

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

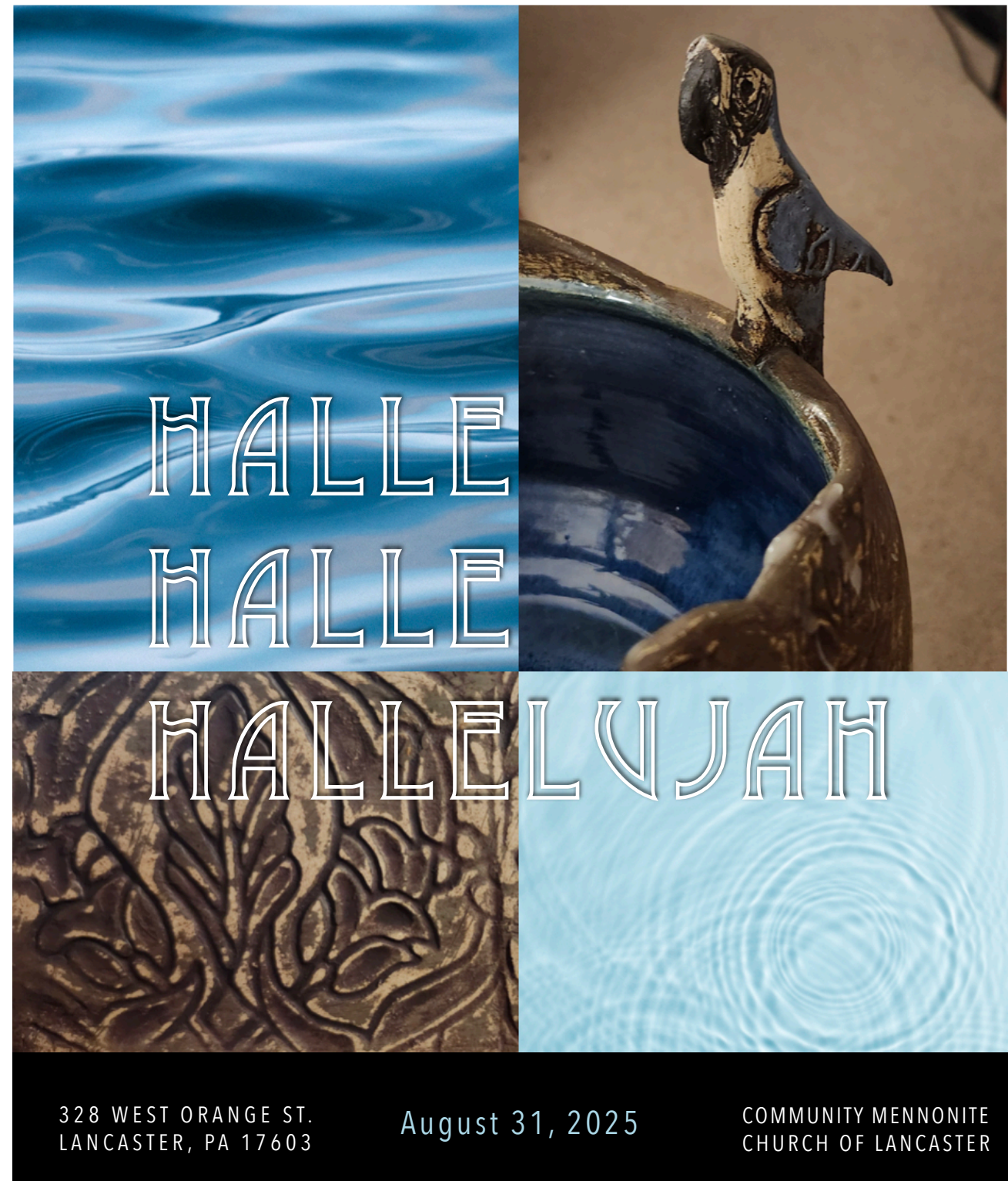
*Through your grace, O God, form us into a community
called to follow Jesus,
known and loved by you,
nourished throughout our lives by
worship, relationships and the biblical story,
open to new voices and new dreams,
committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty,
responsive to human 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.



Worship Leader: Sherry Groff	Prelude <i>A Smooth One</i>	by Benny Goodman	Congregational Response in song <i>Halle, Halle, Hallelujah</i>	VT 752
Prelude & Offertory: Dean Clemmer Larry Penner David Stallings	Lighting of the Peace Candle May God lift up each sagging shoulder and strengthen every weakened knee; May God straighten the path for each tired foot and turn to peace every embattled heart; May God so bless each merciful word and magnify every faithful deed, that each root of bitterness can be pulled from the earth (and our hearts) and the tree of life planted in its place.		Sharing Time Prayer — <i>Loving God...hear our prayers</i>	
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke			Announcements & Introduction of Visitors	
Song Leader: Marty Kelley	Welcome & Call to Worship	<i>Sing the Journey #3</i>	Closing Song <i>Spirit, Open My Heart</i>	VT 636
Children’s Time: Darrell Yoder	Jesus calls us here to meet him as, through word and song and prayer, we affirm God’s promised presence where God’s people live and care. Praise the God who keeps the promise; praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.			
Sound: Cody Litwiller	Jesus calls us to each other: vastly different though we are; race and color, class and gender neither limit nor debar.			
Zoom Technician: Drew Brubaker	Join the hand of friend and stranger; join the hands of age and youth; join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.			
Greeters: Carolyn Dries Ken Beam	Gathering Songs <i>As the Wind Song Through the Trees</i>	VT 373		
	<i>Be Still and Know</i>	VT 37		
Ushers: Marian Good Luke Good	Children’s Time	<i>Come and See</i>		VT 282
	Offering Prayer			
Foyer Monitor: Phil Kreider	Offertory <i>Poor Wayfaring Stranger</i>	<i>Traditional</i>		
Fishbowl Volunteers: Kim Van Donk Denise Cope	Scripture — Matthew 3:13-17 CEB At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. John tried to stop him and said, “I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?” Jesus answered, “Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness.” So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him.”			
	Sermon			
	Song of Response <i>With Water Freely Flowing</i>	VT 452		
	Celebrating the Baptism: Julie Amaral, Shawn Ramer, Amelia Rauser			
	Congregational Response in prayer	VT 932		

The blanket in the front of the sanctuary was presented to CMCL by Circle Legacy this spring. We display it in celebration & gratitude for Circle Legacy, and for the beauty of Native American cultural traditions and wisdom.