

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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.*



CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact the church office staff at (717) 392-7567 or cmcl@communitymennonite.org.
Summer worship service: 10:00 a.m. (in-person and Zoom)
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If you'd like a mailbox or to be added to our email list, email susan@communitymennonite.org
To join our closed Facebook Page search for Parrot Nation and request to join.

ORDINARY TIME

August 28, 2022
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Prelude *Jesus Hold My Hand*

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome & Call to Worship

VT 851

Jesus calls us
to praise and prayer,
to song and silence.

Jesus calls us to worship.

Jesus calls us
to hearing and healing,
to service and solidarity.

Jesus calls us to love.

Jesus calls us
to advocacy and action,
to protest and provisions.

Jesus calls us to justice.

We hear the call of Christ.

We worship and live together with joy.

Gathering Hymns

Together

VT 389

Be Still and Know

VT 37

Children's Time

Come and See

VT 282

Prayer of Confession and Turning to God's Way

The Lord's Prayer (One Possible Translation from the Aramaic)
by Neil Douglas-Klotz, *Prayers of the Cosmos*

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,
Focus your light within us – make it useful:
Create your reign of unity now –
Your one desire then acts with ours,
as in all light, so in all forms.
Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,
as we release the strands we hold
of others' guilt.

Don't let surface things delude us,
but free us from what holds us back.
From you is born all ruling will,
the power and the life to do,
the song that beautifies all,

from age to age it renews.

Truly – power to these statements –
may they be the ground from which all
our actions grow: Amen.

– Prayers of the Cosmos, p. 41

<https://inwardoutward.org/your-reign-of-unity-july-26-2022/>

Offering Prayer/Offertory *A Living Prayer*

Scripture

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Sermon

Hymn of Response

Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace

VT 719

Sharing Time— If you share a prayer request at the mic and would like to have it included in the Sharing Time email, email it to susan@communitymennonite.org

Loving God, hear our prayers.

Sharing Prayer

VT 1008, adapted

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

VT 840

Benediction

VT 1055, adapted

*Please join us in the Parrot Gallery fellowship hall downstairs
following the service for coffee, tea and fellowship.*

Worship Leader:
Leslie Homer-Cattell

Sermon:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader:
Dan Laubach

Children's Time:
Kirsten Crosby Blose

Prelude & Offertory:
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