

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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COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

3 2 8 W E S T O R A N G E S T.
L A N C A S T E R , P A 1 7 6 0 3

Worship Leader: Prelude

Ron Zook

*Recitative and Aria. No. 10 and No. 11 from Handel's Messiah
(For Behold Darkness, and The People that Walked in Darkness)***Prelude & Offertory:**

Dan Laubach

Roger Lentz

Song Leader:

Jean Sensenig

Children's Time:

Christmas Program

Sound:

Ezra Kauffman

Zoom Technician:

Drew Brubaker

Gathering Songs*He Came Down*

VT 239

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Benediction:*Loving God...hear our prayers*

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Welcome & Call to Worship

Jeremiah said, "I am only a boy."
Moses said, "Who am I to do this work?"

Mary said, "How can this be?"

We often say, "But God, I am afraid."

Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.

So may we **trust the Inviter.**So may we **heed God's invitation.**So may we **summon our courage and sing God's praise.**

Let us worship our courageous, inviting, calling God. Amen!

and the fullness of love that will be
are yours, now and forever. amen.

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors**Closing Song***Love Has Come*

VT 258

Benediction

In a fearful world,
may you look for God's spirit.
May you reach for each other's hands.
May you choose courage whenever you can.
And in all things, may you remember
that good news is louder than fear.

In the name of the one who calls,
the one who sends,
and the one who journeys with—
go in peace and
be not afraid.
Amen.

Offering Prayer

God of life,
we give these offerings in gratitude,
rejoicing in the abundance
of your gifts to us.

We give these offerings in faith,
trusting that you will provide
for our needs.

We give these offerings in hope,
knowing you can use them

to spread your love in this world.

And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

may we live with generous hearts

and open hands. Amen.

VT 1017

Offertory*O Holy Night*

by Adolphe Adam

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Children's Christmas Program**Sharing Time & Prayer***Loving God...hear our prayers*

VT 989C

Blessed One,
our source and support,
holy is your name.

May your love be enacted in the world.

May your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

and forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For all that we do in your love,

and all that your love brings to birth,