

Who We Are

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

January 15, 2023
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

	Prelude	<i>Camena Conmigo</i>	by Pax Ressler
	Welcome		
Worship Leader: Diane Umble	Call to Worship	<i>You are Free</i>	by Morgan Harper Nichols
Song Leader: Marty Kelley	You are free to come alive in this space without knowing how it all falls in place. You are free to trust that within the change, there is endless, boundless, grace.		
Sermon:	So let it be grace that reminds you even here, the Light gets through. You are free to look forward with hope, no matter what your are're leaving behind you.		
Children's Time: Marilou Adams	So look up from the ground with hope. As long as you are here there is more road to go.		
Prelude & Offertory: Anika Krebs and Matt Krebs			
Sound: Monte Garber (1st) Ezra Kauffman (2nd)			
	Lighting of the Peace Lamp		VT 1006
Zoom Technician: Steve Walter	Gathering Hymn	<i>We Dream of a Turning</i>	VT 209
Greeter: Beth Crosby (1st) Esther Becker (2nd)	Children's Time	<i>Come and See</i>	VT 282 <i>(Second service only)</i>
	Offering/Offertory	<i>For Everyone Born</i>	by Shirley Erena Murray
Ushers: John Kanagy Jim Spicher (1st), Zita Angelo, Ryan Kauffman (2nd)	Scripture	Psalms 40:1-7	(Inclusive Testament)
Worship Environment: Sankofa banner crated from CMCL Retreat printmaking project.	Unyielding, I called upon YHWH, now at last you have stooped to me and answered my cry for help. You have pulled me out of the Pit of Destruction, out of its mud and quicksand; you set my feet on a rock and made my steps firm. You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to you. Many will look on in wonder and so will put their trust in you. Happiness comes to those who put their trust in YHWH, instead of in human egos		

or people blind to the truth!
How many wonders you've worked for us, YHWH, my God!
How many plans you've made for us;
you have no equal!
I want to recount them again and again,
but their number is too great.
You don't desire sacrifice or oblation,
instead you made my ears receptive to you;
you asked no burnt offering
or sacrifice for sins from me.
And so I declared,
"Here I am! I have come!"

Meditation I **CMCL Sankofa Reflections**

CMCL Slide Show, edited by Faith Cowell
Craig Clearwater
Hannah Cargill
John Weigel
Laura Boll

Hymn Interlude *Quietly, Peacefully* VT 533

Meditation II **CMCL Sankofa Reflections**

Matt Blose
Paul Allen
Susan King
Looking Ahead with Dismantling Racism Committee:
Jeff Hawkes, Marty Kelley

Hymn of Response *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* VT 685

Sharing Time
Response: *Loving God, hear our prayers.*

*(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)*

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn *Seeds* VT 777

Benediction

*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.*

*Thank you to all who
contributed to this service—
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who helped to plan the
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who shared the poetry and
compiled the benediction
from words by John
O'Donohue*

