### 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.

### DISMANTLING RACISM STATEMENT

The predominantly white CMCL community acknowledges a history of unearned privilege and opportunity that occurred at the expense of those of color. We commit to move beyond mere words to tangible reparative acts, increasingly reflected in our annual church budget and through individual contributions. We see this lifelong process of learning and action to be transformational yet acknowledge this is only a step.





Prelude

Worship Leader: St. Thomas

Sherry Groff St. Thomas

Prelude & Offertory:

CMCL Jazz Ensemble Lighting of the Peace Candle

Song Leader:

Ryan Kauffman Welcome & Call to Worship

Scripture Reader:

Mike Kuhns

**Gathering Songs** 

Children's Time: Jesus on the Mountain Peak VT 301
Sarah Fritz Empathy by Duke Pearson

Sound:

Michael Eby-Good Child

Children's Time Come and See VT 282

**Zoom Technician:** 

Stock Weinstock

**Offering Prayer** 

Greeter:

Diane Umble

Offertory

Ushers: Money In the Pocket
Laurel Martin.

Scripture - Mark 9: 2-9

by Joe Zawinul

arr. Mark Taylor

**Fishbowl Volunteers:** 

Pauline Zimmerman

Lindsey Deininger, Brenda Sauder, Eva Towers

Environment Design:

Zita Angelo & Renee King Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Rabbi, it's good that we're here. Let's make three shrines—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He said this because he didn't know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, "This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Human One had risen from the dead.

#### **CMCL Jazz Ensemble**

Blues After Dark by Benny Golson

#### Communion

# The Prayer Jesus Taught

Our loving God, in whom is heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

### **Music during Communion**

Hunger for Beauty by Jim Croegaert, arr. Ryan Kauffman Peace by Horace Silver, arr. C. Israels

VT 948

### **Prayer Following Communion**

God of mystery and wonder, at this and every table you dissolve the distance between the ordinary and the holy; you break the barrier separating the common and the sacred. We thank you for this thin place, this holy space, this well of grace. Amen.

# **Sharing Time & Prayer**

### **Announcements & Introduction of Visitors**

# **Benediction Prayer**

# **Postlude**

God Be With You