

## 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/](http://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

<b>Worship Leader:</b> Ron Zook	<b>Prelude</b> <i>Light One Candle</i>	by Peter Yarrow
<b>Prelude &amp; Offertory:</b> Daryl Snider	<b>Lighting of the Peace Candle</b> Lighting a candle is an act of defiance. Lighting a candle is a prayer for courage. Lighting a candle is a step toward God. God of light, out in the world, where you are and we live, help us today to light a candle, a candle of peace.	VT 1006
<b>Sermon:</b> Susan Gascho-Cooke		
<b>Song Leader:</b> Christy Heatwole Kauffman		
<b>Children’s Time:</b> Ed Kane	<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Worship</b> Leader: If you are delighted to be here, and if you are tired or troubled, <b>People: you are welcome.</b> Leader: If your faith is strong, and if your faith is battered or frail, <b>People: you are welcome.</b> Leader: If you are eager to praise God, and if you need to be quiet, <b>People: you are welcome.</b> <b>ALL: God welcomes us all to worship today and promises to meet us here.</b>	VT 853
<b>Sound:</b> Scott Volz		
<b>Zoom Technician:</b> Jon Brandt		
<b>Greeters:</b> Carol Spicher Marty Kelley		
<b>Ushers:</b> Jim Spicher Phil Kreider		
<b>Foyer Monitor:</b> Judy Zook	<b>Gathering Song</b> <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	VT 120
<b>Fishbowl Volunteers:</b> Lindsey Deininger Hannah Cargill	<b>Children’s Time</b> <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
	<b>Offering Prayer</b>	VT 1015
<b>Worship Environment:</b> Crescentia Volz Alicia Smith	<b>Offertory</b> <i>Silence My Soul (StS 97)</i>	music by Francisco F. Feliciano; text by Seong-Won Park

*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.*

**Scripture — Galatians 5:13-26 CEB**  
You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don’t let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don’t get eaten up by each other!  
I say be guided by the Spirit and you won’t carry out your selfish desires. A person’s selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one’s selfish desires. They are opposed to each

other, so you shouldn’t do whatever you want to do. But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren’t under the Law. The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won’t inherit God’s kingdom.  
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires.  
If we live by the Spirit, let’s follow the Spirit. Let’s not become arrogant, make each other angry, or be jealous of each other.

<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Hymn of Response</b> <i>May You Be Rooted and Grounded</i>	VT 396
<b>Sharing Time &amp; Prayer</b> <i>Loving God...<b>hear our prayers</b></i>	
<b>Announcements &amp; Introduction of Visitors</b>	
<b>Closing Song</b> <i>Move in Our Midst</i>	VT 827

**Benediction** 2 Peter 1:5-7 (The Message)  
So don’t lose a minute  
in building on what you’ve been given,  
complementing your basic faith  
with good character, spiritual understanding,  
alert discipline, passionate patience,  
reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love,  
each dimension fitting into and developing the others.