



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.)

David Kraybill, tech host

Welcome (11:00 a.m.)

Call to Worship

LeAnne Zook

Who has brought you here today?

The Creator – builder of worlds and communities, calling us into justice

Who has brought you here today?

The Shepherd – teacher of love and reclamation, calling us into mercy

Who has brought you here today?

The Spirit – Breath of hope and beauty, calling us into belonging.

We have been brought here today by the One who gathers us into a body, holy and true.

We hear the cry for justice, mercy and community and we say “here we are, Lord”.

Praising

Hymn: VT 196 – *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

Eric Stoltzfus, Cindy Lapp

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Nancy Gehman

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

Confessing

Confession

LeAnne Zook

The world feels off balance.

The trees burn, the skies tremble while false leaders fall and false leaders rise in their place.

The voices cry out "Things fall apart; the center cannot hold."

The priests and kings turn, saying “flee away, oh seer and earn your bread in another place!

You desecrate the sanctuary of the powerful and the righteous and this land cannot bear your words.”

But the voices are not paid prophets, nor do they follow paid prophets.

The Lord took them out of ordinary lives and called them to the streets,

to the denominational conventions, to the legislative offices, to the shareholder meetings, saying:

“Go, prophesy to my people. Tell them that like a plumb line, I will bring the world into balance.”

Let us be those voices, Lord, for we have known the word of Truth,

we have experienced the good news of reclamation.

Silence

Words of Assurance: Psalm 85:8-13

Show us, O LORD, Your kindness, and Your rescue grant to us.

***Let us hear what the LORD God would speak when the LORD speaks peace to the people
and to the faithful, that they turn not back to folly.***

Yes, the LORD's rescue is near for those who fear the LORD, that the LORD's glory dwell in our land.

Kindness and truth have met, justice and peace have kissed.

Truth from the earth will spring up, as justice from the heavens looks down.

The LORD indeed will grant bounty and our land will grant its yield.

Justice before the LORD goes, that the LORD set Their footsteps on the way.

Hymn: VT 36 – *Let Us Build a House*

The Beyond the Walls Choir

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Michelle Burkholder

Scripture Reading

Amos 7:7-15

Message: ***The Embrace***

Cindy Lapp

Musical Interlude: *Before Me Is Peace*

Pax Ressler

(video includes photos from the Fast For Freedom)

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.

Ministry Highlight: Jubilee Association of Maryland virtual tour

Lisa Zammuto

Benediction

LeAnne Zook

Hymn: VT 834 – *Thuma mina (Send Me, Lord)*

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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.