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

New to CMCL?
Scan here!

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.

COURAGE TO ENTER THE SONG

10.25.26

COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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Worship Leader:
John Weigel

Sermon:
Melanie Yoder Salim

Song Leader:
Beth Graybill

Prelude & Offertory:
Stock Weinstock
Roger Lentz

Children's Time:
Sherry Groff

Scripture Reader:
Paul Allen

Sound:
Daryl Snider

Zoom Technician:
Drew Brubaker

Greeters:
Maria Asselle
John Kanagy

Ushers:
Luke Good
Marian Good

Foyer Monitor:
Phil Kreider

Parrot Gallery Greeter:
Joseph Gascho

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Carolyn Dries
Jean Sensenig
Cora Miller

Worship Environment:
Maren Morgan

Prelude
I'll Bid My Heart Be Still — arr. Rebecca Clarke

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Welcome & Call to Worship
Matthew 25: 34-40 &
The New Colossus, by Emma Lazarus

Gathering Hymns
God of Grace and God of Glory — VT 716
Let Justice Flow Down — VT 791

Children's Time
Come and See — VT 282

Offering Prayer & Offertory
Nuit d'etoiles — Claude Debussy

Scripture – Psalm 133 CEB, Isaiah 2:1-12 CEB
Look at how good and pleasing it is
when families live together as one!
It is like expensive oil poured over the head,
running down onto the beard—
Aaron's beard!—
which extended over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew on Mount Hermon
streaming down onto the mountains of Zion,
because it is there that the Lord has commanded the blessing:
everlasting life.

This is what Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
will be the highest of the mountains.
It will be lifted above the hills;
peoples will stream to it.
Many nations will go and say,
"Come, let's go up to the Lord's mountain,
to the house of Jacob's God
so that he may teach us his ways
and we may walk in God's paths."
Instruction will come from Zion;
the Lord's word from Jerusalem.
God will judge between the nations,
and settle disputes of mighty nations.
Then they will beat their swords into iron plows
and their spears into pruning tools.
Nation will not take up sword against nation;
they will no longer learn how to make war.
Come, house of Jacob,
let's walk by the Lord's light.
You have abandoned your people,
house of Jacob.
They are full of sorcerers from the east and fortune-tellers like the Philistines;
they hold hands with foreigners' children.
Their land is full of silver and gold;
they have countless treasures.
Their land is filled with horses;
they have countless chariots.
Their land is filled with idols;
they worship their handiwork,
what their own fingers have made.
Humanity will be brought down;
each person laid low—don't lift them up!
Go into the rocks,
and hide yourself in the dust from the terror of the Lord,
from the splendor of God's majesty!
People's proud gazing will be stopped
and humanity's arrogance brought down;
the Lord alone will be exalted on that day.
The Lord of heavenly forces has planned a day:
against all that is prideful and haughty;
against all that is lofty, and it will be laid low;

Sermon

Song of Response
Beyond a Dying Sun — VT 416

Sharing Time & Prayer
*Loving God … **hear our prayers***

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn
Go My Friends In Grace — VT 810

Benediction
When day comes, we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid. The new dawn blooms as we free it, for there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it, if only we're brave enough to be it. —Amanda Gorman, *The Hill We Climb*