



# 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.)

Cindy Lapp

Call to Worship: VT 851

Michelle Burkholder

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

**People: Jesus calls us to worship.**

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

**People: Jesus calls us to love.**

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

**People: Jesus calls us to justice.**

Leader: We hear the call of Christ.

**All: We worship together with joy.**

## Praising

Hymn: VT 1 – *Summoned by the God Who Made Us*

Eric Stoltzfus, Cindy Lapp

[1] Summoned by the God who made us  
rich in our diversity,  
gathered in the name of Jesus,  
richer still in unity:

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

Let us bring the gifts that differ  
and, in splendid, varied ways,  
sing a new church into being,  
one in faith and love and praise.

[2] Radiant risen from the water,  
robed in holiness and light,  
ev'ry person in God's image,  
ev'ry person, God's delight.

[Refrain]

[3] Trust the goodness of creation;  
trust the Spirit strong within.  
Dare to dream the vision promised  
sprung from seed of what has been.

[Refrain]

[4] Bring the hopes of ev'ry nation;  
bring the art of ev'ry race.  
Weave a song of peace and justice;  
let it sound through time and space.

[Refrain]

[5] Draw together at one table  
all the human family;  
shape a circle ever wider  
and a people ever free.

[Refrain]

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Eli Miller

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

## Confessing

Confession: VT 900

Cindy Lapp

Most loving, most strong God, who is able to fight against you?

The ancient serpent, the diabolical dragon, is not able to oppose you.

I want you to help me fight against the fiery dragon within me that eats away my soul.  
I want to be like the strongest sword, fashioned by you, with the sharpest blade  
that will cut through the dragon's scales.

And as I slay the dragon within myself, I want to offer a safe refuge for all,  
who like me are frail and vulnerable, so they may slay their own dragons,  
and together we may live in peace. Amen.

Hymn: VT 599 – *We've Come This Far by Faith*

[Refrain]

We've come this far by faith,  
leaning on the Lord;  
trusting in his holy word,  
he's never failed me yet.  
Oh, can't turn around,  
we've come this far by faith.

[Verse]

Don't be discouraged  
when trouble's in your life,  
he'll bear your burdens  
and move all misery and strife.  
That's why we've . . .

[Refrain]

## Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Michelle Burkholder

VT 12 – *Tree of Life*, visual art by SaeJin Lee

Isaiah 25:6-9

## Exploring Voices Together

VT 291 – *Loaves and Fishes*, visual art by Michelle G. Burkholder

Hymn: VT 290 – *Blessed Are You*

[1] Blessed are you, the poor ones;  
God calls the last and least.  
Blessed are you, the hungry,  
for God prepares your feast.  
Blessed are you who weep now,  
for mourning turns to praise.  
Blessed are you who suffer,  
for God will guard your ways.

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

The doors of heav'n are open,  
and glory is shining through—  
rejoice, rejoice, God is with us,  
and blessed, blessed are you.

[2] Ruin awaits the wealthy,  
who live to serve their greed.  
Ruin awaits the gluttons,  
who take more than they need.  
Ruin awaits the laughers,  
and tears will fill their eyes.  
Ruin awaits the haughty,  
who mock their neighbors' cries.

[Refrain]

[3] Blessed are you, the poor ones,  
for God is poor with you.  
Blessed are you, the hungry,  
for God knows hunger too.  
Blessed are you who weep now,  
for God has shared your grief.  
Blessed are you who suffer,  
for God will bring relief.

[Refrain]

Hymn: VT 299 – *God Lights a Lamp*

Brody Thomas

God lights a lamp, and she searches ev'erywhere  
for the hidden, lonely heart.

God lights a lamp, and she searches ev'erywhere.

When she finds you, oh, she sings:

“I have found my treasure, my precious silver coin. I have found my love!”

Even angels will hear the news:  
what once was lost is found.

VT 334 – *Alive*, visual art by Anne Hostetler Berry

Hymn: VT 356 – *Be Not Afraid*

Eric Stoltzfus, Cindy Lapp

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Blessing of the New Hymnals (*adapted from Carol Penner, leadinginworship.com*)

## Responding

Musical Interlude: VT 357 – *The Lord Is Risen Indeed!*

Laurelville Christian Retreat Center

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.*

Ministry Highlight: PG Plaza Day Center update

Lisa Zammuto

Benediction: VT 1050

Michelle Burkholder

Leader: From where we are to where you need us:

**All: Jesus, now lead on.**

Leader: From the familiarity of what we know to the wonder of what you will reveal:

**All: Jesus, now lead on.**

Leader: To transform the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom:

**All: Jesus, now lead on.**

Leader: Because good things have been prepared for those who love God:

**All: Jesus, now lead on.**

Hymn: VT 815 – *Sizohamba naye*

Eric Stoltzfus, Cindy Lapp

Sizohamba naye, wo wo wo,  
sizohamba naye.

We will walk with God, wo wo wo,  
we will walk with God.

Sizohamba naye, wo wo wo,  
sizohamba naye.

We will walk with God, wo wo wo,  
we will walk with God.

Ngomhla wenjabula sizohamba naye. (x2)

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come. (x2)

## 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.*