

## 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.*



COMMUNITY MENNONITE  
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 WEST ORANGE ST.  
LANCASTER, PA 17603

05.18  
2025

**Worship Leader:**  
Jon Brandt

**Prelude**  
*Soprano Sax Improvisation*

**Prelude, Offertory &  
Song of Response:**  
Daryl Snider

**Lighting of the Peace Candle**

**Sermon:**  
Mitch Nugent

**Welcome & Call to Worship**                      Matthew 9 -13 - *The Message*

Our Father in heaven,  
**Reveal who you are.**  
Set the world right;

**Song Leader:**  
Kate Smucker

**Do what's best—**  
as above, **so below.**

Keep us alive with three square meals.

**Children's Time:**  
Amanda Stoltzfus  
Meredith Fisher

**Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.**

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.

You're in charge!

**You can do anything you want!**

You're ablaze in beauty!

**Sound:**  
Monte Garber

**Yes. Yes. Yes.**

**Zoom Technician:**  
Steve Walter

**Gathering Songs**

*I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

VT 801

*God, Whose Giving*

VT 745

**Greeters:**  
Diane Umble  
Deb Hall

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

VT 282

• **8th grade Bible presentation**

Isaac Hoover (Eric and Kirsten Kelley Hoover)

Jakob Kehler (Adam Kehler and Rhea Miller)

Violet Miller (Adam and Darcy Miller)

Priscilla Sauder (Brenda and Jonathan Sauder)

Symphony Volz (Crescentia and Scott Volz)

**Ushers:**  
Marian Good  
Luke Good

**Fishbowl Volunteers:**  
Carol Eby-Good  
Hannah Cargill  
Yehyun Choi

**Offering Prayer & Offertory**

*Apart Together*

by Daryl Snider

**Scripture — Exodus 3:1-3 (NRSV)**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; **he looked**, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "**I must turn aside** and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

**Matthew 6:26-29 (The Message)**

**Look at the birds**, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to God than birds.

Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch?

Instead ... **walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers.**

They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them.

**Sermon — *The Subversive Act of Wonder***

**Song of Response**

*Ordinary Miracle*

by Glen Ballard & David A. Stewart

**Sharing Time & Prayer**

*Loving God...hear our prayers*

**Announcements & Introduction of Visitors**

**Closing Song**

*At the Dawn of Your Creation*

VT 179

**Benediction**