



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.)

Dave Kraybill, tech host

Welcome (11:00 a.m.)

Sarah Hall Aguila

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24)

One: On this Easter Sunday, we thank you, God, for your goodness!

Even amidst the hardship of the past year, we know your love is everlasting.

Many: Let us say it together, "Your love is everlasting!"

One: God is our strength and our song. God has become our salvation.

Many: We raise shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the upright:

Our God's right hand is doing mighty acts! Our God's right hand is winning.

One: We trust in you, O God, that we shall not die,

Many: But we will live to proclaim your deeds.

One: Even as God disciplines us, we are not abandoned to Death.

Many: Open the gates of justice for us, let us come in and thank you, God!

Thank you for healing us, for saving us.

One: The stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone;

this is our God's doing, and it is indeed wonderful to see.

All: This is the day Our God has made - let us celebrate with joy!

Praising

Hymn: VT 346 – *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Cindy Lapp, Daniel Daughtry-Weiss,
Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Eric Stoltzfus

[1] Christ the Lord is ris'n today! Alleluia!
All creation join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia!
Sing, O heav'n, and earth reply: Alleluia!

[3] Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

[2] Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

[4] Soar we now where Jesus led, Alleluia!
foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!
Made like Christ, with Christ we rise, Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Sharon Andre

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

Confessing

Confession of Faith

LeAnne Zook

One: Deep calls to deep. We rejoice from the depths of our being.

All: We who have recently wept now proclaim "we have seen the Lord."

**We who were recently hungry and thirsty now come to feast on the rich foods
and well-aged wines. We who were recently divided now sit next to each other,
sharing the table, serving each other, wiping the tears from our faces.**

One: From life into death; from death into life.

All: We shall be witnesses to the never-ending story of God's love for us.

**We shall be participants in the everlasting call of God's justice and mercy
for this beautiful beloved creation.**

One: Deep calls to deep. We answer your call to be deeply present in the life of creation,
community, or our selves.

All: Christ has risen. Christ has risen indeed. Hallelujah!

Special Music: "Alleluja" from *Exsultate, jubilate* by Mozart

Kimberly Schmidt

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Saundra Plett

Video: "Deep and Wide"

HMC children & Sunday School helpers

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 25:6-9

David Conrad

Mark 16:1-8

Hymn: VT 347 – *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* (v. 1-3, 7)

Cindy Lapp, Daniel Daughtry-Weiss,
Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Eric Stoltzfus

[1] I know that my Redeemer lives,
glory, hallelujah!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives,
glory, hallelujah!

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground,
glory, hallelujah!

The dead's alive and the lost is found,
glory, hallelujah!

[2] He lives to crush the pow'rs
of hell, glory, hallelujah!

He lives, within my heart
to dwell, glory, hallelujah!

[Refrain]

[3] He lives, my hungry soul
to feed, glory, hallelujah!

He lives to help in time of need,
glory, hallelujah!

[Refrain]

[7] He lives and grants me daily breath;
glory, hallelujah!

He lives, and I shall conquer death,
glory, hallelujah!

[Refrain]

Message: ***Bewildered Hope***

Cindy Lapp

Musical Interlude: VT 340 – *Lift Your Glad Voices*

HMC Virtual Choir

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.

This is the final Sunday we will collect our Lent offering for 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.

Hymn: VT 670 – *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

Daniel Daughtry-Weiss,
Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Eric Stoltzfus

[1] In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

[2] There's a song in ev'ry silence,
seeking word and melody.
There's a dawn in ev'ry darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

[3] In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Benediction

LeAnne Zook

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.