

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.



COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER
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Worship Leader:
John Weigel

Prelude
Dona Nobis Pacem

Prelude & Offertory:
Matt Krebs

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Pianist:
Marcy Hostetler

Welcome & Call to Worship — *Litany of Resurrection*

In moments of discouragement

Spirit revitalize me

In moments of frustration

Spirit renew me

In moments of disconnection

Spirit revive me

In moments of disbelief

Spirit return me

In moments of confusion

Spirit remind me

Spirit be with me and resurrect me to full life

Sermon:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader:
Beth Graybill

Children’s Time:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Sound:
Scott Volz

Zoom Technician:

Gathering Songs

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing VT 359

Greeters:
Carolyn Dries
Marty Kelley

For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table see insert

Ushers:
Ryan Kauffman, Christy
Heatwole Kauffman

Children’s Time *Come and See* VT 282

• **Teacher Appreciation**

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Beth Crosby
Lori Bergey

Offering Prayer

Offertory

The Gift by David Nevue

Worship Environment:
Crescentia Volz
Alicia Smith

Scripture — Acts 9:36-43 CEB

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, “Please come right away!” Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive. Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up!” She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God’s holy people, including the widows, and

presented her alive to them. The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in God. Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.

Sermon

Song of Response

When the Storms of Life are Raging VT 595

Sharing Time & Prayer

Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

The hand of God shall hold you VT 671

Benediction