## 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.

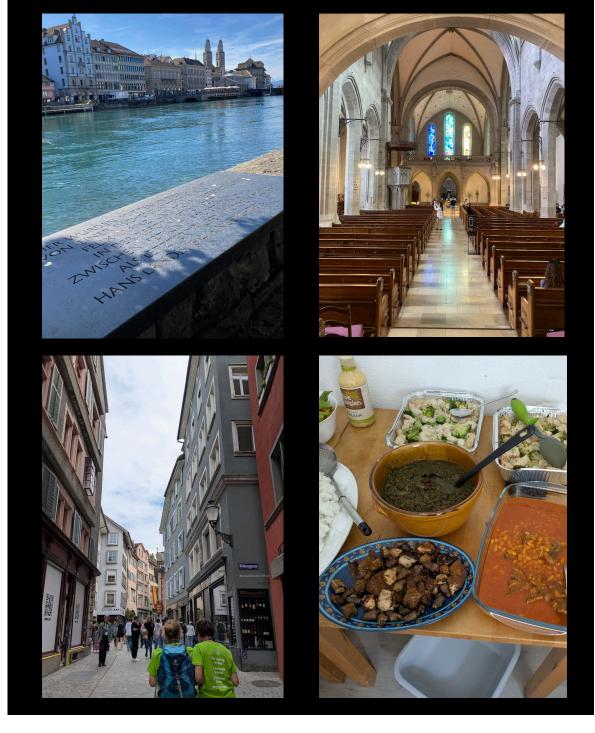
## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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.





07.06.25

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 WEST ORANGE ST. LANCASTER, PA 17603 Worship Leader: Prelude

Susan Gascho-Cooke Down by the Riverside (African Am. Spiritual) arr. Daryl Snider

Prelude & Offertory:

**Lighting of the Peace Candle** 

CMCL Quartet **Welcome & Call to Worship** 

**Sermon:** Let us join our hearts in prayer:

Joe Landis Compassionate God,

Stock Weinstock in a world divided by nationalism, religious conflict, xenophobia and war you bring us together as people of many nations, languages and church

Song Leader: bodies.

Your grace, O God, makes gathering in love possible. Beth Graybill

Thank you for the witness of all gathered in May in Switzerland, and we

Children's Time: who gather today, who know and express your reconciling love.

Darrell Yoder Even as the global church is sometimes divided,

you summon us to live as siblings in Christ

Sound: Give us courage to love each other, and the other, whoever the other Scott Volz may be.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us today,

Zoom Technician: so that your healing and love can flow through us to the world

Drew Brubaker Make us here today, and all the churches represented at that gathering,

one new humanity, united in love,

Greeters: so that the world may know that our hope is in Christ, in whose name we

Nancy Borremans pray. John Kanagy Amen.

> **Gathering Songs Ushers:**

Great is Thy Faithfulness VT 419 Phil Kreider Carolyn Weaver We Want Peace see insert

Children's Time Come and See **Fover Monitor:** 

**David Stallings Offering Prayer** 

**Fishbowl Volunteers:** Offertory Jean Sensenig

Scott Groffman

Balm in Gilead (African Am. Spiritual) arr. Dan Laubach

Scripture — II Kings 5:1-3 (CEB) **Worship Environment:** 

Naaman, a general for the king of Aram, was a great man and highly Crescentia Volz regarded by his master, because through him the Lord had given victory Alicia Smith to Aram. This man was a mighty warrior, but he had a skin disease. Now Aramean raiding parties had gone out and captured a young girl from the land of Israel. She served Naaman's wife.

She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master could come before the prophet who lives in Samaria. He would cure him of his skin disease."

**Sermon** — Reflections on *The Courage to Love: Anabaptism*@500 in Zurich. Switzerland

Stock Weinstock

Song

O Christ, Impart Your Teaching True

Joe Landis

Song of Response

Let Justice Flow Down VT 791

**Sharing Time** 

Loving God...hear our prayers

**Sharing Prayer** 

We express our gratitude for the Spirit's presence inspiring us with the courage to love

Let us respond together with thanks.

Thanks be to God.

Oh God our help in ages past

Our hope for years to come

Through the spirit's work within us we have hope

as we see the deepening of our unity as a global communion

reconciling with our siblings in other communions

Thanks be to God

The steadfastness of our fellow believers in Myanmar

Our spiritual families' acts of love and sacrifice

in Ukraine, in Colombia, in Ethiopia,

Siblings in the congo and Nigeria who have returned good for evil

Thanks be to God.

Finally, we have hope because of the promise that your Holy Spirit will never forsake us

Thanks be to God.

**Announcements & Introduction of Visitors** 

**Benediction** 

Closing Song

VT 282

We are Marching in the Light of God

VT 793

Call to Worship: Adapted from prayer read by Sunoko Lin, Treasurer of Mennonite World Conference

Sharing Prayer: prayer led by Danisa Ndlovu, former president of MWC We Want Peace: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7KzDDISnBRw