

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: Jay Martin	Prelude <i>The Love of Jesus Medley</i> <i>Jesus Loves Me</i> <i>I Love You With The Love of the Lord</i> <i>Oh How He Loves You And Me</i>	arr. Mark Hayes by William Bradbury by Jim Gilbert by Kurt Kaiser
Sermon: Verna Miller	Lighting of the Peace Candle This is the light that is lit for everyone who comes into the world. Bear this light to others, one by one. Let the flame go from life to life till all is lit with its warmth. Tell that the light means peace Tell that the light means love Tell that the light means wisdom Tell that the light means kindness Tell that the light means understanding Tell that the light is a vision of a fairer world Tell that this is the light that is lit for everyone who comes into the world.	
Song Leader: Beth Graybill		
Pianist: Roger Lentz		
Children’s Time: Darrell Yoder		
Sound: Cody Litwiller		
Zoom Technician: Stock Weinstock	Welcome & Call to Worship In the image of God, you created everything and called it good! In abundant diversity, your likeness is found in us. We reject all messages that belittle or degrade any among us. And so in faithfulness to God and one another we proclaim: Sacred are our bodies of every size and dis/ability. Blessed are our sexualities, drawing us towards love of many kinds. Beloved is every gender, revealing you in different ways. To our skin, beautiful in every shade, we say hallelujah! Praise God, our Creator, who blesses us with this world, these bodies, and our fellow creatures, all created good, very good.	
Greeters: Carolyn Dries Laurel Martin		
Ushers: Pauline Zimmerman Ken Beam		
Foyer Monitor: Luke Good		
Fishbowl Volunteers: Lindsey Deininger Marian Good Symphony Volz	Gathering Songs <i>You Are Salt for the Earth</i> <i>May You Be Rooted and Grounded in Love</i>	VT 297 VT 396
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Alicia Smith	Children’s Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
	Offering Prayer	VT 1020
	Offertory <i>A New Day</i>	by Larry Minsky
	Scripture — Luke 17:20-21 CEB Pharisees asked Jesus when God’s kingdom was coming. He replied, “God’s kingdom isn’t coming with signs that are easily noticed. Nor will people say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ Don’t you see? God’s kingdom is already among you.”	

I Cor. 12: 4-7, 31 CEB There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts. And I’m going to show you an even better way.	
I Cor. 13:13 CEB Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.	
Sermon — <i>Striving for the “Greater Gifts”</i>	
Song of Response <i>The Love of God</i>	VT 162
Sharing Time & Prayer <i>Loving God...hear our prayers</i> We, of many backgrounds and identities, personalities, and ideas, gather collectively in shared pursuit of the Sacred. Together, we make up the body of Christ. Wherever one of us is in pain, our whole body aches. Whenever one of us is cut off, the whole body is wounded. Whoever is kept away by discriminatory policies or practices or prejudices, Our collective soul suffers the loss of their presence. We need one another in order to be whole, God make us the body of Christ as you envisioned. May we become your presence enfleshed, in service to the world and one another.	
Announcements & Introduction of Visitors	
Closing Song <i>Sing a New World into Being</i>	VT 809, vs. 1-2
Benediction Go with pride in who you are and whose you are; Go knowing that love is stronger than hate, and hope more lasting than fear; Go determined to live with the dignity that is yours as God’s beloved; Go committed to this holy struggle of liberation, joining that great cloud of witnesses who will not rest until peace and justice embrace, and love finds a home in every human heart.	
Lighting of the Peace Candle: <i>The Light for Everyone Who Comes into the World (adapt.)</i> by Elizabeth M. Strong Call to Worship & Sharing Prayer: by M. Jade Kaiser, <i>Enfleshed</i> Benediction: <i>Benediction for Pride Sunday</i> , by Carol Wise	