

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

9.27.26

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CHURCH OF LANCASTER
328 W. ORANGE ST.
LANCASTER, PA 17603

Worship Leader: Joseph Gascho	Prelude <i>Rainbow Connection</i>	Williams and Ascher
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Lighting of the Peace Candle	
Song Leader: Beth Graybill	Welcome & Call to Worship	
Prelude & Offertory: Roger Lentz Maren Morgan	Gathering Hymns <i>Here in This Place</i>	VT 10
Children’s Time: Diane Umble	Children’s Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 790
Sound: Monte Garber	Offering Prayer & Offertory <i>It’s You I Like</i>	VT 282
Zoom Technician: Marcia Towers	Scripture – Psalm 27, by Nan Merrill, from <i>Psalms for Praying</i>	
Greeters: Cheryl Weber Fern Clemmer	Love is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?...	
Ushers: Phil Kreider Jean Sensenig	One thing have I asked of Love, that I shall ever seek: That I might dwell in the Heart of Love	
Foyer Monitor: Luke Good	All the days of my life, To behold the Beauty of my Beloved...	
Parrot Gallery Greeter: Dan Stoltzfus	Call upon the Beloved, be strong and trust in the heart's courage.	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Kate Umble-Smucker Beth Crosby	Trust in the power of Love; the Beloved's unconditional and everlasting love for you.	
Worship Environment: Maren Morgan		

Matthew 22:34-40 CEB

Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are genuine and that you teach God’s way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people’s opinions, because you don’t show favoritism. So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, “Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used to pay the tax.” And they brought him a denarion. “Whose image and inscription is this?” he asked. “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

Sermon & Discussion

Mennonites & Quietism from *Courage to Enter the Song*

Sharing Time & Prayer
*Loving God ... **hear our prayers***
Announcements & Introduction of Visitors
Closing Hymn
Benediction