

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. Amen.*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

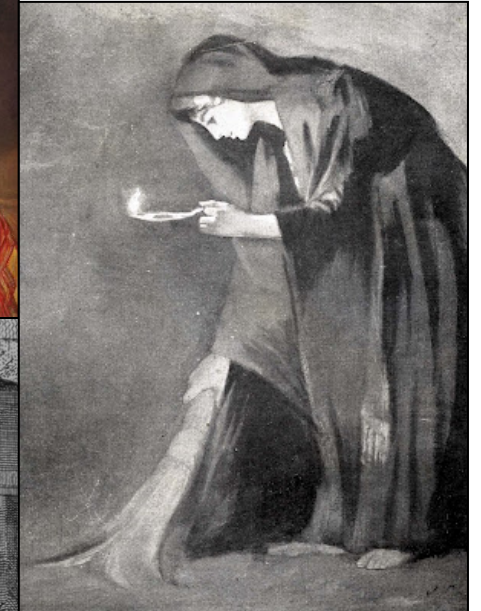
We acknowledge that Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster owns land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock confederacy (also known as the Conestoga) and Lenape people at the time of European contact. We lament our ancestors' complicity in land theft from Indigenous Peoples and how we benefit from a legacy of exploitation and genocide.

We intend for this statement to be a first step in a journey of healing and reconciliation.

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)
Administrative Pastor: Leslie Homer-Cattell, (leslie@communitymennonite.org)
Congregational Care Pastor: Susan Gascho-Cooke, (susan@communitymennonite.org)
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Director of Children's Ministries: Marilou Adams (marilou@communitymennonite.org)
Pastoral Team: Ron Vogt (Chair), Janet Dick, Luke Good, Christy Kauffman, Matt Krebs, Ashley Miller
Office staff: Donna Stoltzfus, (donna@communitymennonite.org)

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.



September 11, 2022
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Prelude

Journey, by Jimmy Cliff

Worship Leader:
Paul Allen

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Prayer of Light, resist harm.com

Transforming God, whose light always penetrates the darkness and whose love always overcomes hate, we ask that you sustain us as we struggle to make your light visible in an angry and frightened world. Nurture us daily as we work for your justice in unjust places and your peace in places where no peace is to be found. Give us courage and strength when we are fearful and weak. Give us hope and forgiveness when we feel hopeless and angry. And guide us every step of the way as we walk toward the light. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Song Leader:
Ron Umble

Children's Time:
Marilou Adams

Prelude & Offertory:
Tom Tucker

Welcome & Call to Worship

Sound:
Daryl Snider

Gathering Hymns

We Sing to You, O God
Let's Walk Together

VT 80
VT 6

Zoom Technician:
Drew Brubaker

Children's Time

Come and See

VT 282

Blessing of the Backpacks — *Every year we give a token of blessing to all of our children & youth as a reminder of the love and care of God and community each day wherever they are in school. This morning we also celebrate the beginning of our Christian Education year here at CMCL. Thank you to all the teachers and chaperones and volunteers who make our programming possible!*

Greeter:
Jean Sensenig (1st)
Kirsten Hoover (2nd)

Ushers:
Luke Good,
Marian Good (1st),
Christy Kauffman,
Ryan Kauffman (2nd)

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Redemption Song, by Bob Marley

Cover Art:
top: "The Bride of Bethlehem" by William Holman Hunt
left: etching by Jan Luyken
right: unknown artist

Scripture

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.'

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Sermon

Hymn of Response

God Lights a Lamp

VT 299

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

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn

The Lord is My Light

VT 437

Benediction

VT 1063

Between services all are welcome to the Parrot Gallery downstairs for coffee, tea and fellowship. Christian Education classes for all ages are from 10:00 - 10:50.