

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

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Who were we at the beginning?

Who are we now?

WHO DO WE
WANT TO
BECOME?

Worship Leader: John Weigel	Prelude <i>I Saw the Light</i>	by Hank Williams, Jr., Arr. R. Umble
Prelude & Offertory: Rhea Miller Anna Smucker David Stallings Ron Umble	Lighting of the Peace Candle	
Accompanist: Matt Krebs	Welcome & Call to Worship We are healers and helpers, Teachers and counselors, Builders and renovators, Planters and reapers.	
Song Leader: Marty Kelley	We are Known and Loved by God We are singers and dancers and musicians, Painters and potters and poets, Knitters and quilters,	
Children’s Time:	Bakers and soup makers.	
Sound: Monte Garber	We are Known and Loved by God We are diverse and inclusive, Supportive and welcoming, Innovative and traditional,	
Zoom Technician: Steve Walter	Questioning and creative.	
Greeters: Deb Hall Laurel Martin	We are Known and Loved by God We are peace lovers and justice seekers, Volunteers and advocates, Breakfast makers and refugee re-settlers, Anti-war demonstrators and climate protectors,	
Ushers: Fern Clemmer Jack Shope	Reparations sponsors and fair funding campaigns.	
Foyer Monitor:	We are Known and Loved by God We are infants and elders, Grievers and survivors, Dreamers and doers, Thinkers and Seekers.	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Carrie Groffman Carol Eby-Good	We are a community of believers, called to follow Jesus.	
	We are Known and Loved by God and this Community.	
Gathering Songs		
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Symphony Volz Maren Morgan	<i>The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound</i>	VT 392
	Children’s Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282

Offering Prayer

Offertory
Jesus, Hold My Hand by A. E. Brinkley, Arr. R. Umble

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.

Reflections interspersed with *We Are People of God’s Peace* VT 797

Sharing Time & Prayer
Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song
We Are One In the Spirit VT 387

Benediction