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.

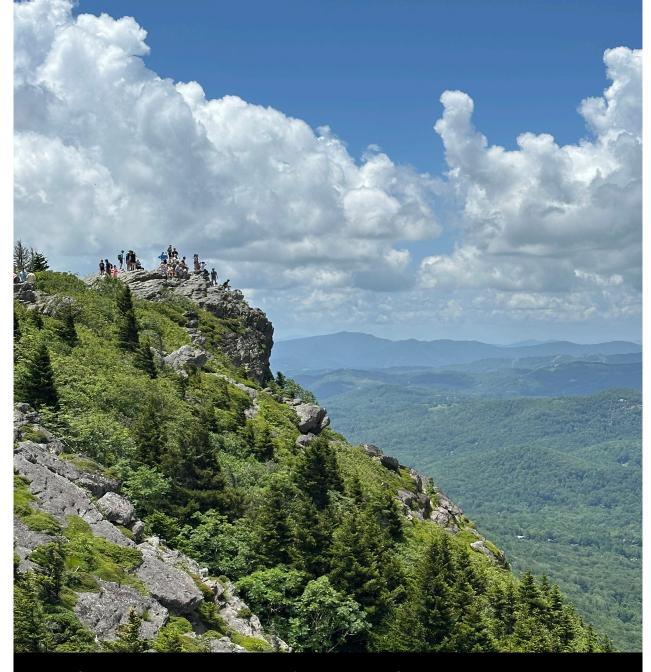
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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.





Senior Recognition & MennoCon25 Reflections

328 WEST ORANGE ST. LANCASTER, PA 17603

August 10, 2025

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

Worship Leader: Prelude Faith Cowell Children of the Earth by Josh Garrels Prelude & Offertory: **Lighting of the Peace Candle** Rebekah Jewel & Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle, Nathan Landis Funk the strength to be forgiving. the patience to be understanding. Accompanist: and the endurance to accept the consequences Nathan Landis Funk of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil Sermon: Amanda Stoltzfus and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe & Senior Youth in a world emancipated from violence. Song Leader: Help us to devote our whole life, thought and energy Ron Umble to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power Children's Time: to fulfill the destiny for which we were created. Amanda Stoltzfus Welcome & Call to Worship Sound: ONE: O God, you are the gathering one Daryl Snider who calls us into community with each other **Zoom Technician:** Marcia Towers ALL: to love and work. to support and heal. Greeters: ONE: You are the gathering one Diane Umble who calls us into community Mary Lou Weaver Houser with all people; ALL: to bring justice and hope, **Ushers:** freedom and truth. Christy Heatwole Kauffman ONE: You are the gathering one Ryan Kauffman who calls us into community with the whole creation; **Foyer Monitor:** Luke Good ALL: to live in harmony. to cherish and renew. **Fishbowl Volunteers:** ALL: Let us worship the God Carol Eby-Good who makes us one. Carol Spicher Gathering Songs **Worship Environment:** VT 420 God of the Bible (Fresh as the Morning) Crescentia Volz Alicia Smith Open My Eyes VT 732

Senior Recognition

The blanket in the front of the sanctuary was

presented to CMCL by

& gratitude for Circle

Circle Legacy this spring. We display it in celebration

Legacy, and for the beauty

of Native American cultural

traditions and wisdom.

Sam Hoover, Eric & Kirsten Kelley Hoover Gabriel Sauder, Brenda & Jonathan Sauder Josh Lucas-Towers, Marcia Towers

Children's Time Come and See VT 282

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Light Unto the Darkness

by Rebekah Jewel

Scripture - Luke 4:16-19 CEB

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Singing

Draw the Circle VT 802

Sermon — Sharing about MennoCon

Song of Response

Somlandela (We Will Follow)

VT 566

Sharing Time & Prayer

Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

Seeds VT 777

Benediction

...remember to pack peace in your toolbox, hope in your briefcase, love in your lunch box, and may integrity, honesty, and joy be your designer wear of choice.

Lighting of the Peace Candle: from the Week of Prayer for World Peace, 1978*, https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/prayer-for-peace.html Call to Worship: https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search?q=gathering

Benediction: https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/08/commission-benediction-labour-day.html