

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

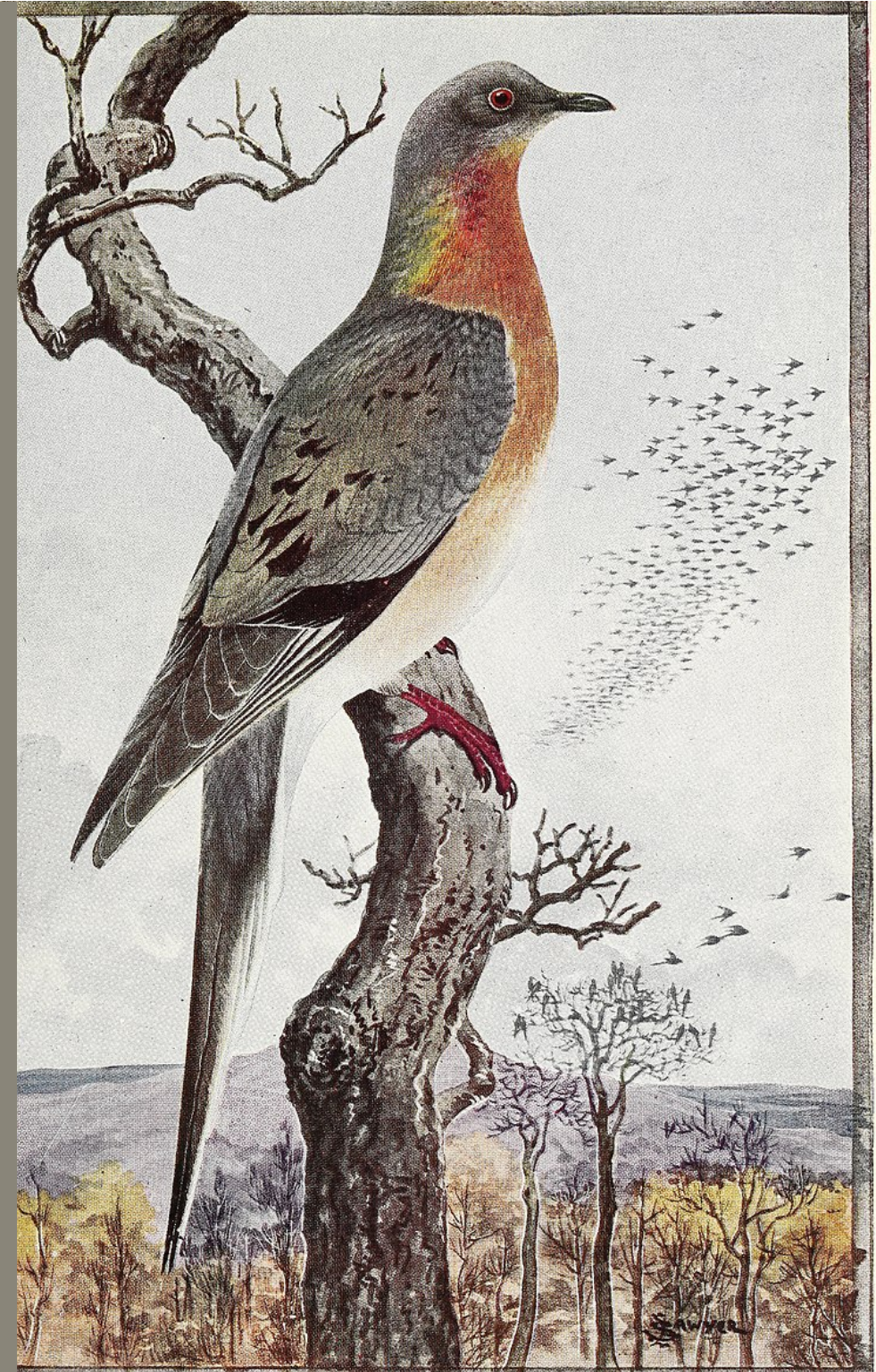
We acknowledge that Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster owns land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock confederacy (also known as the Conestoga) and Lenape people at the time of European contact. We lament our ancestors' complicity in land theft from Indigenous Peoples and how we benefit from 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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LANCASTER, PA 17603

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COMMUNITY
MENNONITE
CHURCH OF
LANCASTER

Worship Leader: **Prelude**
John-Michael
Cotignola-Pickens

Big Sciota

Traditional

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Welcome

Reflection:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Prelude & Offertory:
Dean Clemmer,
Larry Penner,
David Stallings

Call to Worship — Psalm 34:1-8 NRSV

Scripture Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Song Leader:
Leon Miller

Children's Time:
Darrell Yoder

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,

and delivered me from all my fears.

Sound:
Michael Eby-Good

Look to him, and be radiant;

so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,

and was saved from every trouble.

Zoom Technician:
Drew Brubaker

The angel of the Lord encamps

around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Greeters:
Deb Hall

Fern Clemmer

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

Gathering Song

O Worship Our God

VT 129

Ushers:

Luke Good

Marian Good

Children's Time

Come and See

VT 282

Grandmother's Pigeon

written by Louise Erdrich,

illustrated by Jim La Marche

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Crystal Silence

by Chick Corea

Scripture — Matthew 18:1-5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Margaret Krumm
Carol Spicher

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

Reflection

Stories That Form Us

Song of Response

I Love to Tell the Story

VT 761

Communion

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us

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 Closing Prayer

VT 946

Sharing Time & Prayer

Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

Go My Friends, in Grace

VT 810

Benediction

May God, the Creative One, who breathed life into dust and placed stars in the sky, be with you as you leave this place. And may that same creativity drive us to think a new on how to work for God's peace and justice in this world. Go in peace. Amen.