

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: Marcia Towers	Prelude <i>Groovin' High</i>	by Dizzy Gillespie	
Sermon: Sarah Baggé	Lighting of the Peace Candle		
Song Leader: Marty Kelley	Welcome & Call to Worship		
Prelude & Offertory: James Blackwell Larry Penner	God speaks to each of us as he makes us, then walks with us silently out of the night. These are the words we dimly hear: You, sent out beyond your recall, go to the limits of your longing. Embody me.		
Children's Time: Kate Smucker	Flare up like flame and make big shadows I can move in. Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror. Just keep going. No feeling is final. Don't let yourself lose me. Nearby is the country they call life. You will know it by its seriousness. Give me your hand.		
Sound: Daryl Snider			
Zoom Technician: Steve Walter			
Greeters: Beth Crosby Laurel Martin			
Ushers: Phil Kreider Fern Clemmer	Gathering Hymns <i>God of Our Strength</i>	VT 47	
Foyer Monitor: Jon Brandt	<i>Come Away from Rush and Hurry</i>	VT 9	
Parrot Gallery Greeter: Dan Stoltzfus	Children's Time <i>Come and See</i>	VT 282	
Fishbowl Volunteers: Laura Boll Margaret Krumm	Offering Prayer & Offertory <i>Insensatez</i>	by Antônio Carlos Jobim	
Worship Environment: Maren Morgan	Scripture – Psalm 46 CEB God is our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of great trouble. That's why we won't be afraid when the world falls apart, when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea, when its waters roar and rage, when the mountains shake because of its surging waves.	<i>Selah</i>	
Call to Worship: <i>Go to the Limits of your Longing</i> , by Rainer Maria Rilke	There is a river whose streams gladden God's city, the holiest dwelling of the Most High. God is in that city. It will never crumble. God will help it when morning dawns. Nations roar; kingdoms crumble. God utters his voice; the earth melts. The LORD of heavenly forces is with us! The God of Jacob is our place of safety.	<i>Selah</i>	
Benediction: The Kairos Document from the Palestinian Christian Initiative	Come, see the LORD'S deeds, what devastation he has imposed on the earth— bringing wars to an end in every corner of the world, breaking the bow and shattering the spear, burning chariots with fire. “That's enough! Now know that I am God! I am exalted among all nations; I am exalted throughout the world!”		

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Selah

Sermon & Solidarity Stories

Song of Response

Longing for Light

VT 715

Sharing Time & Prayer

*Loving God ... **hear our prayers***

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn

In The Bulb There is a Flower

VT 670

Benediction

Hope is the capacity to see God in the midst of trouble,
and to be co-workers with the Holy Spirit who is dwelling in us.
From this vision derives the strength to be steadfast, remain firm,
and work to change the reality in which we find ourselves.
Hope means not giving in to evil but rather standing up to it
and continuing to resist it.