

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

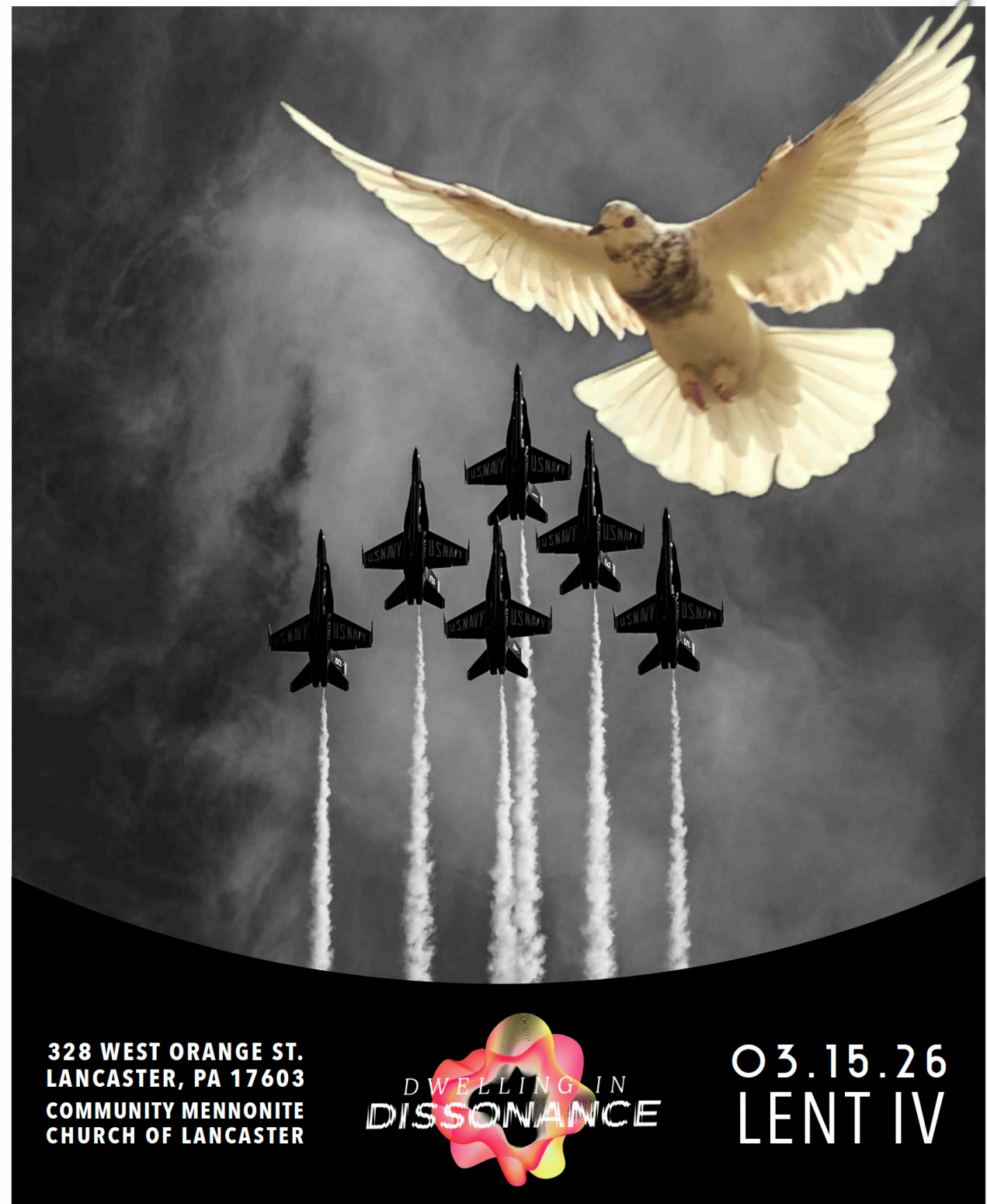
We acknowledge that Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster owns land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock confederacy (also known as the Conestoga) and Lenape people at the time of European contact. We lament our ancestors' complicity in land theft from Indigenous Peoples and how we benefit from 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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03.15.26
LENT IV

Worship Leader: Prelude

Diane Umble

My Life Flows On & Precious Lord Take My Hand

VT 605 & 610

Sermon:**Lighting of the Peace Candle**

arr. Larnie Myer

Susan Gascho-Cooke

Prelude & Offertory:

Larnie Myer

Welcome & Call to Worship

One: Welcome Lent.

All: Welcome questions:

One: Who are you? What is truth?

All: Welcome silence and responses that deal more with faith than proof.One: Welcome humbleness in glory.
Welcome peace amid the pain.**All: Welcome all the upside-downness of Jesus' kind of reign.****Song Leader:**

Jean Sensenig

Gathering Songs**Children's Time:**

Janet Allen

God, Be the Love

VT 43

Sound:

Monte Garber

Ask the Complicated Questions

VT 440

Children's Time*Come and See*

VT 282

Zoom Technician:

Ezra Kauffman

Offering Prayer & Offertory*Rain Down*

VT 703 (ensemble & congregation)

Greeters:

Kelsey Umholtz

Larry Groff

NAACP Recognition

•Marty Kelley

Ushers:

Jim Spicher

Sherry Groff

Scripture – John 18: 28-40 (CEB)

The Jewish leaders led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Roman governor's palace. It was early in the morning. So that they could eat the Passover, the Jewish leaders wouldn't enter the palace; entering the palace would have made them ritually impure. So Pilate went out to them and asked, "What charge do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If he had done nothing wrong, we wouldn't have handed him over to you." Pilate responded, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your Law." The Jewish leaders replied, "The Law doesn't allow us to kill anyone." (This was so that Jesus' word might be fulfilled when he indicated how he was going to die.) Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?" Pilate responded, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus replied, "My kingdom doesn't originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn't have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn't from here." "So you are a king?" Pilate said. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice." "What is truth?" Pilate asked. After Pilate said this, he returned to the Jewish leaders and said, "I find no grounds for any charge against him. You have a custom that I release one prisoner

for you at Passover. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?" They shouted, "Not this man! Give us Barabbas!" (Barabbas was an outlaw.)

Sermon**Blessing for Ron and Judy Zook***The Lord Bless You and Keep You (a cappella)*

VT 846

Sharing Time & Prayer*Loving God ... hear our prayers***Announcements & Introduction of Visitors****Closing Song***My Soul Cries Out*

VT 412

Benediction

As you go, may you listen for God
in the discordant melodies of your life,
seeking to live in the upside-down kingdom that is here,
but also yet to come.
May you go with Christ's peace surrounding you,
to practice a different kind of power.

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