

## 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.*



**Saint**

COMMUNITY MENNONITE  
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

11.03.24

328 WEST ORANGE ST.  
LANCASTER, PA 17603

**Worship Leader:** **Prelude**  
Diane Umble

**Reflection:**  
Susan Gascho-Cooke

## Lighting of the Peace Candle

**Prelude:**  
Maya Iyengar

**Offertory:**  
Tony de la Rosa

**Song Leader:**  
Christy Kauffman

**Children's Time:**  
Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Sound:**  
Scott Volz

**Zoom Technician:**

**Greeters:**  
Beth Crosby  
Fern Clemmer

**Ushers:**  
Luke Good  
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**Fishbowl Volunteers:**  
Kim Van Donk  
Ashley Miller  
Eva Towers

**Environment Design:**  
Alicia Smith  
Crescentia Volz  
*Fall 2024 environment  
includes congregation  
participation and  
sharing of root beliefs*

## Welcome & Call to Worship

A thousand days are but a moment to God;

**All flesh is grass and withers away.**

Still we treasure our days with those whom we love,

**And reluctantly give them back to God.**

On this day, we thank God for the saints in our lives.

**Let us worship together.**

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,

**“Let there be light!”**

In the fullness of time, Jesus came to us saying,

**“I am the Light of the World.”**

In our everyday lives, we see the work of the saints,

**The ones in whom God's light shines.**

So let us give thanks for the saints this day,

**And let us worship together.**

We gather this morning to remember our call:

**To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.**

We bring with us the events of the week and the week ahead,

**Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the  
midst of it all.**

We gather here, and see those who are doing justice,

Who are kind beyond measure,

Who set the example of humility.

**With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for our call,**

**We come to be your people, O God.**

## Gathering Songs

*God, Be the Love*

VT 43

*As Long as Jesus' Reign Goes On*

VT 64

## Children's Time

*Come and See*

VT 282

## Offering Prayer & Offertory

## Scripture — Isaiah 25:6-9 CEB

On this mountain,

the Lord of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples

a rich feast, a feast of choice wines,

of select foods rich in flavor,

of choice wines well refined.

He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples,  
the shroud enshrouding all nations.

He will swallow up death forever.

The Lord God will wipe tears from every face;

he will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

They will say on that day,

“Look! This is our God,

for whom we have waited—

and he has saved us!

This is the Lord, for whom we have waited;

let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

## Reflection

### Ritual: Memorial Candle-lighting

Memorial Garden Tribute to Ashton Clatterbuck, June 22, 2001 - Feb 27, 2024

written and read by Lucas Shumaker

### Song of Response

*Today We Sing with Thankfulness*

VT 535

### Sharing Time & Prayer

*Loving God...hear our prayers*

### Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

### Closing Song

*Hamba nathi (Come, Walk with Us)*

VT 23

### Benediction

Hear the good news! Jesus tells us that the Holy One is a God of grand reversals.

Weeping turns to rejoicing, hunger is answered with fullness, honesty of heart is answered with grace upon grace. Every energy that diminishes is interrupted with a newness of life made possible by the One who is always searching us out with forgiving love.

In Jesus, God revealed that grace and forgiveness has already arrived, and it includes you and me. It is the Good News! You can trust it with your life. The saints knew it and now you do, too. Thanks be to God! Amen and Amen.



**Today's Adult Christian Ed:** *Let's Sing A Cappella— Hymns Old and New*

If you like to sing, this workshop is for you! Our goal is to affirm and value singing in parts as a congregation. We'll sing some familiar songs and explore some new ones. A mixed quartet consisting of Jean Sensenig, Sarah Shirk, Daryl Snider, and Ron Umble will support our explorations.

**All are welcome to join us for potluck in the Parrot Gallery following Christian Education.**

**Candle Lighting:** adapted from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/04/words-of-assurance-revelation-21-1-6.html>  
**Call to Worship:** adapted from liturgies written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, “Hold Fast to What is Good”. Used with permission (<https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/all-saints-liturgy>)  
**Sharing prayer:** Janet Morley. Posted on the RevGalBlogPal's A Place for Prayer. [http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/2012/04/thursday-prayer\\_26.html](http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/2012/04/thursday-prayer_26.html)