Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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

Jake Short, tech host

Welcome (11:00 a.m.)

In this service, we will be lamenting the profound disorientation brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. We wish to emphasize comfort and support. If you are feeling vulnerable or fragile, please consider joining this Zoom service in the company of a trusted person or lean on the mental health resources presented during the Lighting of the Peace Lamp today.

Call to Worship

Meryt McGindley

All: Welcome, welcome, welcome. We welcome everything that comes to us in this moment because we know that it is for our healing.

We welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons, situations, and conditions. We let go of our desire for security and survival.

We let go of our desire for approval.

We let go of our desire for control.

We let go of any desire to change any situation, condition, person, or ourselves.

We open ourselves to the love and presence of God and the healing action and grace within.

Praising

Hymn: VT 652 - Before the Waters Nourished Earth

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Daniel Daughtry-Weiss

Cindy Lapp, Mira Grieser*

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

Confessing

Confession

Meryt McGindley

One: How long, O God? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? All: In our anger and frustration, may we know the passion of the Prophet, who overturns the tables of injustice and curses this fruitless age.

One: How long must I wrestle with my anguish, and wallow in despair all day long? How long will my enemy win over me?

All: In our doubt and fear, may we know the compassion of the Shepherd, who tends us in the valley of shadows and will sit with us as long as we need.

One: Look at me! Answer me, my God. Give light to my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed', lest my foes rejoice when I fall.

All: In our pain and despair, may we know the healing of the Comforter, who strengthens us with hope that is stronger than death.

Hymn: VT 656 - God Weeps with Us

Words of Confession

One: I trust in your steadfast love; my heart rejoices in the deliverances you bring.

All: Make us a community of costly and courageous love,

overcoming destruction and injustice wherever we may find it.

One: I'll sing to you, my God, for being so good to me.

All: We pray in solidarity with those whose hearts and bodies are aching today. By the tender mercy of our God, may the dawn from on high break upon us, to give light to those who sit in shadows, and to guide our feet in the way of peace.

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Reading: Psalm 13 Message: Disorientation

Anna Szmajda

Penny Russell

Musical Interlude: VT 591 – When I Can't Find My Way Kelly Heatwole If you want to share something to be included in the prayer, please type it in the chat box.

Responding

Prayer

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.

Brief But Spectacular

Benediction

Hymn: VT 703 - Rain Down

David Kraybill

Meryt McGindley

Michelle Burkholder

Jaime Cortez

Conversing

Conversation & Welcoming Our Guests

hosted by Cynthia Lapp This time of conversation is a space to share any joys, concerns, or other reflections from today's service.

* recordings by Brett Sherman

Cynthia Lapp