

## 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.*



**Worship Leader:**  
Joseph Gascho

**Prelude**  
*House of Love*

composed by Beka Jewel

**Prelude & Offertory:**  
Beka Jewel  
Nathan Landis Funk

**Lighting of the Peace Candle**

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

Chat GPT/Joseph Gascho

**Accompanist:**  
Roger Lentz

**Sermon:**  
Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Song Leader:**  
Marty Kelley

**Children's Time:**  
Darrell Yoder

**Sound:**  
Monte Garber

**Zoom Technician:**  
Steve Walter

**Greeters:**  
Esther Becker  
Fern Clemmer

**Ushers:**  
Ryan Kauffman  
Beth Crosby

**Fishbowl Volunteers:**  
Alicia Jantzi  
Gwen Eberly

**Worship Environment:**  
Crescentia Volz  
Alicia Smith

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## Jerusalem Daily Gazette

JERUSALEM — June 8, 0033 — Menno Ben Simons, Staff Reporter

City officials have not yet commented on today's events, though the Temple authorities are reportedly concerned. The disciples of Yeshua, once scattered and in hiding, have suddenly emerged as an organized and energized movement. While many still label them a fringe sect, their message is spreading quickly. Some say a new era has begun. Others fear a revolt or divine

retribution. As dusk falls over Jerusalem, chants of prayer and praise continue from the upper quarters. Whether this was a one-day wonder or the beginning of something larger, only time will tell. But on this Shavuot, the wind spoke, and fire danced on people's heads—and Jerusalem will not soon forget it.

### Gathering Songs

*Spirit of the Living God*

VT 740

*God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle*

VT 152

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

VT 282

**Parrot Pinning Ritual** *(for anyone turning 50 this year)*

### Offering Prayer & Offertory

*Llename*

### Scripture — Acts 2:1-4, 14-21 CEB

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.  
Your young will see visions.  
Your elders will dream dreams.  
Even upon my servants, men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.  
The sun will be changed into darkness,  
and the moon will be changed into blood,  
before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.  
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### John 14:15-17, 25-27 CEB

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

"I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid.

### Song

*Bless the Arms that Comfort*

VT 527

### Sermon

### Song of Response

*One is The Body*

VT 386

### Sharing Time & Prayer

*Loving God...hear our prayers*

### Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

### Closing Song

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

VT 681

### Benediction