

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

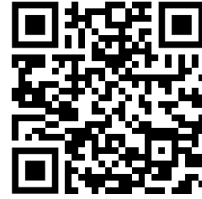
We acknowledge that Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster owns land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock confederacy (also known as the Conestoga) and Lenape people at the time of European contact. We lament our ancestors' complicity in land theft from Indigenous Peoples and how we benefit from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

Worship Leader: Prelude

Christy Heatwole
Kauffman
This Joyful Easter-tide
Alleluia

arr. Dr. Charles Wood
by William Boyce, arr. Theron Kirk

Sermon:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Prelude & Offertory:
Adult Choir, directed
by Stock Weinstock,
acc. by Maren Morgan

Welcome & Call to Worship

One: Listen. Do you hear it?
All: The sound of joy. Laughter breaking in.
One: Listen! It sounds like harmony.
All: Angels singing.

Song Leader:
Ron Umble

One: Why are you weeping?
For the grief? For the beauty?

Children's Time:
Janet Allen

All: Jesus is risen!
One: Yes! And creation sings it.
Yesterday's tears linger, as they must,

Sound:
Scott Volz

All: but love is stronger than death.
One: Do you believe this?
Listen, Jesus is speaking your name.

Zoom Technician:
Paul Allen

All: Our names—each one.
One: Like music of the soul. Can you hear it?

Greeters:
Esther Becker
Marty Kelley

All: It is the sound of resurrection.
One: Let us worship the Risen One!

Gathering Song

Ushers:
Carolyn Weaver
Marian Good

Lift Your Glad Voices
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

VT 340
VT 346

Foyer Monitor:
Joseph Gascho

Children's Time — Jump for JOY!

Come and See

VT 282

Parrot Gallery Greeter:
Lamar Weaver

Offering Prayer

HWB 749

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Ashley Miller
Jane Weigel

Offertory

Rejoice, Rejoice This Easter Morn

by Michael Larkin

Scripture – John 20:1-18 CEB

Worship Environment:
Crescentia Volz
Symphony Volz
Maren Morgan

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying. Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried,

she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

Sermon — Dwelling in the Dissonance of Miracle**Song of Response**

Now the Green Blade Rises

VT 353

Sharing Time & Prayer

Loving God ... hear our prayers

HWB 747, adapt.

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors**Closing Song**

Christ is Arisen, Alleluia!

VT 341

Benediction

May you go from here, like Mary Magdalene,
paying attention,
being astonished,
and then telling others about it.

Let us proclaim with Mary:
We have seen the risen Lord!
Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Hallelujah!

May you go with the risen Christ's peace surrounding you. Amen.

**Lighting of the Peace
Candle:** *Blessing of
Breathing*, adapt., *The Cure
for Sorrow: A Book of
Blessings for Times of
Grief* by Jan Richardson