

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 <i>A Prairie Jewel</i>	by John Reischman
Song Leader: Jean Sensenig	Lighting of the Peace Candle God of every place, some are starting today from mountains of joy and confidence, mountains of gratitude and praise. Some are starting today from valleys of grief or doubt, valleys of loss or exhaustion. And in all places, there you are, nudging the world onward toward peace and reconciliation.	
Accompanist: Alicia Smith, <i>flute</i>		
Prelude & Offertory: Dean Clemmer Larry Penner	Welcome & Call to Worship	Sing the Journey #3
Children’s Time: Sherry Groff	<i>*Turn to face the other side as you address one another in the call to worship starting with those on the left*</i>	
Sound: Monte Garber	Congregation’s Left: Jesus calls us here to meet him, as through word and song and prayer we affirm God’s promised presence where God’s people live and care.	
Zoom Technician: Paul Allen	Congregation’s Right: Praise the God who keeps the promise; praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spirit who among us, to our hopes and fears attends.	
Greeters: Carolyn Dries Ken Beam	Congregation’s Left: Jesus calls us to each other, vastly different though we are; race and color, class and gender neither limit nor debar.	
Ushers: Jack Shope Laurel Martin	Congregation’s Right: Join the hand of friend and stranger, join the hands of age and youth, join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.	
Foyer Monitor: Chris Longenecker	Gathering Hymns <i>Come Away from Rush & Worry</i>	VT 9
Parrot Gallery Greeter: John Kanagy	<i>We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer</i>	VT 34
Fishbowl Volunteers: Andre Chubb Carol Spicher	Children’s Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
Worship Environment: Maren Morgan	Offering Prayer & Offertory <i>Queen of the Earth, Child of the Stars</i>	Traditional
Cover Image: Ashley Wolff, AshleyWolffArt on Etsy.com collage images from a wildlife calendar	Scripture – Isaiah 58 CEB <i>see insert in back pocket of hymnal</i>	
	Sermon — Stories of Repair	
	Song of Response <i>We Dream of a Turning</i>	VT 209
	Sharing Time & Prayer <i>Loving God ... hear our prayers</i>	
	Announcements & Introduction of Visitors	
	Closing Hymn <i>Kirisuto no heir ga (May the Peace of Christ)</i>	VT 843
	Benediction	