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.

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CHURCH OF LANCASTER SOULS' DAY

COMMUNITY MENNONITE

11.2.25

Tis a Fearful Thing by Yehuda HaLevi

'Tis a fearful thing to love what death can touch. A fearful thing to love, to hope, to dream, to be to be. And oh, to lose. A thing for fools, this, And a holy thing, a holy thing to love. For your life has lived in me, your laugh once lifted me, your word was gift to me. To remember this brings painful joy. 'Tis a human thing, love, a holy thing, to love what death has touched.

Worship Leader: Prelude

Susan Gascho-Cooke Lord, Listen to your Children

Prelude & Offertory:

Lucas Harnish Lighting of the Peace Candle

Christy Heatwole

Song Leader: Welcome & Call to Worship

Kauffman Gathering Song

Children's Time: Great is Thy Faithfulness VT 419

Susan Gascho-Cooke

Children's Time Come and See VT 282

Sound: Scott Volz

Offering Prayer

Zoom Technician:Drew Brubaker **Offertory**

My Life Flows On

Greeters: Laura Boll

Marty Kelley Scripture

Ezekiel 18:4 — Behold, all souls are mine;

Ushers: Hebrews 12:1 — we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses

Andre Chubb Carolyn Weaver

All Souls'

Fishbowl Volunteers: Hannah Cargill •

Marian Good

Reading: Wild Geese
Prayers for the World

by Mary Oliver VT 1044

Memorial Candlelighting

Worship Environment:

Crescentia Volz Symphony Volz Maren Morgan Response: We Remember Them Je

Jewish Book of Prayer

In the rising of the sun and its going down, we remember them.

In the bowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them. In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them. In the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer, we remember them. In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

When we are lost and sick of heart, we remember them.

When we have joys and special celebrations we yearn to share,

we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us,

we remember them.

Sharing Time & Prayer

Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn

Guide My Feet VT 816

Benediction

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. So, go in peace. Go in courage. Go in love. Amen.