

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.



COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

September 28, 2025

328 WEST ORANGE ST.
LANCASTER, PA 17603

◆ Who were we at the beginning?

Who are we now?

Who will we become?

Worship Leader: Rod Houser	Trumpet Call to Worship & Opening Hymn <i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	VT 103
Prelude & Offertory: Stock Weinstock Diane Toigo	Welcome <i>If These Walls Could Speak</i>	Mary Lou Weaver Houser
Accompanists: Kate Umble Nathan Landis Funk	Prayer & Lighting of the Peace Candle	
Scripture Reader: Ken Kulp	Gathering Songs <i>Heart with Loving Heart United</i>	VT 813
	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	VT 300
Song Leader: Leon Miller	Children’s Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
Children’s Time: Rod Houser	Offering Prayer & Offertory <i>Sicilienne</i>	Gabriel Faure
Sound: Ezra Kauffman	Scripture — Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 CEB There’s a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens: a time for giving birth and a time for dying, a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted, a time for killing and a time for healing, a time for tearing down and a time for building up, a time for crying and a time for laughing, a time for mourning and a time for dancing, a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones, a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces, a time for searching and a time for losing, a time for keeping and a time for throwing away, a time for tearing and a time for repairing, a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking, a time for loving and a time for hating, a time for war and a time for peace.	
Zoom Technician: Steve Walter		
Greeters: Mary Lou Weaver Houser Ken Beam		
Ushers: Marian Good Luke Good		
Fishbowl Volunteers: Margaret Krumm Adam Miller		
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Alicia Smith	Panel — <i>Who were we at the beginning?</i> Cal Esh, Becci Leatherman, Diane Umble, Urbane Peachey, Rod Houser, Sandy Miller, Susan Gascho-Cooke (moderator)	
	Song of Response <i>God is Working This Purpose Out</i>	VT 770
	Group Concerns	
	Introduction of Guests & Announcements	

Benediction
God, we celebrate the wonder of life.
We marvel at each new sign of your creativity.
You have entrusted to us the privilege and responsibility of nurturing a life that is just beginning.
As we accept the responsibility and celebrate together our first breath,
Grant us wisdom, strength and power of love.
Amen