

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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Worship Leader: John Weigel	Prelude <i>Today</i>	by John Denver
Prelude & Offertory: Nathan Landis Funk Beka Jewel	Lighting of the Peace Candle	
Song Leader: Ron Umble Roger Lentz	Welcome & Call to Worship	
Children’s Time: Dan Laubach	Can you clap your hands? We can clap our hands.	
	Has Jesus walked with us? He has walked with us.	
	Has Jesus risen from the dead? He has risen from the dead.	
	Has Jesus ascended into heaven? He has ascended into heaven.	
Sound: Monte Garber	Will Jesus come once again? He will come once again.	
	Is the spirit among us? The spirit is among us.	
Zoom Technician: Marcia Towers	Hallelujah? Hallelujah Amen.	
	Gathering Songs	
	<i>We Sing to You, O God</i>	VT 80
Greeters: Joanne Leatherman Larry Groff	<i>God is Here Among Us</i>	VT 62
Ushers: Sherry Groff Pauline Zimmerman	8th Grade Bible Presentation & Children’s Time	VT 282
Foyer Monitor: Phil Kreider	•Eric de la Rosa (Horacio de la Rosa and Heather Ruark)	
	•Eriselle Cooke (Teman Cooke and Susan Gascho-Cooke)	
Parrot Gallery Greeter: Marty Kelley	•Lucas Kreider (Phil and Sophia Kreider)	
	•Leena Iyengar (Raj and Carmalena Stoltzfus Iyengar)	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Nate Miller Kate Umble-Smucker	•Kate Schlegel (Denise Cope and Dan Schlegel)	
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Maren Morgan	Song of Response	
Cover Art: <i>The Ascension of Christ,</i> painting by Hans Süss von Kulmbach (MET, 21.84)	<i>May the Face of God Shine on You</i>	VT 844
Offering Prayer & Offertory		
<i>Gospel Medley</i> arr. Beka Jewel & Nathan Landis Funk		
Scripture – Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-11 NRSV		
Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he		

ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel? He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward haven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.

Songs of Response	
<i>We Praise Thee, O God</i>	VT 91
<i>Although Our Lord has Left Us</i>	VT 366
Staff Relations Committee — Introduction & Welcome for Nathan Grieser	
Welcoming Song	
<i>Together</i>	VT 389
Sharing Time & Prayer	
<i>Loving God ...</i> <i>hear our prayers</i>	
Songs of Response	
<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	VT 830
Announcements & Introduction of Visitors	
Benediction	
So may we know the hope that is not just for someday but for this day—here, now, in this moment that opens to us:	
hope not made of wishes but of substance, hope made of sinew and muscle and bone,	
hope that has breath and a beating heart, hope that will not keep quiet and be polite,	
hope that knows how to holler when it is called for, hope that knows how to sing when there seems little cause, hope that raises us from the dead, not someday but this day,	
every day, again and again and again.	
Closing Song	
<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	VT 835