

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.



at **FIVE
HUNDRED**

Looking back,
LIVING FORWARD

BAPTISM

328 WEST ORANGE ST.
LANCASTER, PA 17603

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COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

Worship Leader:

Diane Umble

Prelude:

Jean Sensenig, soloist
 Roger Lentz, accompanist
 Mary Alice Ressler,
 Dan Laubach,
 Luke Good, Ron Umble

Offertory:

Quartet

Readers:

Judy Krebs
 Rebecca Burkholder
 Blaine Derstine

Sermon:

Ron Zook

Song Leader:

Marty Kelley

Children's Time:

Darrell Yoder
 Dan Laubach
 David Morges
 Mike Sharp

Sound:

Monte Garber

Zoom Technician:

Steve Walter

Greeters:

Fern Clemmer
 Larry Groff

Ushers:

Esther Becker
 Jack Shope

Fishbowl Volunteers:

Kim Van Donk
 Lindsey Deininger

Environment Design:

Alicia Smith
 Crescentia Volz

Prelude*Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

by Pace & Boyce

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.

Welcome & Call to Worship

VT 921

ALL: *True evangelical faith cannot lie dormant
 but spreads itself out in all kinds of righteousness
 and fruits of love;*

Part 1: it dies to flesh and blood;

Part 2: it destroys all forbidden lusts and desires;

it seeks, serves, and fears God in its inmost soul;

it clothes the naked;

it feeds the hungry;

it comforts the sorrowful;

it shelters the destitute;

it aids and consoles the sad;

it does good to those who do it harm;

it serves those who harm it;

it prays for those who persecute it;

it teaches, admonishes, and judges us with the Word of God;

it seeks those who are lost;

it binds up what is wounded;

it heals the sick;

it saves what is strong;

it becomes all things to all people.

ALL: *The persecution, suffering, and anguish
 that come to it for the sake of the truth of Christ
 have become a glorious joy and comfort to it.*

Gathering Songs*The Church's One Foundation*

VT 397, vs. 1-3

Let us Build a House

VT 36, vs. 1-3

Children's Time*Come and See*

VT 282

•*Baptisms in January 21, 1525***Offering Prayer****Offertory***Jesus, the Light of the World* by Charles Wesley, arr. Ron Umble**Scripture — 1 Corinthians 3:11 (CEB)**

No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already
 laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Matthew 16:24-26 (CEB)

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will find them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives?"

Sermon - Allegiance to Jesus as Lord*The Interrogation of Elisabeth Dirks (1549)***Song of Response***I Sing with Exultation*

VT 444, vs. 1&2

Further Liberty: *After hearing the stories of the early Anabaptists, what specific actions are we called to that might threaten the lords, powers, and authorities of today? What hard teachings of Jesus might we embrace at a time when many of Jesus' teachings are softened to embrace a church and state nationalism?*

Sharing Time & Prayer*Loving God...hear our prayers***Announcements & Introduction of Visitors****Closing Song***Love Has Come*

VT 258, vs. 1 & 3

Benediction

VT 1055

Readings:*-Baptisms in Felix Mantz's House: January 21, 1525*

*-The Interrogation: Elisabeth Dirks, 1549. Anabaptist Dramatic Readings by
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