

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

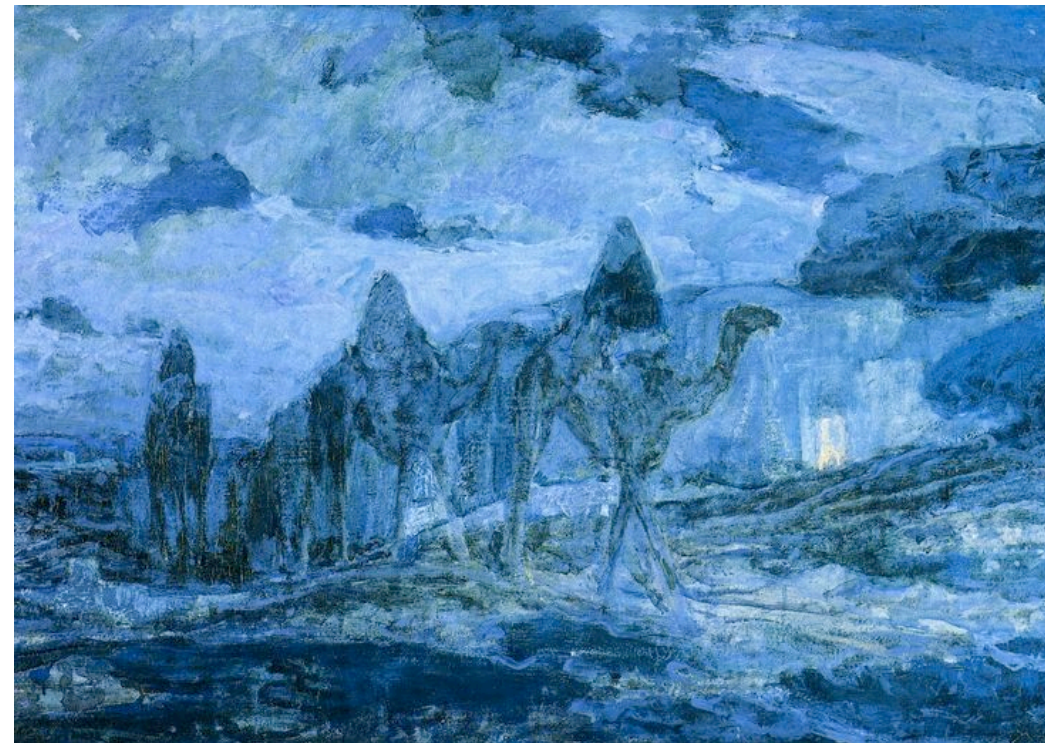
*Through your grace, O God,
form us into a community
called to follow Jesus,
known and loved by you,
nourished throughout our lives by
worship,
relationships
and the biblical story,
open to new voices and new dreams,
committed to one another
in times of celebration and difficulty,
responsive to human 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



The Three Wisemen (1925), Henry Ossawa Tanner

LIGHT

January 08, 2023

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

	Prelude	<i>The Star and the Wise Men</i> by Charles H. Gabriel		
	Lighting the Christ Candle			
		The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5		
Worship Leader: Sherry Groff	Welcome	Throughout Advent and Christmas we progressed through Hope. Peace. Joy. Love. Christ. This Sunday we add Light.		
Sermon: Leslie Homer-Cattell				
Song Leader: Ron Umble	Call to Worship	Four weeks ago, twelve CMCLers set off for a downtown Lancaster Advent walk with their smartphone cameras in hand. Our call to worship is a collection of images from that walk. Introductory text is from Father Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, as quoted in <i>Richard Rohr Daily Meditation</i> , December 22. The images and text will speak for themselves.		
Children’s Time: Pam Brubaker				
Prelude & Offertory: Rhea Miller Alicia Smith Ron Umble	Gathering Hymns	<i>Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem</i>	VT 275	
		<i>Longing for Light</i>	VT 715	
Sound: Maren Morgan (1st) Daryl Snider (2nd)	Children’s Time	<i>Come and See</i>	VT 282	
Zoom Technician: Drew Brubaker	Offering Prayer	Dear God, I offer you my praise. I offer you my heart. I offer you my money. I offer you my life. Thank you God, for everything you give to me. Amen.		
Greeter: Carolyn Dries (1st) Kirsten Hoover (2nd)				
Ushers: Marian Good (1st) Lorman Laird (1st) Laurel Martin (2nd) Jack Shope (2nd)	Offertory	<i>One Little Candle</i>	by J. Maloy Roach and George Mysels	
	Scripture	Isaiah 60:1-6		
Fishbowl: Beth Crosby Margaret Krumm	Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.			

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses’ arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Hymn of Response	<i>Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet</i>	VT 398
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Communion

Sharing Time & Prayer

Announcements & Introductions

Closing Hymn	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	VT 762
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Benediction

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit,
That in your light we may see light,
In your truth find freedom,
And in your will discover peace,
Through Jesus Christ , Our Lord. Amen
Hymnal, A Worship Book #769

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