

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.

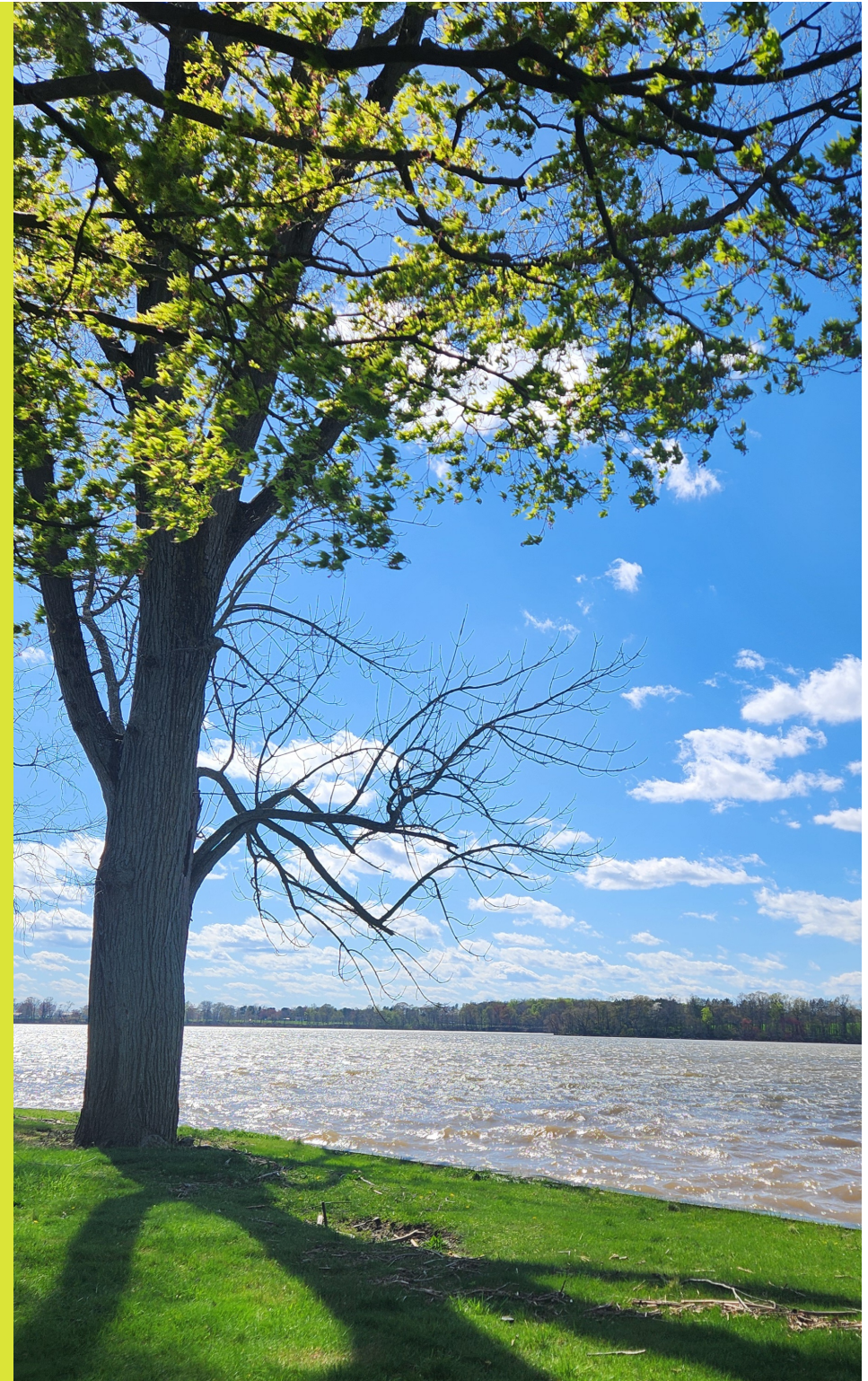


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COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 W Orange Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

WATERSHED DISCIPLESHIP



Worship Leader: Diane Umble
Prelude
Come, Gracious Spirit by William B. Bradbury

Prelude & Offertory: Quartet: Luke Good, Mary Alice Ressler, Leon Miller, Ron Umble
Lighting of the Peace Candle VT 865
 We light a light
 In the name of the God who creates life,
 In the name of the Savior who loves life,
 In the name of the Spirit who is the fire of life.

Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader: Rod Houser
Welcome & Call to Worship *Praying* by Mary Oliver
 It doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, then patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak.

Children's Time: Meredith Fisher, Children & Youth Christian Education

Sound: Michael Eby-Good

Zoom Technician: **Gathering Songs**
Open My Eyes That I May See VT 738
God the Sculptor of the Mountains VT 423

Greeters: Larry Groff, Laurel Martin
Children's Time & Teacher Appreciation
Come and See VT 282

Ushers: Sherry Groff, John Kanagy
Offering Prayer VT 1020, abr.

Fishbowl Volunteers: Beth Graybill, Jane Weigel
Offertory
God Will Take Care of You by W. S. Martin

Environment Design: Renee King, Zita Angelo, Crescentia Volz, Pauline Zimmerman, Brenda Sauder, Gwen Reed Blankenship
Scripture — II Timothy 1:1-7 CEB
 From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, to promote the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.
 To Timothy, my dear child.
 Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
 I'm grateful to God, whom I serve with a good conscience as my ancestors did. I constantly remember you in my prayers day and night. When I remember your tears, I long to see you so that I can be filled with happiness. I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice.

I'm sure that this faith is also inside you. Because of this, I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

Sermon

Song of Response

O Thou, in Whose Presence VT 600

Sharing Time & Prayer

Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

The Hand of God Shall Hold You VT 671

Benediction VT 1055

Go, knowing you are beloved by God.
 Go, praising God for the good news in Jesus Christ.
 Go, living the message
 Of God's grace, peace, and love. Amen