



# Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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## Gathering for Worship

VT – *Voices Together* hymnal (purple)

Prelude

Ellen & Keith Brubaker

## Praising

Call to Worship (from Ps. 85)

David Conrad

Let us hear what God would speak

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**For God speaks peace to the people, to the faithful.**

**Kindness and truth have met.**

**Justice and Peace have kissed.**

Hymn: VT 206 – *Seek the Peace of the City*

Eric Stoltzfus

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Herb Reed

## Confessing

Confession

David Conrad

**We believe that God is at work in our world  
turning hopeless and evil situations into good.**

**We believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end  
and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.**

**One day all tears will be wiped away;  
the lamb will lie down with the lion.**

**And justice will roll down like a might stream.**

True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired,  
they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.

**This is our faith. This is our hope. This is our prayer. This is our work.**

Hymn: VT 556 – *I Bind My Heart This Tide*

Eric Stoltzfus

# Hearing The Word

Time for Children  
Blessing of the Backpacks

Michelle Burkholder

Scripture  
Matthew 5:1-12, 38-42

Scott Yoder & Kathleen Zook

Message: **Making Peace**  
Hymn: VT 710 – *This is My Song*

Cynthia Lapp  
Eric Stoltzfus

## Responding

Responses to the Message  
Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something.*

Blessing for Michaela Atencio  
Praying Together

Work of the Church  
Welcoming our Guests  
Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

*Offering*

Children's Offering (*children can bring their offerings forward at this time*)

Offertory Hymn

Prayer of Dedication

## Sending

Hymn: VT 847 – *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

Eric Stoltzfus

Benediction

David Conrad

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## TODAY

Greeter: *Sara Fretz-Goering*

Ushers: *Mary Hiebert-White & Peter Goering*

Worship Arts: *Sara Person*

Tech Host: *Glen Gehman*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week - \$4,510

Weekly Goal - \$6,423

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

57 in-person; 15 online

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## Lectionary for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9; Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113;  
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

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## Calendar

**Sept. 11:** *Fellowship Meal*, 12:00 p.m.

**Sept. 18:** *Sunday Worship*, Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11:00 a.m.

**Sept. 25:** *Sunday Worship*, Dave Mishler preaches, 11:00 a.m.

**Oct. 2:** *Sunday Worship*, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

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## Announcements

**Fellowship Meal (Post-Service Potluck Lunch), Sept. 11:** Join us after church this Sunday for our monthly Fellowship Meal. In order to keep these meals going we need everyone to help--people to set up the tables, serve the coffee/tea and food, and clean it all up again. If we each take the responsibility to staff a Fellowship Meal once a year, we can keep it going without burning out a core team of people, all while building our community and getting to know one another better. Don't worry that you won't know how to do this! It's pretty easy. But, also, there are simple instructions in the drawer by the coffee pot, and experienced "old hands" will sign up right away, so that new people can be sure they have someone who has been there before on their team. ***Please sign up using the link in the announcements*** and contact Kristi Janzen if you have any questions. Our goal is to have the whole sheet filled out by Oct. 1, so we can relax and look forward to a year of amazing potluck lunches together. THANK YOU!

**Fall Retreat Registration Due by Sept. 15:** We hope you can participate in HMC's 2022 Church Retreat at Shepherd's Spring Camp and Retreat Center from October 14-16. Please

register by Sept. 15 using the link in the announcements. If you have any questions or need help organizing a ride, please contact Dorothy Leissa or Sharon Andre.

**Adult Education:** Our Adult Ed series began today on September 11 at 9:45 a.m. with a dive into Brian McLaren's latest book: *"Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned."* The book takes an unflinching look at powerful questions that many people are asking -- sometimes only in private. McLaren urges us to think about, and discuss, these questions openly through a process of forming responsible, ethical decisions about our religious beliefs and identity. Discounted copies are available for purchase at the church for \$20. It is also available at bookstores, and as an ebook or audiobook.

**Gift Discernment Survey Coming Soon:** With the start of the new church year this month, it's time for our annual Gift Discernment survey. This survey helps us coordinate all of our volunteer efforts for the upcoming year from committees to church service roles, Sunday School teachers, outreach projects, and more. An announcement will go out soon on the listserv with a link to the online survey. We would prefer people fill out the online survey since it makes it easier for us to organize the results, but we will provide paper copies next week for anyone who is uncomfortable filling out the survey online.

**Requiem Choir:** A choir is forming to sing for our "homemade" requiem service on Nov 6. We will sing some old favorites and some music new to us. Rehearsals will be Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Please contact Cindy Lapp ([clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org](mailto:clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org) or 202-330-3764) for more info and to sign up.

**Seekers Class:** We will begin a class on Nov. 13 for people new to the congregation and new to Anabaptism, though anyone is welcome to be part of the group. (Sometimes this is called a membership class.) We will meet Sunday mornings at 9:30. Contact Cindy Lapp ([clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org](mailto:clapp@hyattsvillemennonite.org) or 202-330-3764) for more info and to sign up.



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