

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: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Prelude <i>Down by the Riverside</i> (African Am. Spiritual) arr. Daryl Snider
Prelude & Offertory: CMCL Quartet	Lighting of the Peace Candle
Sermon: Joe Landis Stock Weinstock	Welcome & Call to Worship Let us join our hearts in prayer: Compassionate God, in a world divided by nationalism, religious conflict, xenophobia and war you bring us together as people of many nations, languages and church bodies. Your grace, O God, makes gathering in love possible. Thank you for the witness of all gathered in May in Switzerland, and we who gather today, who know and express your reconciling love. Even as the global church is sometimes divided, you summon us to live as siblings in Christ Give us courage to love each other, and the other, whoever the other may be. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us today, so that your healing and love can flow through us to the world Make us here today, and all the churches represented at that gathering, one new humanity, united in love, so that the world may know that our hope is in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.
Song Leader: Beth Graybill	
Children’s Time: Darrell Yoder	
Sound: Scott Volz	
Zoom Technician: Drew Brubaker	
Greeters: Nancy Borremans John Kanagy	
Ushers: Phil Kreider Carolyn Weaver	Gathering Songs <i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i> VT 419 <i>We Want Peace</i> see insert
Foyer Monitor: David Stallings	Children’s Time <i>Come and See</i> VT 282
	Offering Prayer
Fishbowl Volunteers: Jean Sensenig Scott Groffman	Offertory <i>Balm in Gilead</i> (African Am. Spiritual) arr. Dan Laubach
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Alicia Smith	Scripture — II Kings 5:1-3 (CEB) Naaman, a general for the king of Aram, was a great man and highly regarded by his master, because through him the Lord had given victory 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 <i>The Courage to Love: Anabaptism@500 in Zurich, Switzerland</i> •Stock Weinstock Song <i>O Christ, Impart Your Teaching True</i> •Joe Landis

Song of Response <i>Let Justice Flow Down</i>	VT 791
Sharing Time <i>Loving God...hear our prayers</i>	
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 <i>We are Marching in the Light of God</i>	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	