



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

Come, open yourself to the possibilities of this present moment.

We come, not knowing what is going to happen next.

Come, open your senses to the newness all around us.

We come, not knowing where Jesus will lead us.

Come, open your hearts to the presence of the Holy One.

We come, trusting God's promise to be with us, always and everywhere.

Hymn: VT 62 – *God is Here Among Us*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

Silence

Affirmation

Hymn: VT 174 – *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

(the children are invited downstairs for Children's Church)

Scripture Sketchers

Scripture Reading
Acts 12:1-17

Message: **The Christ in Crisis**

Qiana Johnson

Hymn: VT 434 – *Oh God Our Refuge*

Responding

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Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Life of the Church

Welcoming our Guests

Announcements

Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: VT 827 – *Move in Our Midst*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Luke 19:28-44, 22:39-23:56

Calendar

Mar. 19: *Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.*

Mar. 24: *Palm Sunday, retelling of the Passion Story, 11:00 a.m.*
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:15 p.m.

Mar. 27: *Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.*

Mar. 28: *Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.*

Mar. 31: *Easter Brunch, 9:30-10:30 a.m.*

Easter Service, Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Apr. 7: *Worship Service, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.*

Announcements

Bell Choir Rehearsal after the service: Anyone interested in joining the bell choir should come downstairs after today's service for our first rehearsal.

Welcome Qiana Johnson: Today we welcome guest speaker Qiana Johnson the founder and executive director of Life After Release (LAR) and founder of Courtwatch PG. LAR is an organization led by formerly incarcerated women dedicated to supporting women who have been released from prison. Courtwatch PG provides a much-needed check on the local judicial system by having independent court monitors provide "instant accountability" in hearings.

Maundy Thursday Meal and Service, Mar. 28: All are invited Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. for a service together as we remember the last days of Jesus' life. We will share a simple meal, read the passion story, and share the bread and cup. You will also have the option of writing a confession and burning it in a fire or nailing it to a cross. Please RSVP with the link in the listserv so that the pastorate knows how much food to prepare.

Lent Offering: This year's Lent Offering will go to support Life After Release (LAR), an organization led by formerly incarcerated women working to provide opportunities and support for women after release. Our goal is to raise \$8,000 dollars. Please make checks out

to Hyattsville Mennonite Church and put LAR in the memo line. Thank you for supporting this reparations act of giving!

Church Year Theme

Grow Boldly



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