

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.

Environment

The creation of the backdrop and peace dove was a collective effort. Mentor/mentee pairs that worked on the backdrop: Kendra Campbell and Greta Shumaker along with mentor mentee pair Kandace Helmuth and Maia Kaufman. Gwen Eberly guided the process. Rod Shumaker did the installation and lighting. Tissue paper collage with wool roving was used to create the backdrop and sewn fabric and handmade paper collage was used for the dove. The displays represent MCC, MEDA and MDS.

The Environment Committee: Gwen Eberly, Rod Shumaker, Dale Martin, and Lynn Sommer

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603
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CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact the church office staff at (717) 392-7567 or cmcl@communitymennonite.org.
Worship service: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Christian Ed: 10:00 a.m.
Bulletin Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Wednesday
Midweek Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Tuesday
Administrative Pastor: Leslie Homer-Cattell, (leslie@communitymennonite.org), Mon–Thu
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CD recordings of past services available upon request to the church office. Audio and text files of sermons are found on CMCL website or through your favorite podcast app.
If you'd like a mailbox or to be added to our email list, email sallie@communitymennonite.org
To join our closed Facebook Page search for Parrot Nation and request to join.

SINGING SUNDAY

Worship Leader:
John-Michael
Cotignola-Pickens

Prelude *Christmas song*

Lighting the Christ Candle

Song Leader:
Anne Sensenig

Sound Tech:
Cody Litwiller

Greeter:
Carolyn Weaver/
Esther Becker

Ushers:
Pauline Zimmerman
André Chubb
Christy Heatwole
Kauffman
Deb Cone Halsey

Child Care:
Brenda Sauder
Lindsey Deininger

Child Care Helper:
Faith Sauder

Call to Worship

Blessed are you
who bear the light
in unbearable times,
who testify
to its endurance
amid the unendurable,
who bear witness
to its persistence
when everything seems
in shadow
and grief.

Blessed are you
in whom
the light lives,

in whom
the brightness blazes—
your heart
a chapel,
an altar where
in the deepest night
can be seen
the fire that
shines forth in you
in unaccountable faith,
in stubborn hope,
in love that illumines
every broken thing
it finds.

*from Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings
for the Seasons, by Jan Richardson*

SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

Singing *Christmas Song*

Readings Psalm 148
“Advent Continues” by Ann Seems

Singing *Christmas Song*
Christmas Song

SONGS OF GRATITUDE (YEAR ENDING)

Children’s Time John-Michael Cotignola-Pickens
Come and see HWB #20

*We value children's participation in worship. This is a sacred
time for children and adults alike. Let us listen and see with the
eyes and ears of a child.*

Singing *Song of Gratitude*

Offertory/Offering *Song of Gratitude*

SONGS OF HOPE/INTENTION (YEAR BEGINNING)

Recitation “The True Ballad of Glorious Harriet Tubman”
by Sarah N Cleghorn, recited by Chris Longenecker

Special Music *Go Down Moses* Chynaah Maryoung-Cooke

Singing *Song of Hope/Intention*
Song of Hope/Intention

Time of Sharing & Prayer

Where do you sense God moving among us?

*This is our time to prayerfully respond to the scriptures and the
message of the morning as well as bring joys and concerns from
our lives and greater world.*

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord in our gratitude,
Hear our prayer.

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Benediction

**Visitors and new
attenders,** we invite
you to fill out the
visitor forms
in the back of the
blue hymnal.
Feel free to drop
them in the offering
basket, or hand them
to an usher as you
leave the service this
morning.