



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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Gathering for Worship via Zoom

Gathering (10:45 a.m.)

Welcome (11:00 a.m.)

Brian Brubaker

Technological Introduction

Kristen Tull, Alec Fritsch

Call to Worship (from Psalm 8)

Brian Brubaker

(This text will be posted in the 'chat' in Zoom. Please read along where it is marked 'Many'.)

One: Adonai, Our God, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!

Many: You have placed your glory above the heavens!

One: From the lips of infants and children you bring forth words of power and praise,
to answer your adversaries,

Many: and to silence the hostile and vengeful.

One: When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you have set in place –

Many: What is humanity that you should be mindful for us? Who are we that you should care for us?

One: You have made us barely less than God, and crowned us with glory and honor.

Many: You have made us responsible for the works of your hands, putting all things at our feet –

One: All sheep and oxen, yes, even the beasts of the field,

Many: The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

Adonai, Our God, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!

Praising

Hymn: HWB 48 – *All creatures of our God and King* (v. 1-4)

Daughtry-Weiss family

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,

[Refrain] O sing ye, O sing ye,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
[Refrain]

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest all both warmth and light,
[Refrain]

Dear mother earth, who day by day,
unfoldest blessings on our way,
alleluia, alleluia!

The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show,
[Refrain]

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Dave & Linda Miller, International Guest House

All are invited to light a candle or lamp where you are.

Confessing

Confession

Silence

Words of Assurance

Hymn: *God of the sparrow* (text: Jaroslav J. Vajda; tune: Carl Schalk)

God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the ages

God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home

God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

Hearing The Word

Time for Children: Blessing of the Animals

Susie, Maggie, & Alice Reed-McCullough

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: *All God's Critters*

[Refrain] All God's critters got a place in the choir

Some sing low, some sing higher

Some sing out loud on the telephone wire

And some just clap their hands,

or paws or anything they got now

Well, listen to the top where the little bird sings

The melody with the high voice ringing

The hoot owl hollers over everything

And the jaybird disagrees

Well, listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom

Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus

Moans and groans with a big to do

And the old cow just goes, 'Moo'

Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day

The little duck quacks and he's on his way

The 'possum don't have much to say

And the porcupine talks to herself

Well, the dogs and the cats they take up the middle

The honeybee hums and the crickets fiddle

The donkey brays and the pony neighs

The old coyote howls

[Refrain]

Everybody here is a part of the plan

We all get to play in the great critter band

From the eagle in the sky to the whale in the sea

It's one great symphony

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 6:25-34

Meditation: *Creatures and Caring*

Richard Brown

Lori Reeder Zehr & Sam Zehr,

Mira Grieser & Brett Sherman

Tim Shue

Video Interlude: STJ 75 – *Be Still*

Responding

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Cindy Lapp

If you want to share something to be included in the prayer, please type it in the chat box.

Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Your offerings can be mailed to the church, you can give through the HMC website on PayPal, or set up with your bank to have a check sent to the church each month.

Benediction

Hymn: HWB 427 – *You shall go out with joy*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.

The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.

There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands.

The trees of the field will clap their hands,
while you go out with joy.

Conversing

Conversation

hosted by Cindy Lapp

In this season of Eastertide, our time of conversation is a space of sharing responses to the service and sharing joys, concerns, and experiences from our daily living. This week's leading question you might consider: How do I connect with "creatures?" As part of creation, do they reveal Christ?