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

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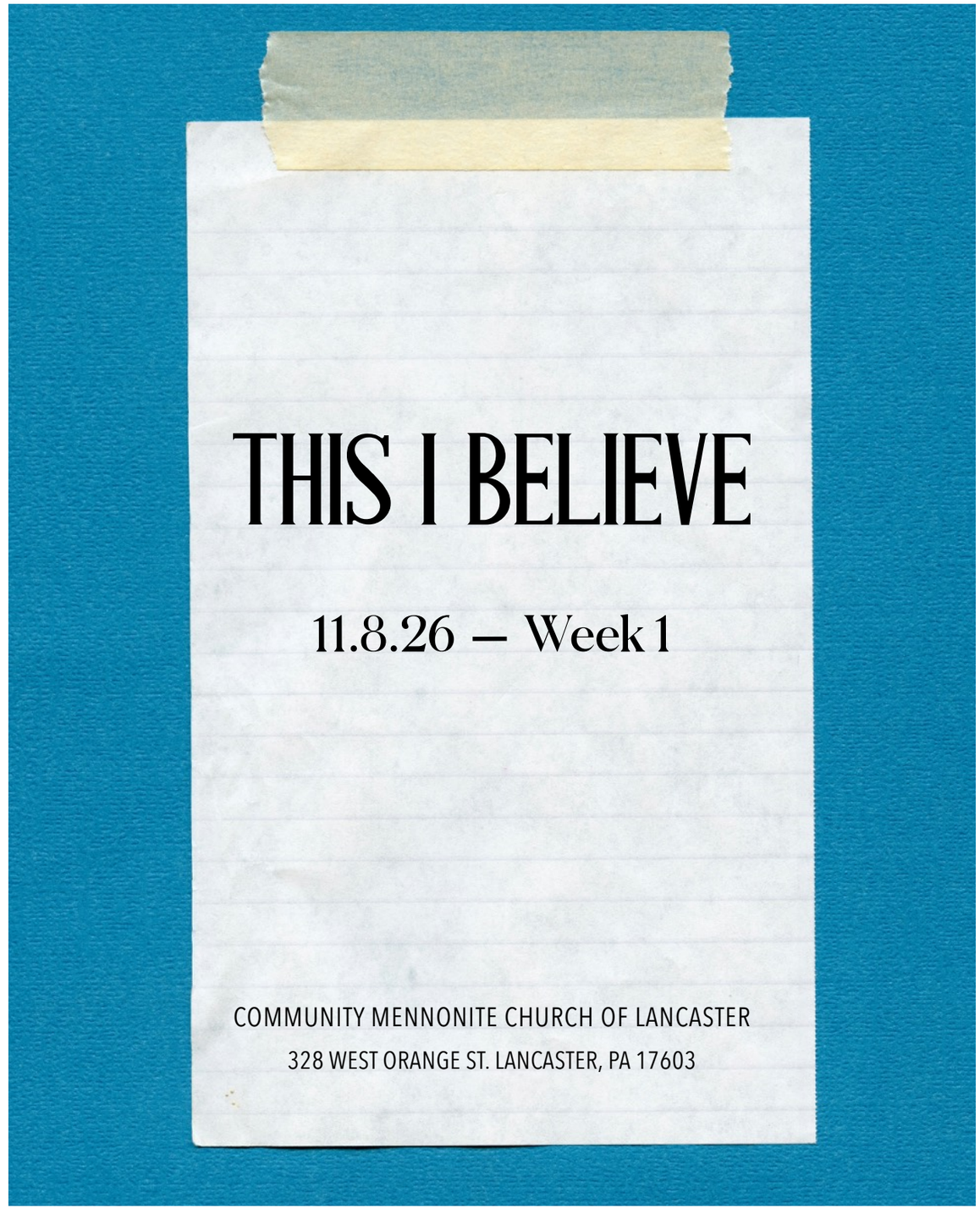
Through your grace, O God, form us into a community
called to follow Jesus,
known and loved by you,
nourished throughout our lives by
worship, relationships and the biblical story,
open to new voices and new dreams,
committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty,
responsive to human 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.



Worship Leader:
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Sharing:
Pax Ressler
Eric Umble

Song Leader:
Christy Heatwole

Prelude & Offertory:
Larnie Myer

Children's Time:
Sarah Fritz

Sound:
Monte Garber

Zoom Technician:
Steve Walter

Greeters:
Carolyn Dries
Deb Hall

Ushers:
Phil Kreider
Maria Asselle

Foyer Monitor:
Joseph Gascho

Parrot Gallery Greeter:
Dan Stoltzfus

Fishbowl Volunteers:
Ashley Miller
Kim Van Donk

Worship Environment:
Maren Morgan

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Prelude
Peace Piece by Bill Evans

Lighting of the Peace Candle by Verna Miller

Lighting this candle expresses our longings
week after week
for peace to be lived in all our relationships,
in our neighborhoods,
in our politically divided nation,
and in the many areas of conflict across the globe.
We humbly pray for peace.

Welcome & Call to Worship VT 863

Gathering Hymns
God of the Bible VT 420

Children's Time *Come and See* VT 282

Offering Prayer by Meister Eckhart

Did you ever wonder
what the greatest gift is
that God has ever done?
It is this: mercy.
If you wonder
what this means,
practice mercy
and your questions
will fade. Live into mercy,
and you will become
what you love,
for love unites us
in our loving....
So give yourself
to love, and love
yourself in giving.
The rest will follow
of its own.

Offertory
Improvisation

Scripture — Micah 6:8 (CEB), pronouns adapted

God has told you, human one, what is good and
what the Lord requires from you:
to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8 (THE MESSAGE), pronouns adapted

God has already made it plain how to live, what to do,
what God is looking for in all people.
It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,
be compassionate and loyal in your love,
And don't take yourself too seriously—
take God seriously.

This I Believe

- Pax Ressler, "The Calling"
- Eric Umble, instrumental

Communion VT 989c & 946

Prayer by Susan Gascho-cooke

And now, Our Loving parent spreads a meal before us
whenever we come home.
The bread broken for us represents the body of Jesus Christ,
the embodied heart of God.
Here Jesus is remembered.
Here the repentant heart is received.
Here we celebrate fullness of belly and quenching of thirst.
Here we taste and see
that our past, present and future
are held in the arms of Great Love.
May this simple meal, and the Extravagant Love
and grace and mercy of God,
nourish, strengthen and sustain us
for just and faithful living
with neighbor, stranger, and enemy. Come!

Sharing Time & Prayer

*Loving God … **hear our prayers***

Hymn
We Walk by Faith VT 588

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn
Blessed Assurance VT 435

Benediction
Vision Prayer *see back of bulletin*