

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

328 WEST ORANGE ST.
LANCASTER, PA 17603

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COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

Worship Leader:

Joseph Gascho

Prelude*If You Love Me*

by Thomas Tallis (1510-1585)

Prelude & Offertory:

Beth Crosby

Beth Graybill

Rhea Miller

Maren Morgan

Sarah Shirk

Daryl Snider

Ron Umble

Stock Weinstock

Piano Accompanist:

Roger Lentz

Sermon:

Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader:

Beth Graybill

Children's Time:

Ed Kane

Sound:

Ezra Kauffman

Zoom Technician:

Drew Brubaker

Greeters:

Joanne Leatherman

Ken Beam

Ushers:

Laurel Martin

Jean Sensenig

Fishbowl Volunteers:

John Weigel

Marian Good

Environment Design:

Alicia Smith

Crescentia Volz

Lighting of the Peace Candle**Welcome & Call to Worship**

Some say they hear
in dead of night
the martyred Michael Sattler
howling from his grave,
“God, what’s become
of those who chose
to follow Menno’s way?”

Others say in dead of night
they hear the martyred Michael Sattler
chortling from his grave,
“Glory to God!
Look who those Mennos
have become!”

Gathering Songs*True Evangelical Faith*

VT 439

God of the Bible

VT 420

Children's Time*Come and See*

VT 282

Offering Prayer**Offertory***Call to Remembrance*

by Richard Farrant (1525-1580)

Scripture — Romans 12: 2-8

Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature. Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

Hebrews 12: 1-2

So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God's throne.

Sermon**Song of Response***I Bind My Heart This Tide*

VT 556

Sharing Time & Prayer*Loving God...hear our prayers***Announcements & Introduction of Visitors****Closing Song***There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*

VT 828

Benediction**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ◆ **TODAY'S ADULT CHRISTIAN ED:** *Mennonites and the Golden Age of Dutch Painting.* We think of Mennonites as humble farmers, but in the booming trading towns of 17th century Holland, many Mennonites grew wealthy and bought art from some of the leading artists of the day, such as Rembrandt and Hals. How did they use art? Can we see evidence of spiritual conflict as they grew in worldliness?