

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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COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER



Worship Leader:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Sermon:
Coalition Chaplain,
Rev. Canon Debbie
Royals

Song Leader:
Jean Sensenig

Offertory:
Daryl Snider

Children’s Time:
Doe Hoyer

Scripture Reader:
Alaina Stoner

Sound:
Scott Volz

Zoom Technician:
Marcia Towers

Greeters:
Cheryl Weber
Laurel Martin

Ushers:
Marty Kelley
Jon Brandt

Foyer Monitor:
Chris Longenecker

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John Kanagy

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Gwen Eberly
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Lighting of the Peace Candle

Welcome & Call to Worship

Gathering Hymns

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance VT 906

Livestream: Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery worship service at Landisville Mennonite Church

Introduction of Guest Speakers Chris Fretz

Children’s Time
Doe Hoyer is the Organizing Director and a song leader with the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, coordinating cultural and structural change campaigns with the Repair Network. They have lived on Dakota homelands for most of their life, and are involved locally with the Twin Cities Repair Community for Makoce Ikikcupi (Dakota land recovery). Doe graduated with a Master of Arts in Leadership in Social Transformation from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities.

Congregational Song
Ancient Words

Scripture – Matthew 14: 13-21

Sermon
Debbie is Pascua Yaqui from Tucson, AZ, a sister, mother to two wonderful young men and grandmother to four. She is an Episcopal priest, author, retreat leader and educator. Debbie earned a diploma in Nursing, a B.A. in Native American Spirituality and Theology from Prescott College, an M.Div. from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and a M.A. in Religion and Society from the Graduate Theological Union. She is developing a “new church community” called Four Winds serving Indigenous people. After 13 years of service as the Canon for Native American Ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, Debbie retired recently. She served for 19 years as Faculty for the Church Pension Group leading clergy wellness conferences in Physical Health and Spirituality, designing curriculum and developing the worship materials for all conferences. Debbie has served as Native Ministry Coordinator for Province VIII, Missioner for Native Ministry in the Dioceses of Northern California and Los Angeles, as chair of the Standing Commission on Mission & Evangelism and on the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministry. She also participated in Lambeth 2008 as a presenter and writer for the Listening Process. Debbie led the Indigenous Theological Training Institute for 10 years and published several journals with Indigenous theologians, has published in books on prayer and daily meditations. Debbie has navigated the divide of being Native and Christian by forming a bridge as a Native American spiritual leader and Episcopal priest. Her passion for restorative justice and binding community is evident in every aspect of her life.

Song of Response

Introducing Reconciling Congregations Phoebe Chatfield

Phoebe Chatfield is the Development Organizer for the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. She lives in Somerville, MA, on the land of the Massachusetts, Wampanoag, and Pawtucket peoples, between the Charles river and the Mystic river. A longtime organizer and network-weaver, Phoebe is passionate about climate and environmental justice and funding social change. Prior to joining the Coalition, Phoebe served as the Staff Officer for climate change and environmental justice (creation care) for the Episcopal Church. She has a dual degree from Yale College in Environmental Studies and Ethnicity, Race, and Migration. Phoebe has settler roots in Turtle Island and in Aotearoa New Zealand, which inform her call to the work of truth and reckoning and dismantling systems of oppression. As Development Organizer she will support the Fundraising Committee, Land Justice Working Group, and Repair Network.

End livestream

Offering/Offertory

Sharing Time

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn

Benediction