

## 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/](http://www.communitymennonite.org/about-us/what-we-believe/)

## CMCL VISION PRAYER

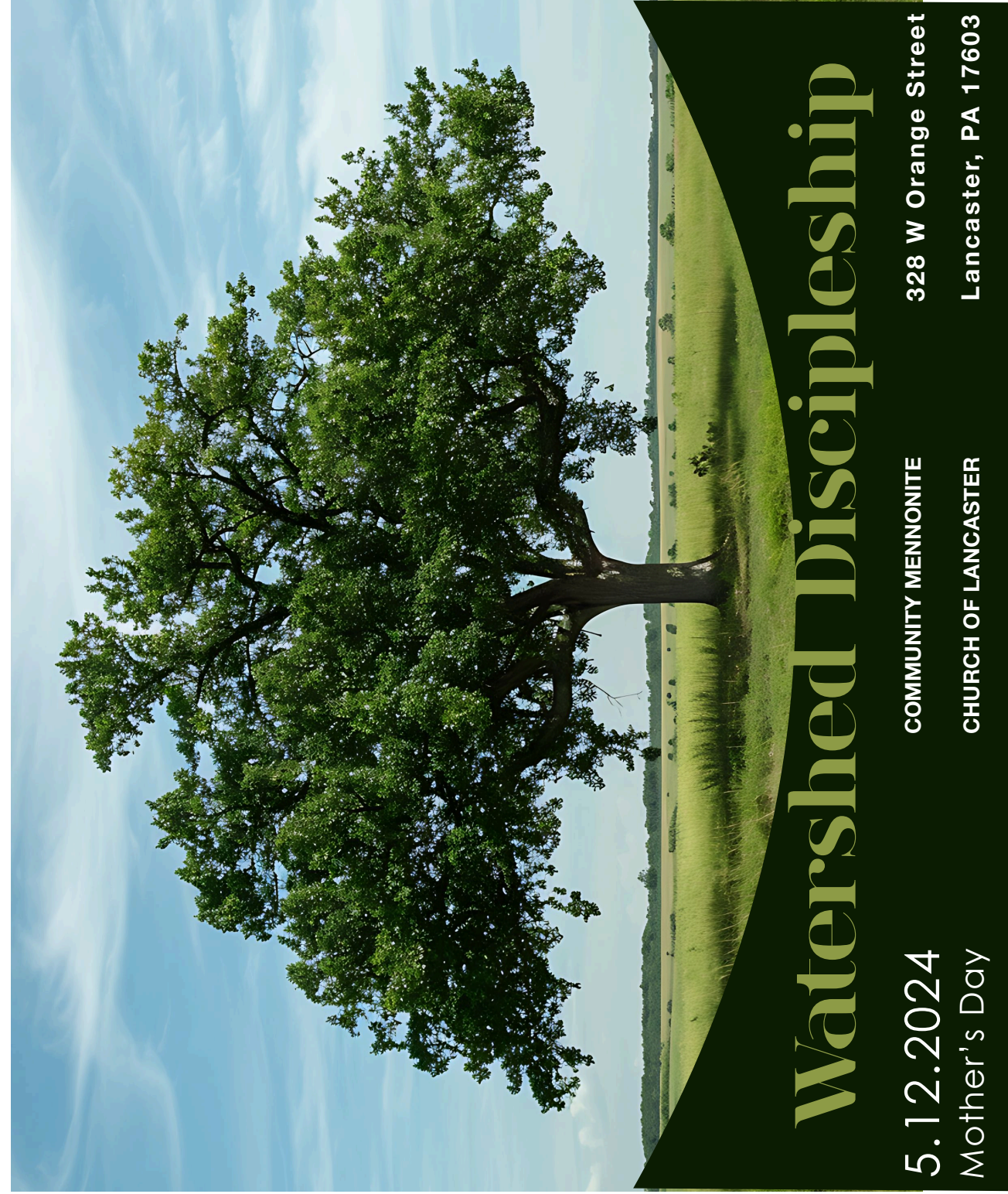
*Through your grace, O God, form us into a community called to follow Jesus, known and loved by you, nourished throughout our lives by worship, relationships and the biblical story, open to new voices and new dreams, committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty, responsive to human 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.*



# Watershed Discipleship

5.12.2024  
Mother's Day

COMMUNITY MENNONITE  
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 W Orange Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603

**Worship Leader: Prelude**  
Faith Cowell

**Prelude: Lighting of the Peace Candle**  
Matt Krebs

**Offertory: Welcome & Call to Worship** VT 1002  
Christian Ed. Class  
Gardener God,  
**you have planted and protected us**

**Reflection: by your faithful hand.**  
Susan Gascho-Cooke  
Send us the sap of your grace

**Song Leader:**  
Ron Umble  
**and make us to blossom**

**Children's Time:**  
Carol Eby-Good  
**and bear the fruit of love**  
**as a sign of your life in us.**

**Sound:**  
Monte Garber  
Let the sweet fragrance of the shoots  
you have planted  
give you praise forever.

**Zoom Technician: Gathering Songs**  
Drew Brubaker  
*We sing to you, O God* VT 57

**Greeters:** *Touch the Earth Lightly* VT 145  
Carol Spicher

John Kanagy **Children's Time** *Come and See* VT 282

**Ushers:** *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein

Fern Clemmer *The Tree Who Set Healthy Boundaries* by Topher Payne

Jim Spicher

**Offering Prayer** VT 1021

**Fishbowl Volunteers:**  
André Chubb  
Marian Good  
**Offertory**  
*What can one little person do*

**Environment Design:**  
Renee King  
Zita Angelo  
Crescentia Volz  
Pauline Zimmerman  
Brenda Sauder  
Gwen Reed Blankenship  
**Scripture — Luke 13: 18-19 CEB**  
Jesus asked, "What is God's kingdom like? To what can I compare it? It's like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in a garden. It grew and developed into a tree and the birds in the sky nested in its branches."

## Reflection

### Prayer Before Communion - *The Prayer that 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.

## Communion

### Sharing Time & Prayer

*Loving God...hear our prayers*

## Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

### Closing Song

*I saw a Tree by the Riverside* VT 514

### Benediction

**This day, God, may we dream your dreams;**  
**This day, God, may we reflect your love;**  
**This day, God, may we do your work;**  
**This day, God, may we taste your peace.**