

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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COURAGE TO ENTER THE SONG

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Worship Leader: Diane Umble	Prelude	
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Lighting of the Peace Candle	Luke 4:18
Song Leader: Marty Kelley	Welcome & Call to Worship Do not fear, says God, I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.	
Prelude & Offertory: Lucas Harnish	God is doing a new thing; Now it springs forth!	
Children's Time: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, courage does not forsake us.	
Sound: Daryl Snider	For God's love has been poured into our hearts. Believe this good news and give thanks.	
Zoom Technician: Stock Weinstock	Gathering Hymns <i>I Bind My Heart This Tide</i>	VT 556
Greeters: Laura Boll Larry Groff	<i>Christ Be All Around Me</i>	VT 848
Ushers: Deb Hall Linford Good	Children's Time • Blessing of the Teachers	<i>Come and See</i> VT 282
Foyer Monitor: Phil Kreider	Offering Prayer & Offertory	
Parrot Gallery Greeter: Lamar Weaver	Scripture – Matthew 22:34-40 CEB When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. One of them, a legal expert, tested him. “Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?” He replied, “ You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself . All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Lori Bergey Adam Miller	Sermon	
Worship Environment: Maren Morgan	Song of Response <i>The Lord is My Light</i>	VT 437
	Communion	
	Sharing Time & Prayer <i>Loving God ... hear our prayers</i>	
	Announcements & Introduction of Visitors	
	Closing Hymn <i>God, Be The Love</i>	VT 43, vs. 1&4
	Benediction Eternal God, you call us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, By paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, But only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ. Amen.	VT 1068