



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

A Christ-centered welcoming church committed to peace & justice.

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Gathering for Worship via Zoom

Gathering & Prelude (10:45 a.m.)

Brian Brubaker, tech host

Welcome & Call to Worship (11:00 a.m.)

LeAnne Zook

One: The wilderness is without and within. It too is part of God's path,
though we fear wild, solitary places as did the people of old.

**Many: When the people became impatient, asking,
"Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?"
God answered by bringing sustenance.**

One: In our lonely places, God's love calls us to wholeness,
even when we cannot see beyond the fear, isolation, and need.

Many: Remember, God is at work in these difficult, painful places.

One: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Chosen One be lifted up, that whoever believes may have eternal life.

**Many: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for the good work,
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

All: We call to you, as you call us to into deeper knowing.

Praising

Hymn: VT 303 – *O Love, How Deep, How Broad*

Krysta (Hawkley) Hartman

[1] O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

[4] For us to wicked hands betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death,
for us at length gave up his breath.

[2] For us he was baptized and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore.
For us temptation sharp he knew,
for us the tempter overthrew.

[5] Eternal glory to our God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

[3] For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself but us.

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Peter Goering, Sara Fretz-Goering

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

Confessing

Confession

LeAnne Zook

*Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.
We confess how the wilderness has revealed our truest selves,
uncovered our fear, asked us to name our pain.*

Silence

Hymn: STS 80 – *Jesus walked this lonesome valley*

Krysta (Hawkley) Hartman

[1] Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
he had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
he had to walk it by himself.

[3] You must go and stand your trial;
you have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
you have to stand it by yourself.

[2] We must walk this lonesome valley;
we have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
we have to walk it by ourselves.

Words of Assurance

*We confess how the wilderness has revealed your truth.
We are created for good. We turn and live in your love.
We turn and live into your love for our world.
Deep calls to deep.
You call to us from the depth of your love.
Calling us to deep restoration We come to you, God.*

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Saundra Plett

Scripture Reading:

Numbers 21:4-9

John 3:14-21

Message: *A Given*

Michelle Burkholder

Musical Interlude: "[Come Out The Wilderness](#)" – The Como Mamas

Responding

Prayer

Cindy Lapp

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

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.*

Our Lent offering will go to the Congregation Action Network's (CAN) COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund to help our immigrant and refugee neighbors during the pandemic. Please mark your offerings accordingly.

Ministry Highlight: CAN Advocacy

Cindy Lapp

Benediction

LeAnne Zook

Hymn: VT 838 – *The Peace of the Earth Be with You*

Krysta (Hawkley) Hartman

[English]

[Spanish]

The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.

La paz de la tierra esté contigo,
la paz de los cielos también.
La paz de los ríos esté contigo,
la paz de los mares también.

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

Deep peace falling over you.
God's peace growing in you.

La paz profunda cayendo sobre ti.
La paz profunda creciendo en ti.

Conversing

Conversation & Welcoming Our Guests

hosted by Michelle Burkholder

This time of conversation is a space to share any joys, concerns, or other reflections from today's service.