

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

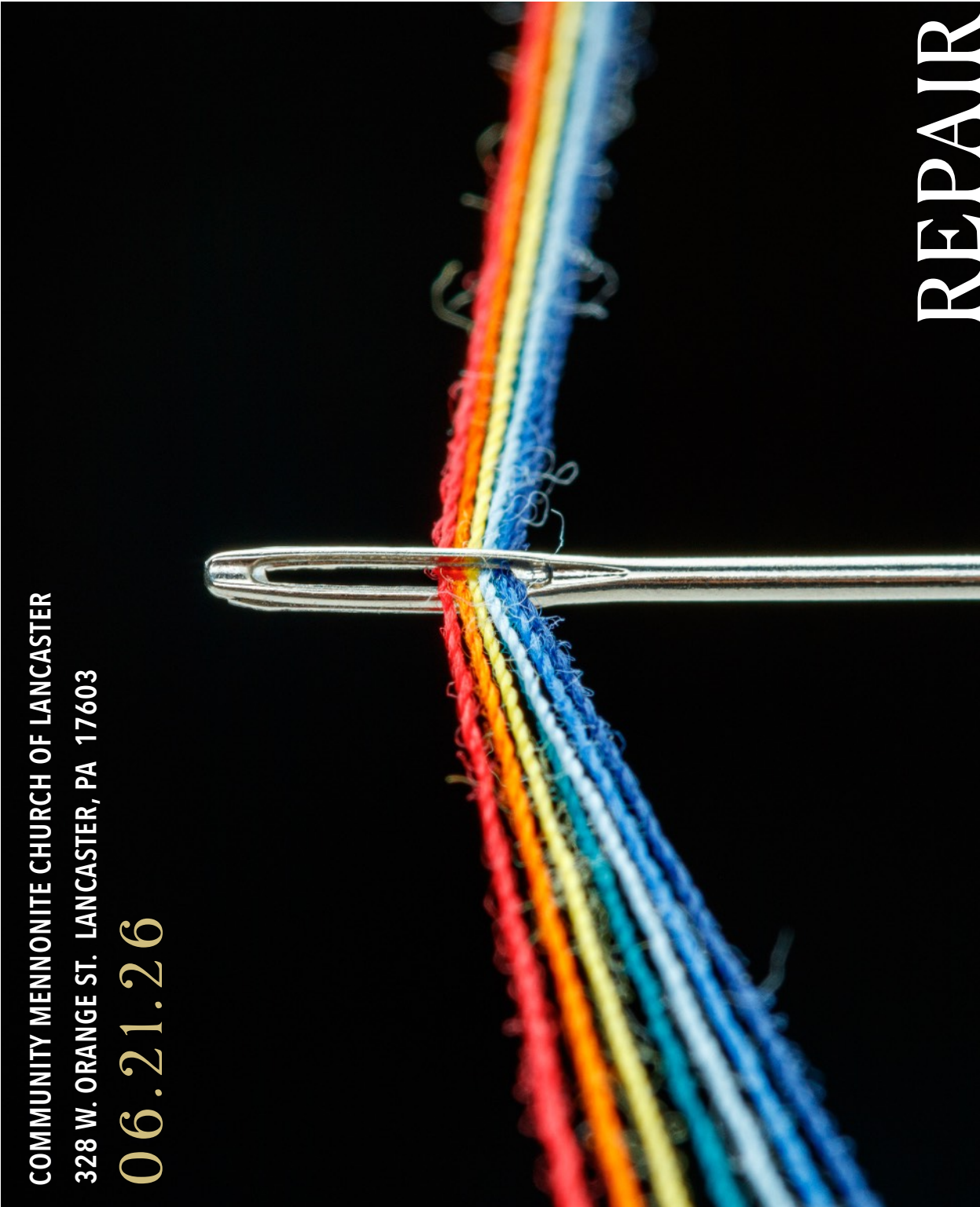
We acknowledge that Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster owns land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock confederacy (also known as the Conestoga) and Lenape people at the time of European contact. We lament our ancestors' complicity in land theft from Indigenous Peoples and how we benefit from 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: Sherry Groff	Prelude	
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Lighting of the Peace Candle	
Prelude & Offertory: Leon Miller Hans Smucker Doug Reesor Ron Umble	Welcome & Call to Worship	
Accompanist: Roger Lentz, <i>piano</i>	In defiance of corruption and falsehood, We commit to truth and integrity, and we pray for honesty and uprightness to increase in our world.	
Song Leader: Jean Sensenig	In defiance of apathy and hatred, We choose to be proactive in love, and we pray for understanding and peace to increase in our world.	
Children's Time: Meredith Fisher	In defiance of skepticism and cynicism, We embrace the mystery of faith, and we pray for humility and wonder to increase in our world.	
Scripture Readers: John Weigel Jonathan Hostetler	In defiance of self-interest and human arrogance, We celebrate God's salvation, and we pray for compassion and faith to increase in our world.	
Sound: Monte Garber	In defiance of all that would oppose God's purpose among us, We choose again to follow Christ and we continue to pray, not just now, but at all times.	
Zoom Technician: Stock Weinstock	Amen.	
Greeters: Cheryl Weber John Kanagy	Gathering Songs	
Ushers: Christy Heatwole Kauffman Ryan Kauffman	<i>Hallelujah! schöner Morgen!</i>	VT 497
Foyer Monitor: Chris Longenecker	<i>The Garden Needs Our Tending Now</i>	VT 788
Parrot Gallery Greeter: Marty Kelley	Children's Time	VT 282
Fishbowl Volunteers: Jane Weigel Larry Groff	<i>Come and See</i>	
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Maren Morgan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Peace School	
Cover Photo: Ruslan Minakryn, vecteezy.com	Offering Prayer	
	Offertory	
	<i>Wonderful Peace</i>	by Winston Cooper
	Scripture – Isaiah 58	<i>see insert in back pocket of hymnal</i>
	Sermon —	<i>The Church's Work in Repairing Harm to LGBTQ Members</i>
	Song of Response	
	<i>What Comfort Can Our Worship Bring</i>	VT 623
	Sharing Time & Prayer	
	<i>Loving God ... hear our prayers</i>	
	Announcements & Introduction of Visitors	
	Closing Song	
	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>	VT 611

Benediction
We have been sent by God, with our hands prepared to serve, and we build along with God a family here on earth. The angels are not sent to change this world of pain into a world of love where peace and justice reign; it falls to each of us to do this work today. God, as we seek to do your will, oh, help us, God, we pray.

