

## 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.*



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THE EPISTLES

COMMUNITY MENNONITE  
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 WEST ORANGE ST.  
LANCASTER, PA 17603

**Worship Leader:** Ron Zook  
**Prelude**  
*Pannonica* by Thelonius Monk

**Prelude & Offertory:** Larry Penner  
**Lighting of the Peace Candle**

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

**Sermon:** Susan Gascho-Cooke  
 Leader: Christ is like a single body that has many parts.

**Song Leader:** Jay Martin  
 ALL: **It is still one body though every part is different.**

**Children's Time:** Ed Kane  
 Leader: Therefore the foot cannot say,  
**Part 1: I am not part of the body;**  
 Leader: nor can the ear say,  
**Part 2: I am not part of the body.**

**Sound:** Michael Eby-Good  
 Leader: The eye cannot say to the hand,  
**Part 1: I don't need you;**  
 Leader: nor can the head say to the feet,  
**Part 2: I don't need you.**

**Zoom Technician:** Stock Weinstock  
 Leader: If one part suffers,  
**ALL: All parts share the pain;**

**Greeters:** Beth Crosby  
 Fern Clemmer  
 Leader: if one part is praised,  
**ALL: All parts share the joy.**

**Ushers:** Carolyn Weaver  
 Laurel Martin  
 Leader: Together, we are Christ's body:  
**ALL: Each one of us is a part of it.**

**Foyer Monitor:** Joseph Gascho  
**Gathering Songs**  
*Summoned By the God Who Made Us* VT 1

**Fishbowl Volunteers:** Laura Boll  
 Andre Chubb  
*Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT 7

**Children's Time** *Come and See* VT 282

**Worship Environment:** Crescentia Volz  
 Alicia Smith  
**Offering Prayer**

**Offertory**  
*Round Midnight* by Thelonius Monk

**Scripture — Colossians 1:1-4, 9**  
 From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, and Timothy our brother.  
 To the holy and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae.  
 Grace and peace to you from God our Father.  
 We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. We've done this since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all God's people.

Because of this, since the day we heard about you, we haven't stopped praying for you and asking for you to be filled with the knowledge of God's will, with all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

**Hebrews 13:22-25**  
 I urge you, brothers and sisters, to put up with this message of encouragement, since I've only written a short letter to you! You should know that our brother Timothy has been set free. If he comes soon, we will travel together to see you.  
 Greet your leaders and all of God's holy people. The group from Italy greets you.  
 May grace be with all of you.

**Sermon —** *Dear Church,*

**Song of Response**  
*God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song* VT 539

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

**Announcements & Introduction of Visitors**

**Closing Song**  
*Go, My Friends, in Grace* VT 810

**Benediction** Philippians 1:9  
 I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep growing in knowledge and understanding.