



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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Gathering for Worship

VT – *Voices Together* hymnal (purple)

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship (*adapted from VT 881*)

God of cosmos and quarks

God of rainbows and roly-polies

God of electricity and enzymes

You created the earth and proclaimed it good.

The galaxies and planets are known to you,

Yet also the hairs on our head.

You cradle all things in the palm of your hand,

Supporting us with love.

We magnify your name for all creation,

And for all the blessings of this life.

Sustain in us a spirit of awe,

For how you continue to be present in the world.

And help us to act with love for all that you have created. Amen

Hymn: VT 120 – *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession (*adapted from VT 901*)

Let us confess our sin against God and creation saying,

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us God for our indifference to the destruction of wildlife.

For the greedy search for profit with no respect for life.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us God for the violence against the earth,

For our silence before devastated forests and contaminated rivers.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us God, for our voracious thirst to consume,
without a thought of future generations.

For our fixation on the present without thinking of tomorrow.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive our arrogance, God,
when we place ourselves at the center of your universe.

Forgive us when we forget our place in creation.

**In your mercy, teach us to love your creatures,
and to care for life in all its forms. Amen.**

Hymn: VT 712 – *Beauty for Brokenness*

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1-31

Message: **How the Light Gets In**

Hymn: VT 145 – *Touch the Earth Lightly*

Responding

Responses

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

Children's Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: VT 838 – *The Peace of the Earth Be with You*

Benediction
