



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

Praising

Call to Worship

O Holy One, on mountaintops and valley floors,
in the wilderness and on the road,

You reveal to us the light of your love.

With each step in this journey, you are with us, and with each encounter

We are changed and transformed.

***Let us come together today to bask in your glory
and be strengthened to come down the mountain.***

Hymn: VT 252 – *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession (see insert)

Hymn: VT 706 – *O Healing River*

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:2-9

Hymn: VT 301 – *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

Message: **After Transfiguration?**
Congregational Response (see insert)

Hymn: VT 803 – *We Shall Overcome*

Responding

Responses

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Work of the Church

Welcoming our Guests

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: VT 148 – *In Words of Truth*

Benediction

(Excerpts from the poem "TO HEAL A WOUNDED WORLD"

by J. Joy "Sistah Joy" Matthews Alford, Prince George's County's Inaugural Poet Laureat.)

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15; Acts 2:38-47

Calendar

- Feb. 18:** *1st Sunday of Lent*, Cynthia Lapp preaches, communion, 11:00 a.m.
- Feb. 22:** *Interfaith Panel at HMC*, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 25:** *2nd Sunday of Lent*, Michelle Burkholder, 11:00 a.m.
- Mar. 3:** *3rd Sunday of Lent*, EMU Choir performs, 11:00 a.m.
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Announcements

Join us downstairs after the service for our Fellowship Meal and the MCC Comforter Fundraiser.

MCC Comforter Fundraiser: Donations will help with the purchase of backing fabric and batting for the project. The supplies to complete each comforter cost \$40 - \$50. Raising \$1000 would allow us to complete 20+ comforters by the end of June. Checks can be made out to Hyattsville Mennonite with "Comforter" in the memo line.

Church Year Theme

————— *Grow Boldly* —————



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Confession (From HMC's Statement on Racial Justice)

As followers of Christ, we uphold that diversity is God's blessed design and that followers of Jesus are called to be changemakers for justice.

Inspire us. May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration.

We mourn our congregation's silent witness and complicity in racism in America. Too often we have failed to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and failed to walk in solidarity with Black, Brown, Indigenous, and other people of color who are marginalized.

Forgive us. Remind us all are created in the image of God, connected to one another's well-being.

We acknowledge that our predominantly white congregation has benefited from generations of slave and immigrant labor as well as policies and customs that prioritize and maintain the power of whiteness. These policies began with the displacement and erasure of Native populations, culture, and wildlife during European settlement of North America and extend from legal slavery to World War II internment and the criminalization of entire populations along ethnic lines and continue today through systemic racism and normalized bigotry.

Give us courage. May we desire transformation of our own hearts and practices.

Even as Hyattsville Mennonite Church holds dear the teaching of Jesus on peace and justice, we find our own history reverberates with historical injustice. During the 1950s, the church followed "white flight" from the District of Columbia, developing its first building just outside the city in a suburb with racial covenants and active segregationist policies. In recent decades, due to lack of relationships with those most affected outside our congregation, we have too often failed to challenge law enforcement and legal systems that imprison, deny citizenship, and provide unequal justice for poor and disenfranchised neighbors.

Grant us discomfort. May we shun the safety of indifference and privilege and choose to make our home among the vulnerable, living in solidarity with the criminalized and despised.

Congregational Response (From HMC's Statement on Racial Justice)

Worship Leader: You are a God of transformation and wholeness, of light shining in darkness.

Left: We celebrate the progress in civil and human rights that has been achieved through the sacrifice of many activists and common citizens.

Right: We rejoice in the cross-cultural relationships and values expressed in and through our congregation.

Worship Leader: You are a God of learning and unlearning, of action and stillness.

Left: We commit ourselves to action through listening, building relationships with and seeking out perspectives of persons of color from within and outside our congregation to inform our work for justice.

Right: We commit to lifelong self and community education around issues of implicit bias, systemic racism, and white supremacy.

Worship Leader: You are a God of justice, of healing when wrongs are righted, alive in relationships of solidarity.

Left: We commit to forming partnerships with churches and community-based organizations that represent historically marginalized communities to offer our financial support and advocacy.

Right: We commit to seeking reparations for harmed groups through various forms of political activism, protest, directing finances and voting to influence policymakers and legislators.

Left: We commit to following leadership from communities of color, to using our talents and resources to address local inequities in systems such as education, healthcare, employment, environmental justice, housing, and criminal justice.

All: May our lives encourage justice to roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!