

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.

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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

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LANCASTER, PA 17603

Worship Leader: Sherry Groff	Prelude <i>Tread Softly</i>	lyrics by Fanny J. Crosby
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Lighting of the Peace Candle <i>Impossible Situations</i>	by Joanna Harader
Prelude & Offertory: Nathan Landis Funk Dan Laubach Mary Alice Ressler Ron Umble	Welcome & Call to Worship Welcome Lent	First Sunday of Lent: <i>Love & Grief</i>
Song Leader: Christy Heatwole Kauffman	Welcome mystery. Welcome dissonance. Welcome grief. Welcome glory and uncertainty. Welcome doubt. Welcome belief. Welcome questions without answers. Welcome fullness from above. Welcome death and resurrection. Welcome Jesus' fiercest love.	
Children's Time: Kay Reist		
Scripture Readers: Sophia Sauder Priscilla Sauder Annali Gascho-Cooke Joe Landis Paul Allen Sherry Groff	Gathering Songs <i>Gathered Here</i> <i>Could It Be That God Is Singing</i>	VT 3 VT 42
	Children's Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
Communion Bread: Carmalena Stoltzfus (Lancaster Soft Pretzel)	Offering Prayer — <i>God of the Desert</i>	by Alissa Bender
Sound: Ezra Kauffman	Offertory <i>Holy is the Lord</i>	lyrics by Fanny J. Crosby
Zoom Technician: Steve Walter	Scripture — John 11:1-44	<i>see insert</i>
Greeters: Jean Sensenig Ken Beam	Sermon	
Ushers: David Stallings Linford Good	Song of Response <i>What Comfort Can Our Worship Bring</i>	VT 623
Fishbowl Volunteers: Marian Good Carrie Groffman	Pretzel Communion	
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Symphony Volz Maren Morgan	Sharing Time & Prayer <i>Loving God...hear our prayers</i>	
	Announcements & Introduction of Visitors	
	Closing Song <i>Spirit, Open My Heart</i>	VT 636
	Benediction	