

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: Faith Cowell	Prelude	
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Lighting of the Peace Candle	adapt. prayer by Marcus Stanley
Prelude & Offertory: Lucas Harnish	Welcome & Call to Worship	
Song Leader: Matt Krebs	Lord, make me a channel of thy peace; that where there is hatred, I may bring love; that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness; that where there is discord, I may bring harmony; that where there is error, I may bring truth; that where there is doubt, I may bring faith; that where there is despair, I may bring hope; that where there are shadows, I may bring light; that where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted; to understand, than to be understood; to love, than to be loved. for it is by self forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to eternal life. Amen.	
Children's Time: Janet Allen		
Sound: Daryl Snider		
Zoom Technician: Drew Brubaker		
Greeters: Diane Umble Marty Kelley		
Ushers: Jon Brandt Carolyn Weaver		
Foyer Monitor: Joseph Gascho		
Parrot Gallery Greeter: John Kanagy		
Fishbowl Volunteers: Hannah Cargill Jean Sensenig		
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Maren Morgan		
	Gathering Songs	
	<i>Confitemini Domino</i>	VT 52
	<i>God is Here Among Us</i>	VT 62
	Children's Time	<i>Come and See</i> VT 282
	Offering Prayer	
	Offertory	
	Scripture – Isaiah 58: 1-14 CEB	<i>see insert</i>
	Sermon	
	Song of Response	
	<i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>	VT 644
	Sharing Time & Prayer	
	<i>Loving God ... hear our prayers</i>	
	Announcements & Introduction of Visitors	

Closing Song	
<i>Sing a New World Into Being</i>	VT 809
Benediction	adapt. from the <i>Sarum Primer</i>
God be in your head, and in your understanding. God be in your eyes, and in your looking. God be in your mouth, and in your speaking. God be in your heart, and in your understanding. May [God] grant wisdom to your mind, strength to your hands, and peace to your spirit as you labor to mend what is torn and restore what is fallen. Amen.	

