

## 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

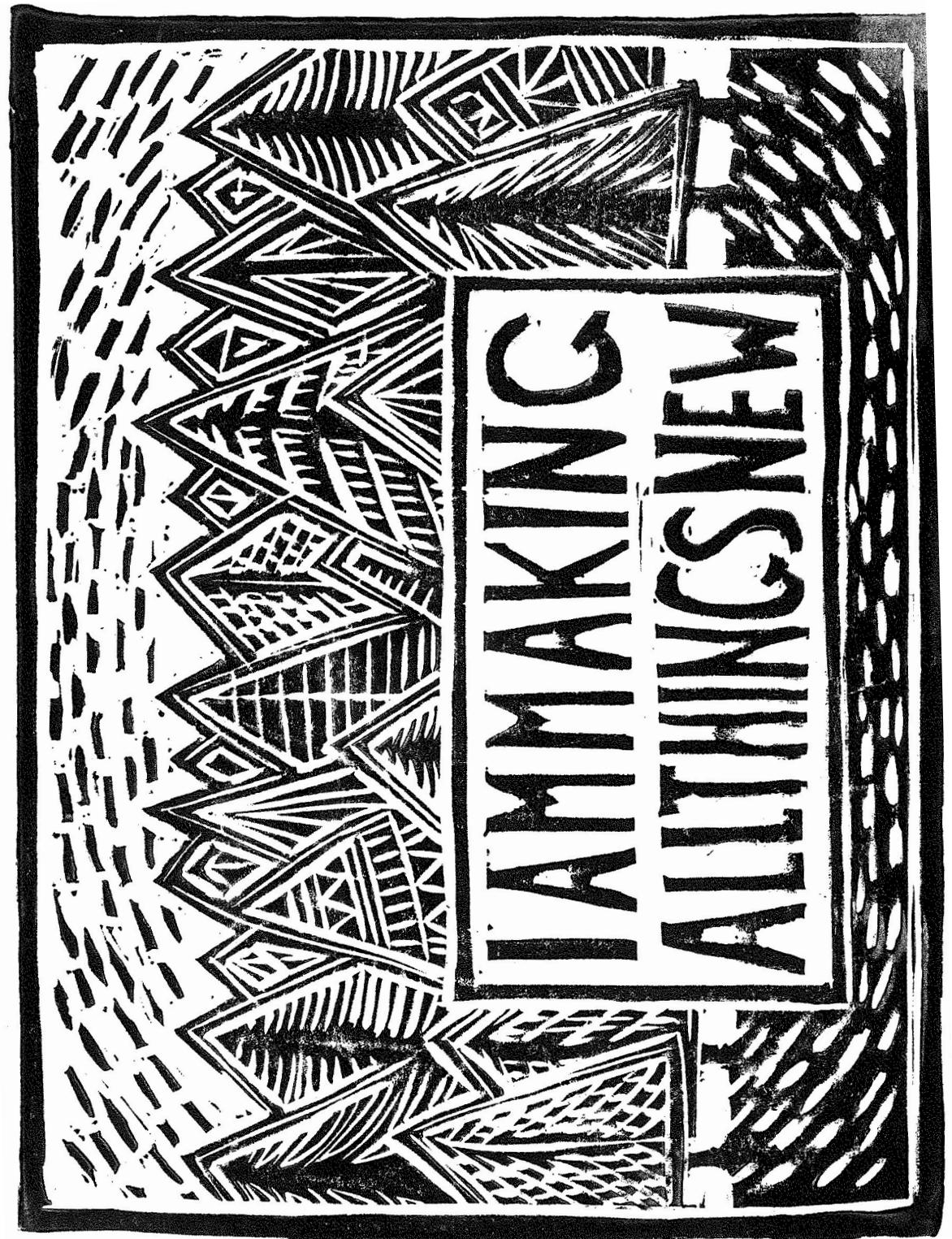
*Through your grace, O God, form us into a community called to follow Jesus, known and loved by you, nourished throughout our lives by worship, relationships and the biblical story, open to new voices and new dreams, committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty, responsive to human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



**Worship Leader:** **Prelude**  
Christy Heatwole  
Kauffman *18th Variation on a theme by Paganini* by Rachmaninoff

**Prelude & Offertory:** **Prayer & Moment of Silence for Lynn Bergey**  
Roger Lentz

**Song Leader:** **Lighting of the Peace Candle**  
Marty Kelley

**Children's Time:** **Welcome & Call to Worship**  
Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Sound:** **Gathering Songs**  
Gabriel Sauder *God is Here Among Us* VT 62  
*Wisdom from on High is Dawning* VT 238

**Zoom Technician:** **Children's Time** *Come and See* VT 282  
Drew Brubaker

**Greeters:** **Offering Prayer & Offertory**  
Esther Becker *A New Day* by Larry Minsky  
Maria Asselle

**Ushers:** **Scripture — Isaiah 43:19 CEB, Mark 2:22 CEB**  
Phil Kreider Look! I'm doing a new thing;  
John Kanagy now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?  
I'm making a way in the desert,  
paths in the wilderness.

**Fishbowl Volunteers:** No one pours new wine into old leather wineskins; otherwise, the wine  
Hannah Cargill would burst the wineskins and the wine would be lost and the  
Meredith Fisher wineskins destroyed. But new wine is for new wineskin

**Worship Environment:** **Reflections — Deconstruction as a Way of Making Things New?**  
Crescentia Volz  
Symphony Volz  
Maren Morgan

**Blessings/prayers**  
spoken by worship leader are from  
*How the Stars Get in Your Bones:*  
*A Book of Blessings*  
by Jan Richardson,  
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Running backwards so long, 40 years it was prolonged  
and we finally came to Canaan's walls.  
But there were giants in the land so we hunkered in the sand,  
pointing fingers at each other's flaws.

As i grew i knew that i could no longer glorify  
all the violence in the name of Shaddai.  
There was a prophet from above; all he told us was to love  
so we hung him from a tree 'til he died

I'm the child on the ark- hearing screams out in the dark  
I am Ishmael, I'm the spotless lamb.  
I'm the pillar made of salt. I'm the Philistine of fault.  
I'm the sacrifice of Abraham.

### Song of Response

*There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*

VT 828

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

### Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

### Closing Song

*Christ is Alive and Goes Before Us*

VT 565

### Benediction

I was raised on the banks of the Jordan River  
baptized at an early age.

As a young man I'd climb up the Mountain Sinai  
to find Jesus, but I'd hide my face.

In the temple at night staring at the satellite  
I heard his voice start to call my name.

Dreaming of some stairway up to heaven when he came  
And we wrestled 'til he changed my name

REFRAIN: OOO- There is gold in my faith.  
OOO- But there are stones in my faith.

In the garden as a youth learning all God's lovely truths,  
running naked in the country-side.  
When we ate from the tree and we learned morality  
and our immortality was denied.