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/

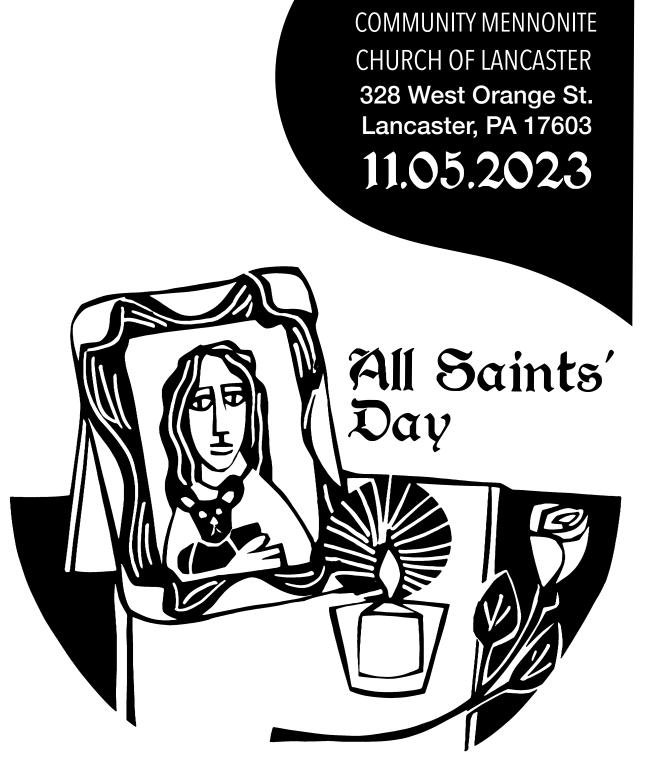
CMCL Vision Prayer

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.



Prelude Worship Leader:

> Homemade Tov by Daryl Snider Diane Umble

Ritual: **Lighting of the Peace Candle** by Verna Miller

Susan Gascho-Cooke Lighting this candle expresses our longings

week after week

Song Leader: for peace to be lived in all our relationships. Ron Umble

in our neighborhoods,

in our politically divided nation, Children's Time:

and in the many areas of conflict across the globe. Susan Gascho-Cooke

We humbly pray for peace.

Prelude & Offertory:

Daryl Snider Welcome & Call to Worship VT 863

Source of all hope and holiness, Sound: we gather today to be church. Michael Eby-Good

Bless those who are absent

but not from our hearts. Zoom Technician:

Bless those who are distant. Drew Brubaker

but not from our love.

Bless each of us here. Greeter:

that we may choose justice by your Spirit, draw kindness from the well of your mercy, and walk humbly in your path. O God.

Ushers: Carolyn Weaver Linford Good

Esther Becker

Gathering Songs

We Sing to You, O God VT 80 **Fishbowl Volunteers:** For All the Saints VT 672 John Weigel

> VT 282 Children's Time Come and See

Environment Design:

Zita Angelo & Renee King

Sherry Groff

Offering Prayer

Offertory

All My Favorite People by Over the Rhine

Scripture - Psalm 116:15

The death of your faithful is precious in your sight, O God.

All Saints' Memorial Candle Lighting

Dean Brubaker (Nov 5, 2022) Rosalina Wilson (April 13, 2023)

Ruth Martin (June 13, 2023)

Dale Huber (Aug 31, 2023)

Ada Hallman (September 13, 2023)

We Remember Them

Jewish Book of Prayer

In the rising of the sun and its going down, we remember them.

In the bowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

In the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

When we are lost and sick of heart. we remember them.

When we have joys and special celebrations we yearn to share, we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us, we remember them.

Sharing Time

Song of Response

Through our Fragmentary Prayers

VT 677

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

Soon and Very Soon

VT 669

Benediction VT 826

May God Bless you and keep you. May the very face of God shine on you and be gracious to you. May God's presence embrace you and give you peace.