



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.)

Call to Worship

David Conrad

(from *Amahl and the Night Visitors* by Gian Carlo Menotti)

Amahl (replying excitedly)

Oh mother! You should go out and see!

There's never been such a sky.

Damp clouds have shined it,

and soft winds have swept it,

as if to make it ready for a king's ball.

All its lanterns are lit, all its torches are burning,

and its dark floor is shining like crystal.

Hanging over our roof, there is a star as large as a window;

and the star has a tail,

and it moves across the sky like a chariot on fire.

Praising

Hymn: VT 715 – *Longing for Light*

Melton Mowbray Team Parish

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

David Conrad

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

Confessing

Confession

David Conrad

[“We Suffer From Lack Of Light”](#) by Safiyah Fosua (an Epiphany prayer, inspired by Isaiah 60:1-6)

Lord, we suffer from lack of light.

We have become too much like creatures found at the bottom of the sea.

Unrecognizable.

We have been deprived of light for too long.

We are not ourselves.

We do not recognize the hollow eyes staring back at us in the mirror.

We are not at our best.

We settle for less than what is righteous.

We are not the people that you created us to be.

We need your light.

Shine your light into our darkness, so that we might again find our way.

Help us to see clearly, to choose wisely, and to walk as People of the Light.

Amen.

Hymn: VT 275 – *Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets*

Shekinah, Cantore

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

David Conrad

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 2:7-14

Marie Schmidt

Message: ***Home By Another Road (a conversation)***

Michelle Burkholder, Cynthia Lapp

Musical Interlude: "[In Dulci Jubilo](#)" by Samuel Scheidt

Emily O'Brien

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

Responding

Prayer

Cynthia 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.

Benediction

David Conrad

Hymn: VT 274 – *See Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

from 'Gospel Pioneer Reunion'

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.