

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.

**COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH
OF LANCASTER**



SANKOFA

October 16, 2022

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

VT 865

We light a light
in the name of the God who creates life,
in the name of the Savior who loves life,
in the name of the Spirit who is the fire of life.

Worship Leader:
Faith Cowell

Call to Worship

VT 862

You who open doors and dismantle barriers,
open our hearts to praise you,
**that we might live the full truth
of who we are,
that we might live as neighbors and friends,
no longer strangers and enemies;**
open our hearts to the transforming power
of your love,
**that we might forgive and reconcile,
making peace and learning war no more,
that we might be your people,
one body in one Spirit,
to tell your grace to all the world.**

We pray in the name of the One
who walked among us
as brother and friend.

Amen

Welcome

Greeter:

Nancy Borremans (1st)
Zita Angelo (2nd)

Gathering Hymn *Come to the Water*

VT 35

Ushers:

Carolyn Weaver (1st)
Ken Beam,
Pauline
Zimmerman (2nd)

Children's Time (second service) *Come and See*

VT 282

Scripture Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Environment:

Sankofa screen prints
by CMCLers at retreat
with help from Soleil
and Mel Yoder Salim;
Ghanaian fabric from
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Offering Prayer

from *Celtic Benediction* by J. Philip Newell

The world is alive with your goodness, O God,
it grows green from the ground
and ripens into the roundness of fruit.
Its taste and its touch
enliven my body and stir my soul.
Generously given
profusely displayed
your graces of goodness pour forth from the earth.
As I have received
so free me to give.
As I have been granted
so may I give.

Offertory

Scripture

Psalms 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Sermon

Transformed

Hymn of Response

Beauty for Brokenness

VT 712

Communion

Eat this Bread

VT 476

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 leslie@communitymennonite.org

Loving God, hear our prayers.

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn

Thuma Mina

VT 834

Benediction

from *Celtic Benediction* by J. Philip Newell

May the light of God
illumine the heart of my soul.
May the flame of Christ
kindle me to love.
May the fire of the Spirit
free me to live
This day, tonight and for ever.