

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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It is not unusual to sift through ashes and find an unburnt picture. -Nikki Giovanni



Worship Leader: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Prelude <i>Blue in Green</i>	by Miles Davis
Sermon: John-Michael Cotignola-Pickens	Lighting of the Peace Candle God be in our heads, and in our understandings. God be in our eyes, and in our looking. God be in our mouths, and in our speaking. God be in our hearts, and in our understanding. May [God] grant wisdom to our minds, strength to our hands, and peace to our spirits as we labor to mend what is torn and restore what is fallen. Amen.	
Prelude & Offertory: Larry Penner	Welcome & Call to Worship Community of faith, let us gather our courage In God’s company, we can do hard things Brave things Beautiful things Risky and transformative things God is with those who journey toward freedom For the sake of collective life For the sake of disrupting evil For the sake of the human soul God calls us and God accompanies us Let us worship and be encouraged	
Song Leader: Carrie Groffman	Gathering Songs	
Children’s Time:	Children’s Time	
Sound: Scott Volz	Offering Prayer & Offertory <i>Confirmation</i>	by Charlie Parker
Zoom Technician: Paul Allen	Scripture – Isaiah 58	<i>see insert in back pocket of hymnal</i>
Greeters: Mary Lou Weaver Houser Larry Groff	Sermon	
Ushers: Linford Good Pauline Zimmerman	Song of Response <i>There’s a Wild Hope in the Wind</i>	VT 828
Foyer Monitor: David Stallings	Sharing Time & Prayer <i>Loving God ... hear our prayers</i>	
Parrot Gallery Greeter: Lamar Weaver	Sharing Time & Prayer Gathered together, we welcome the Holy One. May the Presence of God draw near. Bringing our sorrows, our worries, our gratitude for every simple pleasure, we come bearing the complexities and contradictions of human life. Come close, O God. Trusting in the Spirit to receive us as we are,	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Laura Boll Carolyn Dries Symphony Volz		
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Maren Morgan		
Welcome Prayer: from <i>enfleshed</i> , 2025		
Sharing Time Prayer: from <i>enfleshed</i> , 2019		
Benediction: <i>A Declaration of Interdependence,</i> by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg, published by <i>Sojourners</i>		

we offer these prayers without shame,
we come to release what does not serve love,
we come with hearts open to one another.
Thanks be to God whose presence is with us!

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

This Little Light of Mine

VT 762

Benediction

May we meet the next days
of this country with accountability for—
and all possible repair toward—
each of its previous chapters.
May we dissolve all the harmful
structures upon which it was built.
May we create a more whole future
in which every person and community here—and all interconnected systems
of the Earth—may thrive.
May we serve the Holy through
our care for one another,
through work for collective liberation:
through love made real. Amen.