



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.)

Jake Short, tech host

Welcome (11:00 a.m.)

Sarah Hall Aguila

Call to Worship: VT 176

*O God great womb of wondrous love,
your Spirit moving in the deep
did wake a world within yourself,
a pulsing, lighted world, from sleep.*

*O fire, O firmament and sea,
your seething ferment's energy
called forth a whirling waltz of life,
each plant and creature and its seed.*

*Now come with rest, O Sabbath sun,
O sanctuary sacred home;
we groan till all is grown complete,
fulfilled at peace, O great Shalom.*

Praising

Hymn: VT 120 – *For the Beauty of the Earth* (v. 1-3, 5)

Eric Stoltzfus, Cindy Lapp

[1] For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

[2] For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light:

[Refrain]

[3] For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:

[Refrain]

[5] For each perfect gift and sign
to this world so freely giv'n;
graces human and divine,
love uniting earth and heav'n:

[Refrain]

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Yahtyng Sheu

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

Confessing

Confession

Sarah Hall Aguila, Mario Aguila

One: Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

Many: We confess that deep connections can scare us.

One: We confess that we resist connection to the earth on which we live,

Many: we resist connection to the seeds of possibility,

One: we resist connection to the covenant you already have with earth and all peoples.

Hymn: VT 302 – *Unless a Grain of Wheat*

Cindy Lapp, Mira Grieser

[1] Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth,
falls to the earth and dies,
it remains only a grain of wheat
and never the blade shall rise.

[2] The one who loves the worldly life
loses the life so lived,
while the one who hates the life in this world
preserves it to life eternal.

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

For the grain produces much fruit,
but only if it dies.
Unless a grain dies,
never the blade shall rise.

[3] If anyone would serve me,
come and follow me;
come and follow me; where I am,
there will my servant be.

[Refrain]

Words of Assurance

One: You call to us from the depth of your love, calling us to deep growth.

All: Renew in us the joy of your saving grace. Encourage us with a new spirit.

One: Deep calls to deep.

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Saundra Plett

Scripture Reading:

John 12:20-33

Keith Swartzendruber

Message: ***Seeds In The Earth***

Cindy Lapp

Musical Interlude: “Deep Peace” – Brigham Young University (BYU) Singers

Responding

Prayer

Michelle Burkholder

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: Issues Immigrants Face

James Dunmore

Benediction

Hymn: VT 828 – *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*

[1] There's a wild hope in the wind:
her whisper is heard on the breeze.
The gale is her shout that is calling us out.
There's a wild hope in the wind.
O God in the wind, come gather us in,
[Refrain]

[Refrain]
be our courage and promise. The future is dim,
but we want to live into a wild, wild hope.

Sarah Hall Aguila

Cindy Lapp, Mira Grieser
[2] There's a wild hope in the skies:
her gown is the blue of forever.
The purple of night is her heart's pure delight.
There's a wild hope in the skies.
O God in the skies, come open our eyes, [Refrain]
[3] There's a wild hope in the earth:
her body provides us with nurture.
The dark underground is where life can abound.
There's a wild hope in the earth.
O God in the earth, come aid our rebirth, [Refrain]

Conversing

Conversation & Welcoming Our Guests

hosted by Cindy Lapp

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