

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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EPIPHANY

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Worship Leader: Joseph Gascho	Prelude Niño lindo (<i>Lovely Child</i>)	Venezuelan traditional, arr. Vicente Emilio Sojo
Sermon: Judy Zook	Lighting of the Peace Candle	
Prelude & Offertory: Daniel Erdman Ron Umble Ryan Kauffman	Welcome & Call to Worship	
Scripture Readers: Andre Chubb Margaret Krumm John & Jane Weigel	Gathering Songs <i>See Whose Glory Fills the Skies/We'll Walk in the Light</i>	VT 274
	<i>Noche anunciada (Night Long Awaited)</i>	VT 242
	Children's Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
	Offering Prayer	
Accompanist: Roger Lentz	Offertory <i>Duérmete, niño lindo (Go to Sleep, Lovely Child)</i>	Hispanic folklore; arr. John Donald Robb
Song Leader: Beth Graybill	Scripture — Matthew 2:1-12, 16-18 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We’ve seen his star in the east, and we’ve come to honor him.” When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote: You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him.” When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route. When Herod knew the magi had fooled him, he grew very angry. He sent soldiers to kill all the children in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding territory who were two years old and younger, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. This fulfilled the word spoken through Jeremiah the prophet: A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and much grieving. Rachel weeping for her children, and she did not want to be comforted, because they were no more.	
Children's Time: Jane Weigel		
Sound: Scott Volz		
Zoom Technician: Paul Allen		
Greeters: Carolyn Dries Deb Hall		
Ushers: Esther Becker Fern Clemmer		
Fishbowl Volunteers: Joanne Leatherman Sherry Groff		
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Symphony Volz Maren Morgan		
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Sermon	
Star Words	
Song of Response <i>Open my Eyes</i>	VT 732
Sharing Time & Prayer <i>Loving God...hear our prayers</i>	
Announcements & Introduction of Visitors	
Closing Song <i>My Soul Cries Out</i>	VT 412
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.	by Sarah Speed A Sanctified Art LLC sanctifiedart.org