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.

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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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COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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328 WEST ORANGE ST.
LANCASTER, PA 17603

Worship Leader:
Diane Umble

Sermon:
Melanie Yoder Salim

Song Leader:
Jean Sensenig

Prelude & Offertory:
CMCL Quartet

Children's Time:
Ed Kane

Sound:
Scott Volz

Zoom Technician:
Paul Allen

Greeters:
Joanne Leatherman
Ken Beam

Ushers:
Ryan Kauffman
Linford Good

Foyer Monitor:
Luke Good

Parrot Gallery Greeter:
Dan Stoltzfus

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Lindsey Deininger
Cheryl Weber

Worship Environment:
Maren Morgan

All Saints Day Service Prayers: written by Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins, Conference Minister of the Heartland Conf., UCC

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Welcome & Call to Worship

One: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.
All: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.
One: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.
All: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.
One: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.
All: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.

Gathering Hymns

God, Be the Love VT 43
Come my Way, My Truth, My Life VT 48

Children's Time *Come and See* VT 282

Offering Prayer & Offertory

Scripture – Hebrew 11:1 - 12:2

Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith.

By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.

By faith Abel ... By faith Enoch ... By faith Noah ... By faith Abraham ...

All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God—he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham ... By faith Isaac ... By faith Jacob ... By faith Joseph … By faith Moses' parents ... By faith Moses ... By faith the people ... By faith Rahab ...

What more can I say? I would run out of time if I told you about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God's throne.

Sermon All Saints' Memorial Candlelighting

Remembering: Lynn Bergey
Urbane Peachey
Alyce Jenkins

Reading the names of the saints of CMCL whom have gone before us.

All are invited to come forward and light a candle for a loved one. You may optionally speak their name(s) into the microphone.

Song of Response

Before the Waters Nourished Earth VT 652

Sharing Time & Prayer

Loving God … ***hear our prayers***

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn

Longing for Light VT 715

Benediction

Beloved of God, trust that the Holy One still forms saints. They might be standing next to you. They might just be you. Trust that God has formed your life to be part of something larger than you could possibly imagine. So go, anticipating that God is already blessing you to bear good news into the world. Yes! Yes! Yes! Amen and Amen!