

## 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

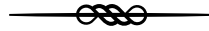
*Through your grace, O God, form us into a community called to follow Jesus, known and loved by you, nourished throughout our lives by worship, relationships and the biblical story, open to new voices and new dreams, committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty, responsive to human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



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COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street Lancaster, PA 17603

<b>Worship Leader:</b> Leslie Homer-Cattell	<b>Prelude</b> <i>Where could I go but to the Lord</i>	by J.B. Coats
<b>Sermon:</b> Jonathan Sauder	<b>Lighting of the Peace Candle</b>	
<b>Prelude &amp; Offertory:</b> Ron Umble Dean Clemmer Dennis Maust David Stallings Daryl Snider	<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Worship</b> <b>Gathering Song</b> <i>Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing</i>	VT 7
<b>Song Leader:</b> Darlis Myer	<b>Children's Time</b> <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
<b>Children's Time:</b> Jonathan Sauder	<b>Offering Prayer</b> <i>Where no one stands alone</i>	by M. Lister
<b>Sound:</b> Cody Litwiller	<b>Scripture</b> <b>Joshua 24: 24-28 NRSV</b> The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the LORD. Joshua said to all the people, 'See, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us; therefore it shall be a witness against you, if you deal falsely with your God.' So Joshua sent the people away to their inheritances.	
<b>Zoom Technician:</b> Drew Brubaker	<b>Mark 10:17-31 First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament</b> As Creator Sets Free (JESUS) set out walking from there, a man ran up to him and honored him. "Good Wisdomkeeper," the man asked, "what path will lead me to the life of the world to come that never fades away?" "Why do you call me good?" he asked the man. "There is only one who is good — the Great Spirit. You must know the instructions <i>from the lawgiver Drawn from the Water (MOSES)</i> . 'You are not to take the life of another, or be unfaithful in marriage, or take what is not yours. Never lie or cheat a fellow human being, and always give honor and respect to your father and mother.'" "Wisdomkeeper," the man answered, "from my youth I have followed all of these instructions." Creator Sets Free (JESUS) looked at the man with love and said, "Only one thing remains. Take all your possessions, invite the poor of your village to come, and have a giveaway. Then in the spirit-world above you will have many possessions waiting for you.	
<b>Greeters:</b> Carolyn Weaver Ken Beam		
<b>Ushers:</b> Marian Good Pauline Zimmerman		
<b>Fishbowl Volunteers:</b> Carol Eby-Good Denise Cope Sophia Sauder		
<b>Environment Design:</b> Renee King Zita Angelo Crescentia Volz Pauline Zimmerman Brenda Sauder Gwen Reed Blankenship		

Then leave everything behind and come, walk the road with me." The man's heart fell to the ground. He hung his head and walked away, for he had many possessions. Creator Sets Free (JESUS) then looked around at the people and said to his followers, "Finding and walking the good road is a hard thing for the ones who have many possessions." His followers could not believe what they were hearing. *\*They thought having many possessions was a sign of blessing from the Great Spirit\** Creator Sets Free (JESUS) spoke again to them. "Little children," he said, "the ones who trust in their many possessions will have a hard time finding their way onto the good road. It would be easier for a moose to go through the eye of a needle." They shook their heads in wonder, looked at each other, and said, "How then can anyone walk the good road that sets all people free?" He looked at them and said, "It is not possible for weak human beings, but with Creator's help all things are possible. Stands on the Rock (PETER) spoke up, "We have left all our possessions, and our relatives, to walk the road with you! What will become of us?" "I speak from my heart," he answered, "no one who has given up homes and families to follow me and walk my good road will go without. In this present world they will become part of an even greater family, with many homes and lands. Even though they have been abused and mistreated, they will receive much more than they have lost. Then, in the world to come, they will have the life of beauty and harmony that never fades away. 'But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.'"

## Sermon

### Song of Response

*This Is God's Wondrous World*

### Sharing Time & Prayer

*Loving God...hear our prayers*

## Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

### Closing Song

*O Healing River*

VT 706

## Benediction