

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

328 West Orange St
Lancaster, PA 17603

April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday



seeking: Who are you
looking for?

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Worship Leader:

Diane Umble

Song Leader:

Ron Umble

Children's Time:

Janet Allen

Prelude & Offertory:

Adult Choir,

conductor: Marty Kelley,

Accompanist: Roger Lentz

Scripture Readers:

Marian Good (1st)

Jonathan Sauder (2nd)

Sound:

Maren Morgan (1st)

Daryl Snider (2nd)

Zoom Technician:

Greeters:

Beth Crosby (1st)

Deb Hall (2nd)

Ushers:

John Kanagy,

Phil Kreider(1st),

Zita Angelo,

Nancy Borremans(2nd)

Environment:

Lenten Rose paintings:

Cara Longacre Hurst &

Cynthia Kilbourne

Needlework & Prints of Menno Simmons

sayings:

Rachel Kraybill-Stahl

Prelude

Rejoice, Rejoice this Easter Morn

by Michael Larkin

Welcome & Call to Worship

What are you looking for?

The light before dawn.

What are you looking for?

A reason to hope.

What are you looking for?

Joy after grief and flowers after winter.

What are you looking for?

A place to belong.

What are you looking for?

We are looking for the Messiah.

Good news! Come in. Love is alive.

Surely God is in this place.

Gathering Songs

Lift Your Glad Voices

VT 340

Could It Be That God is Singing?

VT 341

Children's Time: Jump for Joy!

Come and See

VT 282

Offering/Offertory

Alleluia/Be Not Afraid

Allelula

by William Boyce

Scripture

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon

Song of Response

Who are you looking for?

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Sharing Time & Prayer

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Sending Song

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

VT 347

v. 1,3,4 & 6

Benediction

As you leave this place,
may God bless you with seeking.
Seek out the hungry.
Seek the weary.
Seek the good in every person you pass.
Seek out the hopeful.
Seek the faithful.
Seek God in each of us.
As you seek and as you wonder,
may you find what you are looking for.
In the name of our loving God,
who is always seeking us,
go now in peace. Amen.