

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

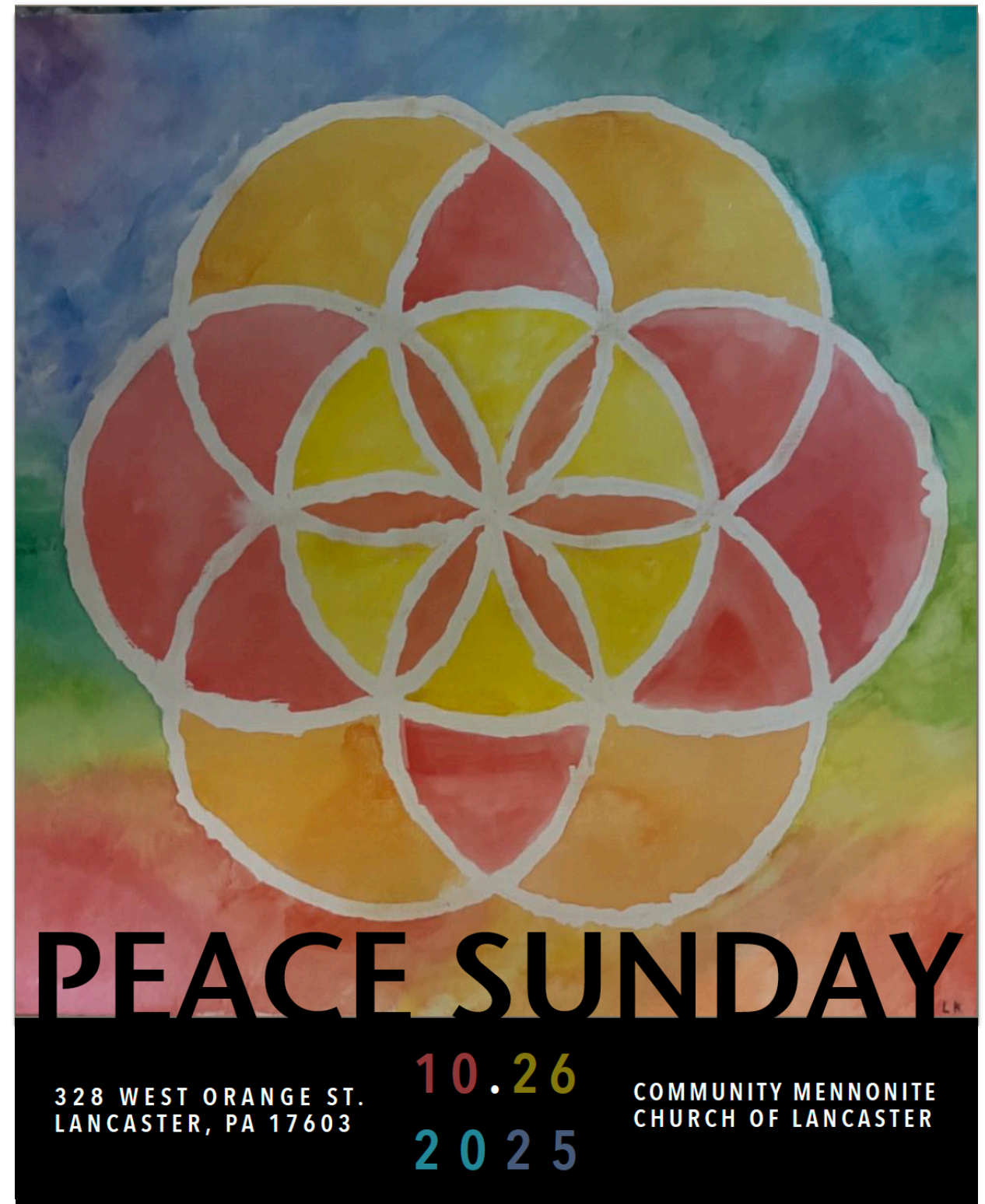
*Through your grace, O God, form us into a community
called to follow Jesus,
known and loved by you,
nourished throughout our lives by
worship, relationships and the biblical story,
open to new voices and new dreams,
committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty,
responsive to human 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.



Worship Leader: Verna Miller	Prelude <i>No Tears in Heaven</i>	by R.S. Arnold, arr. R. Umble
Prelude & Offertory: Jean Sensenig Rhea Miller Dean Clemmer David Stallings Ron Umble	Lighting of the Peace Candle	
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Welcome & Call to Worship Children of God: Welcome to this place of love and grace.	
Song Leader: Marcy Hostetler	We welcome this place of hope and light. As part of God’s beloved community of faith,	
Children’s Time: Susan Gascho-Cooke Meredith Fisher	we join the many from every nation, race, people, and language who strive to live courageously and to seek peace for and with everyone. As followers of Jesus’ teachings, we desire to love God with all our heart, with all our being, and our neighbors as ourselves. We are grateful for the children and parents who today will be dedicated to God’s everlasting love and care.	
Sound: Ezra Kauffman	Move in our midst as we sing, pray, listen, share, and worship YOU, our Friend, Creator, Healer, and Liberator. To YOU alone belongs all praise and honor, now and forever. Amen.	
Zoom Technician: Paul Allen	Gathering Songs <i>We Dream of a Turning</i>	VT 209
Greeters: Carolyn Dries Laurel Martin	<i>Let There Be Light</i>	VT 714
Ushers: Kelvin Mack Beth Crosby	Children’s Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
Foyer Monitor: Judy Zook	Parent-Child Blessing • • • •	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Jane Weigel Larry Groff	<i>May God bless and keep you,</i> <i>May the very face of God shine on you</i> <i>And be gracious to you.</i> <i>May God’s presence embrace you and give you peace.</i>	VT 970
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Symphony Volz Maren Morgan	Song <i>See the Children Here before Us</i>	VT 509
Cover Art: <i>Unity</i> , by Lucas Kreider Artwork created for <i>Peace Kids to the Rescue</i> , 2025. peacekidsart.com	Offering Prayer Offertory <i>It is No Secret</i>	by S. Hamblen, arr. By D. Snider & R. Umble

Scripture — Matthew 22:34-40 CEB
 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Sermon
Sharing Time & Prayer
*Loving God...**hear our prayers***
Announcements & Introduction of Visitors
Benediction
 Pope Leo XIV recently wrote, “*A church that sets no limits to love, that knows not enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the church that the world needs today.*”
We go, to love courageously.
We go, to pass on the love and light to all.
 Go in peace.

The banner up front was originally created for the 1987 dedication service of this building, upon completion of the lower level which served as our first worship space. Designed by Mary Lou Weaver Houser, it honors the diversity of individuals joining our community circle in those first two years: 1985-1987. Note years and our newly-chosen name embroidered across the lower edge.