

## 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.*

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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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**Worship Leader: Prelude**Judy Zook *Blues Connotation*

by Ornette Coleman

**Sermon:**

Ron Zook

**Lighting of the Peace Candle****Prelude & Offertory:**Larry Penner  
David Stallings  
Dean Clemmer**Welcome & Call to Worship****All: As we step into Lent,  
we say “welcome” to the dissonance.****One:** We reserve a space for lament and grief,  
to stay a while and do their work.We release our nice little pictures  
of perfect selves, perfect faith, perfect world,  
and look for God in the heartache.

We listen for God in discordant melodies.

And follow Jesus to the cross,  
though we don’t understand  
and it doesn’t compute.**All: As we step into Lent,  
we say, “welcome” to the dissonance.****Trusting that God is here.****Now. In the mystery.****Before it is resolved.****Gathering Songs**Laura Boll *Longing for Light* VT 715  
Cheryl Weber *We Praise Thee, O God* VT 91**Ushers: Children’s Time**Kelvin Mack *Come and See* VT 282  
Deb Hall**Offering Prayer & Offertory***Mill Valley Waltz* by David Grisman**Scripture – Peter’s Story: John 18:12–27 CEV**

Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest’s courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in. “You aren’t one of this man’s disciples too, are you?” she asked Peter. He replied, “I am not.” It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself. Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. “I have spoken openly to the world,” Jesus replied. “I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said.” When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. “Is this the way you answer the high priest?” he demanded.

“If I said something wrong,” Jesus replied, “testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?” Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, “You aren’t one of his disciples too, are you?” He denied it, saying, “I am not.” One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, “Didn’t I see you with him in the garden?” Again, Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

**Sermon – Let the Dissonance Speak**

1. What do you notice in the chaos or dissonance?
2. What does it cause you to wonder, remember, feel, or long for?
3. What does it nudge?

**Song of Response***Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing* VT 344**Sharing Time & Prayer***Loving God ... hear our prayers***Announcements & Introduction of Visitors****Closing Song***I Sought the Lord* VT 161**Benediction**

As you go, may you listen for God  
in the discordant melodies of your life,  
in the fear, in the regret, in the questions.  
May you give and receive grace.  
May you go with Christ’s peace surrounding you.

**Fishbowl Volunteers:**Adam Miller  
Andre Chubb  
Symphony Volz**Worship Environment:**Crescentia Volz  
Symphony Volz  
Maren Morgan