

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.



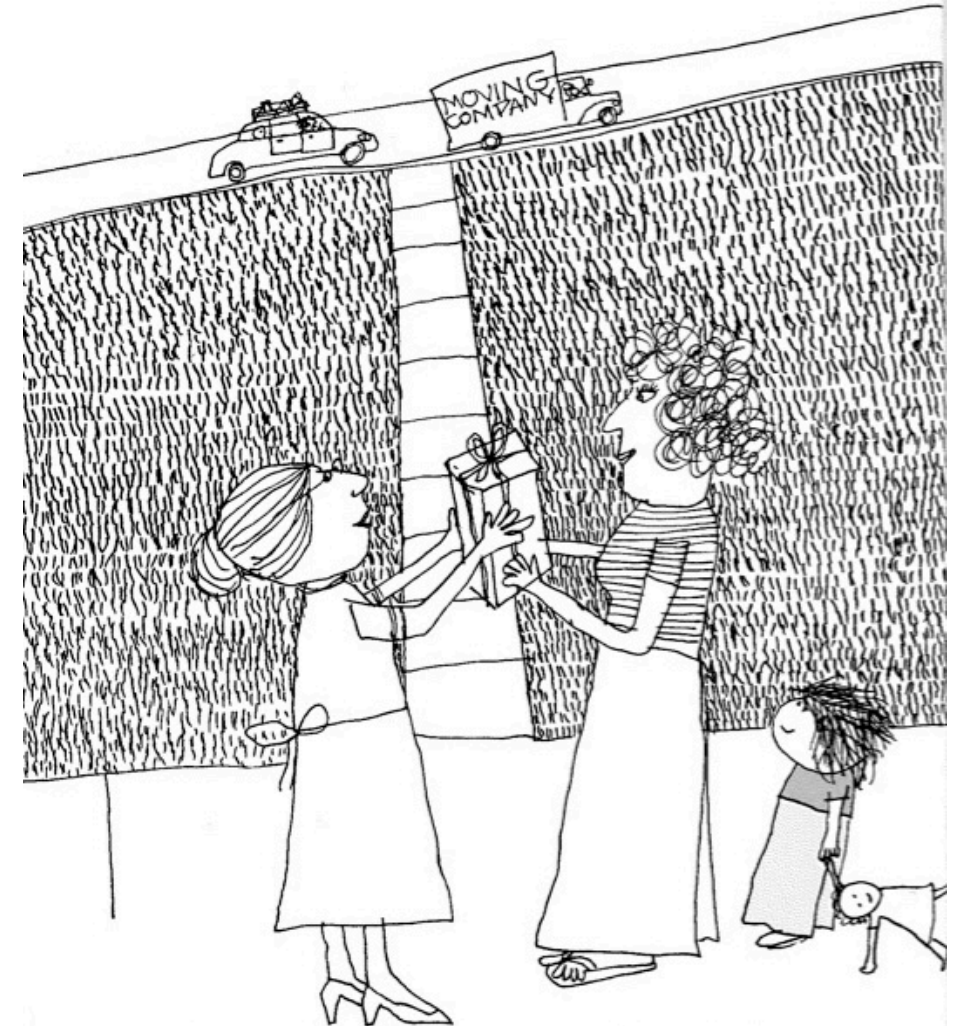
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COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

Maggie

and the goodbye gift



Worship Leader: **Prelude**
Christy Kauffman *Tread Softly*

Reflection: **Lighting of the Peace Candle**
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Prelude & Offertory:
Luke Good
Leon Miller
Daryl Snider
Ron Umble

Song Leader:
Marty Kelley

Children's Time:
Susan Gascho-Cooke
Barbara Gascho

Sound:
Daryl Snider

Zoom Technician:
Drew Brubaker

Greeters:
Carol Spicher
Laurel Martin

Ushers:
Jim Spicher
Carolyn Weaver

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Marian Good
Carolyn Dries
Eva Towers

Environment Design:
Renee King
Zita Angelo
Crescentia Volz
Pauline Zimmerman
Brenda Sauder
Gwen Reed Blankenship

Welcome & Call to Worship

Gathering Song
All Creatures Worship God Most High VT 81

Children's Time *Come and See* VT 282
Maggie and the goodbye gift

Offering Prayer VT 1017

Offertory
When we all get to heaven

Scripture — Matthew 5:1-11
Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. He taught them, saying:
Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.
Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.
Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.
Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.
Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.
Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.
Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me.

Stories That Form Us reflection

Song of Response
New Earth, Heavens New VT 377

Communion

The Holy One be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

Our hearts are open to God.

Let us give thanks to God, our life-breath.

To the One who sustains us, we rejoice in your presence!

Prayer After Communion

God, we give you thanks for this meal that nourishes us, body and soul. May it sustain us as we confront evil that keeps us from living the lives you intended for us and for all your creatures and creations. Until every life can be lived abundantly, **be our guide, be our hope, be our comforter. Amen.**

Sharing Time & Prayer

Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

Go Now In Peace

VT 835

Benediction

Oh God may we receive your blessing,
through sharing your blessings beyond borders.

May we receive your gifts,
from those who carry nothing.

May we recognize you,
in people we don't know

and may we all find a safe home and peace in you
who had no place to lay your head.

Lighting of the Peace Candle: Sacred Earth Sacred Soul, by John Philip Newell

Call to Worship: Every Moment Holy, by Douglas Kaine McKelvey

Book: Maggie and the goodbye gift, written and illustrated by Sue and Jerry Milord,

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Communion words: "God's relentless invitation" by M Jade Kaiser, enflashed.com

Sharing Time Prayer: by Joyce Rupp

Benediction: Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the End of the World, by Cláudio Carvalhaes