before the formalities in Jerusalem. There will be short Order of Prayer for the Evening, followed by an informal shared potluck meal.

**Maundy Thursday:** All are welcome to the Maundy Thursday service on April 18, at 7:00 p.m. for a simple meal of rice, beans, and tamales. You may participate in foot washing, Communion, a Tenebrae service, and nailing confessions to the cross. Please RSVP to Jake Short by Tuesday, April 16.

**Easter Sunday:** We will have an Easter brunch at 9:30 a.m. before worship at 11:00 a.m. Please bring a breakfast/brunch item if you are able, and your own table service if possible. Bring fresh cut flowers to place at the cross as well. There will be no Sunday School for any age on Easter.

**Sabbatical Love Offering:** During her sabbatical this summer, Cindy will be doing some traveling and taking part in at least one retreat workshop. As an act of support for these activities, Pastorate would like to collect a love offering for Cindy during the brunch on Easter Sunday. If you will not be in town for Easter but would like to contribute you may turn in any love offering donations this week to Michelle, who will include them in the final collection.

**Adult Education in April:** On April 28 at 9:30 a.m. at UPCoB, Susy Murphy will share about families negotiating care options for their loved ones, and about her work with Debra Levy Eldercare.

**"No Announcements" Announcement:** For Lent (March 10-April 20) we are giving up verbal announcements during the worship service. Please get your announcements to Jake for the bulletin (by Friday morning at 10:00 a.m.) and the listserv. And please read the announcements in the bulletin and listserv.

**Nursery:** Childcare is provided for children ages newborn through three years old.



Assistive Listening Devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Church Listserv:** To add or change your email address, please email Jake Short. **Facebook:** Hyattsville Mennonite Church.

Church Staff Schedule: The church office is closed on Mondays.

Cindy will be available Tuesday through Friday. Michelle will be available Tuesday and Thursday. Jake will be in the office Tuesday and Friday.

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9:30—Sunday School

10:30—Fellowship Time

11:00—Worship Service

#### **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book (blue) STJ – Sing The Journey (green) STS – Sing The Story (purple)

#### Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

Prelude Daniel Daughtry-Weiss, Amanda Melara, Eric Stoltzfus

## Praising (Entry Into Jerusalem)

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 63 & 118) Tabitha Gingerich One: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

Many: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

One: O God, your love is everlasting. We thank you for your goodness.

Many: We thank you for hearing us, for saving us.

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of YHWH!

Many: Hosanna! Save us! We bless you with the festal procession. With palm fronds in hand, we go up to the altar.

All: O God, we exalt you. You satisfy our souls as with a rich feast. In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you uphold us.

Palm Processional

Hymn: STS 73 – *Jesus is coming* 

Cindy Lapp

"The Poet Thinks About the Donkey" by Mary Oliver

Lighting the Peace Lamp Cathy Kerst

## Gathering With Friends

Time for Children

Saundra Plett

Hymn: STJ 86 – Taste and see

# Praying In The Garden

"Gethsemane" by Mary Oliver

Hymn: Stay with Me, the Night Has Come (see insert)

Journey to the Cross

Betrayal (excerpts from Luke 22:21-65)

Confession

One: O God, we bring to you our confessions in word and silence.

Many: We acknowledge our doubts, our betrayals, our turning the other way when you ask us to keep watch and follow you.

Silence

One: As Jesus prayed for his followers, we too pray that our faith may not fail. Move us from despair to hope.

We pray together the words that you taught us...

All: The Lord's Prayer...

Hymn: HWB 254 - Ah, holy Jesus (v. 1, 2, 4)

#### Crucifixion

Hymn: STS 68 – Kyrie

from Luke 23; Samantha Schmidt, *Washington Post*, April 6, 2019; and *The Testament of Mary* by Colm Toiben

"Friday from Noon till Three (The Magdalene's Lament)" by Jan Richardson Hymn: *Vos sos el destazado* (see insert)

"Lines After M.B.'s Funeral" by Madeleine L'Engle Silence

## Responding

Responses to the Message Sharing of Joys and Concerns Praying Together

Blessing for Nathan & Anna Jeide-Detweiler

Hymn: STJ 76 – The Lord bless you and keep you

The Work of the Church Greeting our Guests

The Ministry of Giving
Children's Offering
Offering of Gifts & Lenten Word Ritual
Prayer of Dedication

# Sending

Hymn: STS 80 – *Jesus walked this lonesome valley* Benediction: "Benedictus" by Jan Richardson

**Readers:** Penny Russell, Peter Goering, Janet Reedy, Nathan & Anna Jeide-Detweiler

TODAY NEXT WEEK

Greeter: Brian Brubaker

Ushers: Denise Brown, Marc Friesen Nursery: Wyatt Feeler, Jeanette Stoltzfus

Worship Arts: Jake Short

Penny Russell

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$5,820 Lent Offering – \$332 Weekly Goal – \$5,255 Attendance Last Week – 115

## Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, April 21:

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

#### **CALENDAR**

Mon. 4/15—Friendship meal at San Mateo Episcopal, 6:00 p.m. (see announcement)

Thurs. 4/18—Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 p.m. (see announcement)

 $Sun.\ 4/21 — Easter\ Sunday;\ Easter\ brunch;\ no\ Sunday\ School;$ 

Cindy Lapp preaches (see announcement).

Sun. 4/28—Ben Goossen preaches.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Lent Offering:** Our Lent offering is for Leidy Ballestas, who does women's empowerment with Sembrandopaz in Colombia. Leidy is only on a stipend, and our goal is to raise \$2,500 to help her earn a minimum wage in Colombia.

**Lent Worship Arts:** For Lent, we are pondering how words can nourish us. If a word or theme catches your attention, write it on a slip of paper from the baskets at the end of the pews. During the offering, bring that paper forward and put it in the large bowl. Each week, some words will be incorporated into the central banner. All of the slips will be added in pockets on the side banners and will play a special role on Easter.

**Gift Discernment Is Here!** Each year, we set aside a time for the Gift Discernment process. This is an opportunity for you to get information about the variety of ways your particular gifts are needed and to give prayerful consideration to the places where you can give of your time and talents to the important work of the church. Forms are now available online and in paper form. The deadline is April 21 (Easter). Please join in and get involved!

**Holy Week Event at San Mateo Episcopal:** San Mateo's English-speaking congregation invites HMC to a vegetarian friendship meal this Monday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m. in their fellowship hall at 5901 36th Ave. in Hyattsville. The lectionary focuses this day on Jesus visiting his friends for a final friendly meal