

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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CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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STORIES THAT FORM US

Worship Leader: Faith Cowell	Prelude	
Reflection: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Lighting of the Peace Candle We light this candle for <i>peace</i> : <i>peace</i> in our hearts, <i>peace</i> in our homes, <i>peace</i> in our world.	VT 916
Prelude & Offertory: Emerson Sampaio	May this light of <i>peace</i> shine through our lives.	
Instrumentalists: Roger Lentz, piano Daniel Erdman, guitar	Welcome & Call to Worship God of work and rest, you have linked our lives one with another; all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives. Guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for some common good, and as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for all who are out of work; through Jesus Christ, carpenter, teacher, healer, beloved child of God. Amen.	VT 956
Song Leader: Beth Graybill		
Children's Time: Susan Gascho-Cooke		
Sound: Michael Eby-Good		
Zoom Technician: Stock Weinstock		
Greeters: Carolyn Dries Fern Clemmer	Gathering Songs <i>You are Salt for the Earth</i> <i>God, Bless the Work Your People Do</i>	VT 297 VT 528
Ushers: Laurel Martin John Kanagy	Children's Time <i>Come and See</i> <i>The Very Persistent Gappers of Frip</i> by George Saunders	VT 282
Fishbowl Volunteers: André Chubb Jean Sensenig Eva Towers	Offering Prayer Offertory	VT 1016
Environment Design: Renee King Zita Angelo Crescentia Volz Pauline Zimmerman Brenda Sauder Gwen Reed Blankenship	Scripture — Matthew 25:31-46 When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me	

clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Reflection: Stories That Form Us

Song of Response

En medio de la vida (You Are the God within Life)

VT 526

Sharing Time & Prayer

Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

Soon and Very Soon

VT 669

Benediction

God our sanctuary,
grant us
and our neighbors
near and far
courage in our hearts,
peace in our homes,
and justice in our streets. Amen

VT 1042

Go in peace.