



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

A Christ-centered welcoming church committed to peace & justice.

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Gathering for Worship via Zoom

VT – *Voices Together* hymnal (purple)

Gathering & Prelude (10:45 a.m.)

Jake Short, tech host

Welcome (11:00 a.m.)

Call to Worship: VT 869

LeAnne Zook

**We are a covenant people, called to God by God,
generation through generation.**

**We are a covenant people, called to Jesus by Jesus,
losing our life to gain our life.**

**We are a covenant people, called to church by the church,
weaving together the strong and the weak, the stranger and the friend.**

Renamed. Reborn. Renewed.

We gather ourselves in the community of believers. We gather ourselves unto you.

Praising

Hymn: VT 38 – *Life-Giver, Maker, God of All*

Cindy Lapp, Eric Stoltzfus, Mira Grieser*

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

["Peace of the Wild Things" by Wendell Berry](#)

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

Confessing

Confession of Faith: Isaiah 35:4-7

LeAnne Zook

Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear!

Look, your God in vengeance will come, God's retribution shall come and rescue you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

Then the lame skip like a stag and the tongue of the speechless sing in gladness.

For water shall break forth in the desert and brooks in the wilderness.

The heat-scorched ground shall become a lake and the thirsty soil, springs of water.

Hymn: VT 712 – *Beauty for Brokenness*

Cindy Lapp, Eric Stoltzfus, Mira Grieser*

Words of Assurance: Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my being! Let me praise the LORD while I live,

Let me hymn to my God while I breathe.

Do not trust in princes, in a human who offers no rescue.

Their breath departs, they return to the dust. On that day their plans are naught.

**Happy whose help is Jacob's God, our hope for LORD our God, maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and of all that is in them, who keeps faith forever, does justice for the oppressed,
gives bread to the hungry, the LORD loosens those in fetters.**

The LORD gives light to the blind.

The LORD makes the bent stand erect.

The LORD loves the righteous.

**The LORD guards sojourners; orphan and widow the LORD sustains
but the way of the wicked contorts.**

The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Hallelujah!

Hearing The Word

Time for Children
Blessing of the Backpacks

Michelle Burkholder

Scripture Reading:
James 2:14-17

New Member Sunday: ***Faith Journey***
Affirmation of Membership: VT 932

Anne-Claire Frank-Seisay

Musical Interlude: ["All Are Welcome"](#)

Church of St. Mary of the Angels, Singapore

If you want to share something to be included in the prayer, please type it in the chat box.

Responding

Prayer

Cindy Lapp

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: Asylum Seeker Support, What's Next?

Lisa Zammuto

Benediction

LeAnne Zook

Hymn: VT 830 – *Go, My Children*

Cindy Lapp, Eric Stoltzfus, Mira Grieser*

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.

**recorded by Brett Sherman*