

## 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.*



*at* **FIVE  
HUNDRED**

Looking back,  
**LIVING FORWARD**

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COMMUNITY MENNONITE  
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

**Worship Leader:**  
Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Peace Candle** by Verna Miller

Lighting this candle expresses our longings  
week after week  
for peace to be lived in all our relationships,  
in our neighborhoods,  
in our politically divided nation,  
and in the many areas of conflict across the globe.  
We humbly pray for peace.

**Prelude & Offertory:**  
Daryl Snider

**Sermon:**  
Verna Miller

**Song Leader:**  
Ron Umble

**Welcome & Call to Worship** VT 863

**Gathering Songs**

**Children's Time:**  
Kay Reist

*Come Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT 7  
*We are People of God's Peace* VT 797

**Sound:**  
Daryl Snider

**Children's Time** *Come and See* VT 282

**Offering Prayer** VT 1022

**Zoom Technician:**

**Offertory**

*Hullabaloo* by Daryl Snider

**Greeters:**  
Mary Lou Weaver Houser  
Laurel Martin

**Scripture — I Corinthians 3:8-11**

The one who plants and the one who waters work together, but each one will receive their own reward for their own labor. We are God's coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building. I laid a foundation like a wise master builder according to God's grace that was given to me, but someone else is building on top of it. Each person needs to pay attention to the way they build on it. No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**Ushers:**  
Marian Good  
Luke Good

**Fishbowl Volunteers:**  
Adam Miller  
Carrie Groffman

**Sermon**

*Articles of the Schleithem Confession of the Swiss Brethren (1527)*

**Environment Design:**  
Alicia Smith  
Crescentia Volz

1. **Baptism:** Baptism is a choice to follow Jesus
2. **The Ban (Excommunication):** Be accountable to each other
3. **Breaking of Bread:** Eating together is a sign of unity
4. **Separation from the Abomination:** Be counter-cultural in your lifestyle
5. **Pastors in the Church:** Gatherings should have a leader
6. **The Sword:** Don't harm or kill anyone
7. **The Oath:** Keep your speech simple

Gareth Brandt, Anabaptist History Professor at  
Columbia Bible College in Abbotsford BC.

**Cover Art:**  
*Anabaptism at Five Hundred.*  
*MennoMedia*, MennoMedia

**Song of Response**

*Faith of Our Martyrs* VT 375

**Further Liberty**

*After looking back at the Schleithem confession, how do you see us living forward? are there articles you are carrying forward? articles you would edit? articles you would add?*

**Sharing Time & Prayer**

*Loving God...hear our prayers*

**Announcements & Introduction of Visitors**

**Closing Song**

*Go in Grace and Make Disciples* VT 766

**Benediction**

VT 1057