

## 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.*



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CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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GOD

<b>Worship Leader:</b> Faith Cowell	<b>Prelude</b> <i>Asturiana</i>  by Manuel de Falla
<b>Prelude &amp; Offertory:</b> Ryan Kauffman, Roger Lentz, Christy Heatwole Kauffman	<b>Lighting of the Peace Candle</b> ... Let there be deeds instead of boasts. ... Drive out the urge to curse and kill. ... [Experience] the love that casts aside all fear. ... God, give your wayward children peace.
<b>Song Leader:</b> Jean Sensenig	<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Worship</b> Whether young or old ... <b>You are known and loved by God.</b> <i>(repeat after each line)</i> Whether rich or poor ... Whether male, female, transgender or non-binary ... Whether powerful or powerless ... Whether member or attender ... Whether practicing a faith tradition or not ... Whether you believe it or not ...
<b>Children's Time:</b> Kay Reist	
<b>Sound:</b> Monte Garber	
<b>Zoom Technician:</b> Steve Walter	
<b>Greeters:</b> Cheryl Weber Larry Groff	<b>Gathering Song</b> <i>Calm Me, Lord (TBC)</i>  <b>Children's Time</b> <i>Come and See</i>
<b>Ushers:</b> Phil Kreider Pauline Zimmerman	<b>Offering Prayer</b> Lord, make this church a place of generosity where people work together, giving all that they are and all that they have, so that the resources with which you have blessed us may be better shared.
<b>Fishbowl Volunteers:</b> Carrie Groffman Beth Graybill	<b>Offertory</b> <i>Nuits d'étoiles</i>  by Claude Debussy
<b>Worship Environment:</b> Crescentia Volz Symphony Volz Maren Morgan	<b>Scripture</b> — I Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
<b>Cover Art:</b> Kay Reist	<b>Welcoming New Members</b> — Maria Asselle, Jeffrey Fox, Deb Hall, John King, Kelli King, Victoria Myer

**Offering Prayer:** adapted from an excerpt of a prayer by Rev Anne Paton. [https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/07/prayer-for-others-generosity\\_16.html](https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/07/prayer-for-others-generosity_16.html)

**Benediction:** an excerpt from a prayer based on Psalm 145: 18-19. <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/benediction-psalm-14518-19.html>

to the glory of God.  
As we unite with each other now,  
may we all be joined with Christ, our Lord.

**Singing**  
*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*  
VT 778  
vs. 1, 2, & 4

**This I Believe** — Esther Becker, Cal Clapper, Maren Morgan

**Song of Response**  
*Sword into a Plowshare*  
VT 798

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

**Announcements & Introduction of Visitors**

**Closing Song**  
*There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*  
VT 828

**Benediction**  
As you leave this place  
remember that you do not go alone.  
God is close at hand.