



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 (11:00 a.m.)

Tabitha Gingerich

Call to Worship: VT 185 (Psalm 104 excerpts)

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

Many: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

One: You make springs gush forth in the valleys, giving drink to every wild animal.

Many: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use.

One: You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

All: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all.

Many: The earth is full of your creatures; they all look to you to give them their food in due season.

All: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

Praising

Hymn: VT 180 – *This Is God's Wondrous World*

[1] This is God's wondrous world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
the wonders God has wrought.

[2] This is God's wondrous world;
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the dark of night,
declare their Maker's praise.

This is God's wondrous world;
a wand'rer I may roam.
Whate'er my lot, it matters not,
my heart is still at home.

Cindy Lapp, Eric Stoltzfus

[3] This is God's wondrous world;
oh, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is God's wondrous world;
the battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be glorified,
and earth and heav'n be one.

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

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

Jennifer Hiebert & Friends

Confessing

Confession*

Tabitha Gingerich, Cheryl Fish-Parcham,
Kaye Brubaker

Leader: In the beginning, you formed the heavens and the earths, you separated the days and nights,
you created the world and all that lives and breathes and moves within it. Creator, hear our confession:

Reader 1: The land – which you allow us to inhabit – we have neglected.

Reader 2: The water – which you allow us to drink – we have poisoned.

Reader 1: The air – which you allow us to breath – we have spoiled.

Reader 2: The plants – which nourish and protect us – we have not renewed.

Reader 1: The animals – which feed and clothe us – we have killed.

Leader: We have forgotten that we are made in your image, that we are the likeness of you;
we have neglected to care for your creation and all that lives and breathes and moves within it.

Silence

Words of Assurance

Leader: O Creator Spirit,

Reader 1: your mercy hovers over us with tongues of flame;

Reader 2: your mercy washes over us in gentle waves;

Reader 1: your mercy surrounds us with blowing winds;

Reader 2: your mercy grounds us in this earth;

All: And so we become part of all that is living, all that is breathing, all that is moving.

Leader: As evening falls into morning and morning rises into day,
may you look upon your world and see that it is good.

Hymn: VT 145 – *Touch the Earth Lightly*

[1] Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the
world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children
tomorrow will bear.

[2] We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all
creatures that live,
we who still foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet,
forestall and forgive!

Cindy Lapp, Mira Grieser

[3] Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses,
and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace
will complete.

[4] God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling,
the snow, and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ, reconnect us,
using us gently and
making us one.

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Penny Russell, Gina Campbell

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9

Jim Rice

Message: *Seeds Want To Grow*

Hannah Breckbill

Musical Interlude: "The Garden"

Ruth Moody

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.

Ministry Highlight: Life After Release Mother's Day Bailout**

Samantha Masters, Dawn Longenecker

Hymn: VT 806 – *Called by Earth and Sky*

Cindy Lapp, Mira Grieser

[Refrain]

Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high,
this is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

[1] Precious, these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.

[Refrain]

[2] Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.

Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.

[Refrain]

[3] Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.

Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.

[Refrain]

[4] Precious the fire that lights the way,
bright dawning day.

Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one.

[Refrain]

Benediction

Tabitha Gingerich

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.

**written by LeAnne Zook*

***This Bail Fund focuses on freeing mothers who are incarcerated (before their trial) because they could not afford bail and getting them home to their children for Mother's Day.*