

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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CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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Why We NEED Anabaptism
and the Black Church

DREW G.I. HART

Worship Leader: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Prelude <i>He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands</i>	
Sermon: Drew Hart	Lighting of the Peace Candle	
Prelude & Offertory: Lucas Harnish	Welcome & Call to Worship	
Song Leader: Marty Kelley	Gathering Songs <i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>	VT 644
	<i>Longing For Light</i>	VT 715
Children’s Time: Janet Allen	Children’s Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
Sound: Gabriel Sauder	Offering Prayer	
Zoom Technician: Steve Walter	Offertory <i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Greeters: Beth Crosby Deb Hall	Scripture – Isaiah 58 <i>see insert in back pocket of hymnal</i>	
Ushers: Nancy Borremans Carolyn Weaver	Sermon Rev. Dr. Drew G. I. Hart is an associate professor of theology at Messiah University and has 10 years of pastoral experience before teaching. He currently directs Messiah University’s “Thriving Together: Congregations for Racial Justice” program and co-hosts Inverse Podcast with Jarrod McKenna, an award-winning peace activist from Australia. In addition to <i>Making It Plain</i> , Hart is the author of <i>Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism</i> (2016) and <i>Who Will Be A Witness?: Igniting Activism for God’s Justice, Love, and Deliverance</i> (2020). He is also a co-editor and contributor to <i>Reparations and the Theological Disciplines: Prophetic Voices for Remembrance, Reckoning, and Repair</i> (Nov. 2023). Drew and his family live in Harrisburg, PA.	
Foyer Monitor: Lamar Weaver		
Parrot Gallery Greeter: John Kanagy		
Fishbowl Volunteers: Kate Umble-Smucker Sherry Groff		
Worship Environment: Crescentia Volz Maren Morgan	Song of Response <i>The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound</i>	VT 392
	Q&A with Drew Hart	
	Sharing Time & Prayer <i>Loving God ... hear our prayers</i>	
	Announcements & Introduction of Visitors	
	Closing Song <i>Guide My Feet</i>	VT 816
	Benediction	