

Gathering for Worship

VT – Voices Together hymnal (purple)

Prelude

Cheryl Fish-Parcham & Janelle Tupper

Praising

Call to Worship

Mary Jo Schumacher

We gather to worship together, Different people, different lives, different histories, Yet all children of the same Parent, Created lovingly by the Source of all life! We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears Different people, different lives, different histories, Yet one people with one God Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

Hymn: VT 62 – *God is Here Among Us* Lighting the Peace Lamp Cynthia Lapp Genevieve Leary

Confessing

Confession Hymn: VT 174 – *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* Mary Jo Schumacher Cynthia Lapp

Hearing The Word

Time for Children (Ages 4-9 are dismissed for Children's Church) Mary Jo Schumacher

Scripture Mark 12:28-34 Luke 13:1-9 Message: How Far?

Dave Mishler

Hymn: VT 396 – May You Be Rooted and Grounded

Cynthia Lapp

Responding

Responses to the Message Sharing of Joys and Concerns *Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something.* 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 Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: VT 813 - Heart with Loving Heart United

Cynthia Lapp

TODAY Greeter: Ushers: *Nancy & Glen Gehman* Worship Arts*: Jake Short* Tech Host: *Allan Dueck* TREASURER'S REPORT Offering Last Week - \$3,250 Weekly Goal - \$6,423

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE 72 in-person; 17 online

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Lamentations 1:1-6 and 3:19-26 or Psalm 137; Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Calendar

Sept. 26: Memorial Service for Dwight Miyake, 10:00 a.m.

- Oct. 2: World Communion Sunday, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.
- **Oct. 9:** Sunday Worship, Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11:00 a.m. *Fellowship Meal*

Oct. 14-16: Fall Retreat at Shepherd's Spring

Announcements

Welcoming Dave Mishler: Today we welcome Allegheny Conference minister Dave Mishler from Johnstown, PA. Dave has been the conference minister for 6 years.

Memorial Service for Dwight Miyake, Sept. 26: The memorial service for Dwight will be held at Hyattsville Mennonite Church on Monday, Sept. 26 at 10:00 a.m. After the service there will be a reception lunch at the <u>College Park Aviation Museum</u> (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive College Park, MD 20740). Please park on side streets to allow the parking lot to be used by family and guests.

IGH Funds Conversation, Oct. 11: This summer we held two conversations to talk together about the money we received from the sale of the International Guest House. We would like to offer one more opportunity, particularly inviting those who were unable to join either of the summer gatherings, though anyone is welcome to come. This one will be via zoom on Oct 11 at 7:30pm. Please hold that date if you are interested in participating. We will follow up soon with more information about the discussion.

Partnering with San Mateo: San Mateo Episcopal has been responding in a big way to people being bused from the border to DC. Ricardo is one of those receiving food and temporary housing from San Mateo. Father Vidal asked recently if we could help with clothing for men and women, (small, medium, and large, NOT extra-large.) If you have new or used clothing (clean and in excellent shape) to donate to these families, please bring it to church and Cindy will make sure it gets to San Mateo. Thanks for your generosity.

Campaign to Fund Sarah Augustine, through Oct. 10: Sarah Augustine, co-founder of the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition, whose curriculum Adult Ed used in our Spring session, has been working part time on dismantling this Doctrine without any compensation. Sarah would like to engage in this work full time and needs a salary to do that. First Mennonite Church of San Francisco has issued a Challenge Grant to fund her salary: for every dollar donated toward Sarah's salary campaign, First Mennonite will match it dollar for dollar up to \$100,000 through Indigenous Peoples Day (October 10, 2022). You can donate through https://dofdmenno.org/

Adult Education: Join us for our Adult Ed series every Sunday before church at 9:45 a.m., where we are currently diving 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.

Fall Retreat, Oct. 14-16: The Fall Retreat at Shepherd's Spring Camp and Retreat Center (16869 Taylors Landing Rd, Sharpsburg, MD 21782) is coming up in less than a month! Please read the *HMC Retreat Costs and Information sheet* attached below for retreat details. The schedule of events and explanation of how to pay are included in the information sheet. If interested in hosting an optional activity Saturday afternoon, or if you have any questions or need help organizing a ride, please contact Dorothy or Sharon.

Assistive Listening Devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.