

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.



Paul
Παυλος

Worship Leader: Marcia Towers	Prelude <i>Laudamus Te</i>	composed by A. Vivaldi	Offertory <i>Old Time Religion</i> medley	arr. Mark Hayes
Prelude & Offertory: Maren Morgan	Lighting of the Peace Candle			
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Welcome & Call to Worship	by Mary Oliver	Scripture — Galatians 3:28 “There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”	
Song Leader: Marcy Hostetler	Another morning and I wake with thirst for the goodness I do not have. I walk out to the pond and all the way God has given us such beautiful lessons. Oh Lord, I was never a quick scholar but sulked and hunched over my books past the hour and the bell; grant me, in your mercy, a little more time. Love for the earth and love for you are having such a long conversation in my heart. Who knows what will finally happen or where I will be sent, yet already I have given a great many things away, expecting to be told to pack nothing, except the prayers which, with this thirst, I am slowly learning.		I Corinthians 14:34-35 "the women should be quiet during the meeting. They are not allowed to talk. Instead, they need to get under control, just as the Law says. If they want to learn something, they should ask their husbands at home. It is disgraceful for a woman to talk during the meeting."	
Children’s Time: Janet Allen			Sermon	
Sound: Michael Eby-Good			Hymn of Response <i>Be Still, My Soul</i>	VT 664
Zoom Technician: Drew Brubaker Paul Allen			Sharing Time & Prayer <i>Loving God...hear our prayers</i>	
Greeters: Carol Spicher Larry Groff	Gathering Songs		Announcements & Introduction of Visitors	
Ushers: Jim Spicher Pauline Zimmerman	<i>What Is This Place</i>	VT 22	Closing Song <i>Sing a New World into Being</i>	VT 809
Foyer Monitor: Phil Kreider	Children’s Time	<i>Come and See</i>	Benediction	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Sherry Groff Christy Heatwole-Kauffman	Offering Prayer			
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Alicia Smith	Thank you for all I forget are gifts, not rights. Forgive me for all the grievances I remember too well. Guide me, if I’m willing (drive me if I’m not) into the hard ways of sacrifice which are just and loving. Make me wide-eyed for beauty, and for my neighbor’s need and goodness; wide-willed for peace-making, and for the confronting power with the call to compassion; Keep me honest and tender enough to heal, tough enough to be healed of my hypocrisies. Match my appetite for privilege with the stomach for commitment. Breathe into me the restlessness and courage to make something new, something saving, and something true that I may understand what it is to rejoice.	VT 282		
<i>The blanket in the front of the sanctuary was presented to CMCL by Circle Legacy this spring. We display it in celebration and gratitude for Circle Legacy, and for the beauty of Native American cultural traditions and wisdom.</i>	Selections from <i>Breathe Restlessness into Me</i> , by Ted Loder			