

## 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.*



COMMUNITY MENNONITE  
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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328 WEST ORANGE ST.  
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Who were we at the beginning?

Who are we now?

Who will we become?

<b>Worship Leader:</b> Diane Umble	<b>Prelude</b>	
<b>Prelude &amp; Offertory:</b> Daryl Snider	<b>Lighting of the Peace Candle</b> We light this candle as a declaration of our hope and determination to be peacemakers-- In our homes, our communities, and in our world. May it be so.	
<b>Scripture Readers:</b> Krumm-Chubb family	<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Worship —</b> Who are We Now? We are healers and helpers, Teachers and counselors, Builders and renovators, Planters and reapers.	
<b>Sermon:</b> Susan Gascho-Cooke	<b>We are Known and Loved by God</b> We are singers and dancers and musicians, Painters and potters and poets, Knitters and quilters, Bakers and soup makers.	
<b>Song Leader:</b> Beth Graybill	<b>We are Known and Loved by God</b> We are diverse and inclusive, Supportive and welcoming, Innovative and traditional, Questioning and creative.	
<b>Children’s Time:</b> Meredith Fisher	<b>We are Known and Loved by God</b> We are peace lovers and justice seekers, Volunteers and advocates, Breakfast makers and refugee re-settlers, Anti-war demonstrators and climate protectors, Reparations sponsors and fair funding campaigners.	
<b>Sound:</b> Ezra Kauffman	<b>We are Known and Loved by God</b> We are infants and elders, Grievors and survivors, Dreamers and doers, Thinkers and Seekers.	
<b>Zoom Technician:</b> Paul Allen	<b>We are a community of believers, called to follow Jesus.</b> <b>We are Known and Loved by God and this Community.</b>	
<b>Greeters:</b> Joanne Leatherman Marty Kelley	<b>Gathering Songs</b> <i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i> <i>We've Come This Far by Faith</i>	VT 716 VT 599
<b>Ushers:</b> Phil Kreider Linford Good	<b>Children’s Time</b> <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
<b>Foyer Monitor:</b>	<b>Offering Prayer &amp; Offertory</b>	
<b>Fishbowl Volunteers:</b> Denise Cope Jean Sensenig Symphony Volz	<b>Scripture —Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 CEB</b> 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,	
<b>Worship Environment:</b> Crescentia Volz Symphony Volz Maren Morgan		

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.

### Sermon

### Song of Response

*Draw the Circle Wide*

VT 802

### Sharing Time & Prayer

*Loving God...hear our prayers*

### Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

### Closing Song

*As You Go Out from Here*

VT 841

### Benediction