

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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THE EPISTLES

COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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LANCASTER, PA 17603

Worship Leader: Ron Zook	Prelude <i>Pannonica</i>	by Thelonius Monk
Prelude & Offertory: Larry Penner	Lighting of the Peace Candle	
	Welcome & Call to Worship	
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Leader: Christ is like a single body that has many parts.	
Song Leader: Jay Martin	ALL: It is still one body though every part is different.	
	Leader: Therefore the foot cannot say,	
Children’s Time: Ed Kane	Part 1: I am not part of the body;	
	Leader: nor can the ear say,	
Sound: Michael Eby-Good	Part 2: I am not part of the body.	
	Leader: The eye cannot say to the hand,	
Zoom Technician: Stock Weinstock	Part 1: I don’t need you;	
	Leader: nor can the head say to the feet,	
	Part 2: I don’t need you.	
Greeters: Beth Crosby Fern Clemmer	Leader: If one part suffers,	
	ALL: All parts share the pain;	
	Leader: if one part is praised,	
Ushers: Carolyn Weaver Laurel Martin	ALL: All parts share the joy.	
	Leader: Together, we are Christ’s body:	
	ALL: Each one of us is a part of it.	
Foyer Monitor: Joseph Gascho	Gathering Songs	
	<i>Summoned By the God Who Made Us</i>	VT 1
Fishbowl Volunteers: Laura Boll Andre Chubb	<i>Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing</i>	VT 7
	Children’s Time	<i>Come and See</i> VT 282
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Alicia Smith	Offering Prayer	
	Offertory	
	<i>Round Midnight</i>	by Thelonius Monk

Because of this, since the day we heard about you, we haven’t stopped praying for you and asking for you to be filled with the knowledge of God’s will, with all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

Hebrews 13:22-25
I urge you, brothers and sisters, to put up with this message of encouragement, since I’ve only written a short letter to you! You should know that our brother Timothy has been set free. If he comes soon, we will travel together to see you.
Greet your leaders and all of God’s holy people. The group from Italy greets you.
May grace be with all of you.

Sermon — *Dear Church,*

Song of Response
God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song VT 539

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

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song
Go, My Friends, in Grace VT 810

Benediction Philippians 1:9
I pray that your love will overflow more and more,
and that you will keep growing in knowledge and understanding.