

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

May 7, 2023



at FIVE
HUNDRED

Reading Scripture Together

Worship Leader: Faith Cowell	Prelude <i>Lord, I am fondly, earnestly longing</i>	
Song Leader: Darlis Myer	Lighting of the Peace Candle	
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Call to Worship Holy God, you call us together to reflect on your Word and our life in your world. Be with us now as we sing and pray together, that we may hear your voice and understand your way. This we pray through Jesus the Christ. Amen	
Children’s Time: Marilou Adams		
Prelude & Offertory: Ron Umble		
Sound: Michael Eby-Good Ezra Kauffman		
Zoom Technician: Drew Brubaker	Welcome	
Greeter: Nancy Borreman(1st) Kirsten Hoover (2nd)	Gathering Song <i>What is this Place</i>	VT 857
	Children’s Time (2nd service) <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
Ushers: John Kanagy, Linford Good(1st), Jack Shope, Laurel Martin (2nd)	Offering Prayer	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Brenda Sauder Larry Groff Eva Lucas Towers	Offertory <i>Lord, thou dost love a cheerful giver</i>	VT 22
	Scripture Prayer	
	Scripture - 1 Peter 2:2-10 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:	

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner’,

And
‘A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people,
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of
darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Sermon

Hymn of Response
Christ is our Cornerstone VT 4

Sharing Time

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn
My Life Flows On VT 605

Benediction
Go in peace.
Go be peace.