

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

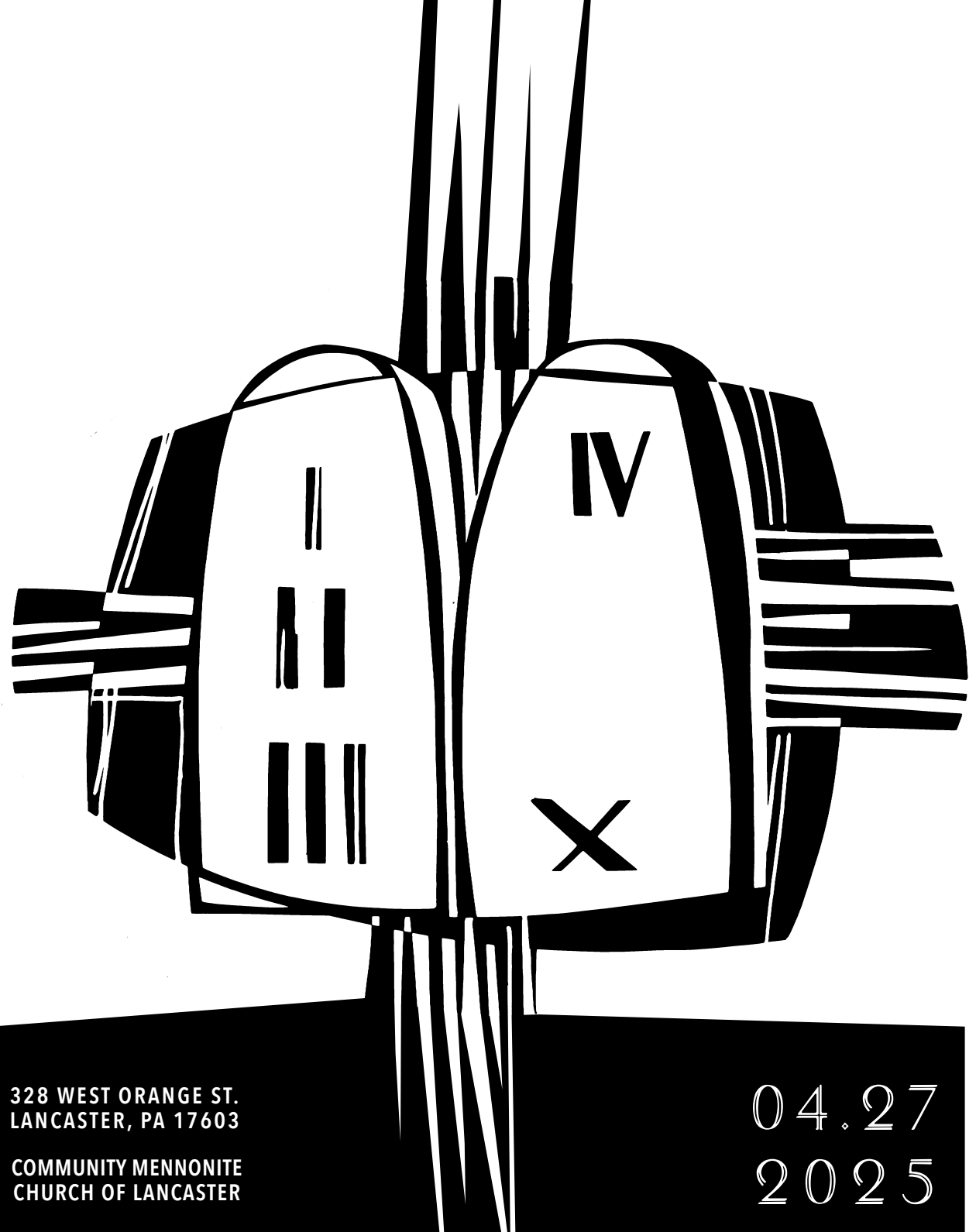
The predominantly white CMCL community acknowledges a history of unearned privilege and opportunity that occurred at the expense of those of color. We commit to move beyond mere words to tangible reparative acts, increasingly reflected in our annual church budget and through individual contributions. 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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Worship Leader: Marcia Towers	Prelude <i>Wildflowers</i> composer: Dolly Parton
Prelude & Offertory: Melissa Stock Dean Clemmer	Lighting of the Peace Candle
Sermon: Frank Muse	Welcome & Call to Worship It is spring, Lord. And the land is coming up green again, Unfolding Outside our well-drawn boundaries And urgent schedules. And there is the mystery And the smile of it. <i>Be with Us in Our Unfolding,</i> adapt. by Ted Loder
Song Leader: Ron Umble	The willows are dripping honey color into the rivers, And the mother birds are busy in manger nests, It is spring, Lord, And something stirs in us, Reaching, stretching Groping for words.
Children's Time: Darrell Yoder Diane Umble	Be with us in our reaching So we will touch or be touched, This time, By a grace, a warmth, a light, To unfold our lives to a new beginning, A fresh budding, A spring within as well as around us. O Lord, you have sketched the lines of spring. Be with us in our reaching.
Sound: Ezra Kauffman	
Zoom Technician: Stock Weinstock	
Greeters: Mary Lou Weaver Houser Fern Clemmer	
Ushers: Pauline Zimmerman Phil Kreider	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Ashley Miller Carrie Groffman	Gathering Songs <i>Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain</i> VT 348 <i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i> VT 182 VT 282
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Alicia Smith	Children's Time • <i>Blessing of Prayer Shawls for Sarah and Herb Myers</i> see insert Offering Prayer <i>Sermons and Prayers of Walter Brueggemann</i> Sink your generosity deep into our lives <i>that your muchness may expose our false lack</i> that endlessly receiving we may endlessly give <i>so that the world may be made Easter new,</i> without greedy lack, but only wonder, <i>without coercive need but only love,</i> without destructive greed but only praise <i>without aggression and invasiveness....</i> all things Easter new..... <i>all around us, toward us and by us</i> all things Easter new. <i>Finish your creation, in wonder, love and praise. Amen.</i>
	Offertory <i>Common Thread</i> composer: Pat Humphries

Scripture — Exodus 3: 7-10
Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey...The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

Sermon — *Can I Get a Witness?*

Song of Response
Could it be that God is Singing VT 42, vs. 1 & 3

Sharing Time & Prayer
*Loving God...**hear our prayers***

In the stillness of the quiet, if we listen, Howard Thurman
We can hear the whisper in the heart
Giving strength to weakness, courage to fear, hope to despair.

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song
The Church's One Foundation VT 397 vs. 1-2

Benediction — *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*, adapt.
God, grant us courage: **that we may plant seeds of peace.**
Show us your way O Lord, **and we will walk it in the end.**