our prayers***

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

I know that my Redeemer lives VT 347

Benediction

As we journey, Jesus collides with our death. New life comes forth in this collision! In resurrection hope, go, growing peace!