



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship (*adapted from Proverbs 4:4-9*)

Keep these words in your heart,
for your life's sake don't reject our principles.

Don't forget them, and never wander from our words.

Grow in discernment! Grow in Wisdom!

**Don't you give up on her, and she will never give up on you;
if you love her, she will protect you.**

Wisdom is supreme—so acquire Wisdom!

Even if it costs you everything, get Understanding.

**Acclaim her and she will exalt you;
embrace her and she will honor you.**

***She will place a wreath of grace on your head,
and grant you a garland of glory.***

Hymn: 639 – *Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

Hymn: 440 – *Ask the Complicated Questions*

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Blessing of the Backpacks

Scripture Reading

John 6: 56-69

Message: **Curious Questions**

Hymn: 48 – *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

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: 716 – *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9;
Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Calendar

- Sept. 1:** *Outdoor Church at HMC, 11:00 a.m.*
- Sept. 8:** *Worship Service, Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11:00 a.m.*
Fellowship Meal, 12:00 p.m.
- Sept. 15:** *Worship Service, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.*
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Announcements

Solidarity with Gaza, Aug. 25: This afternoon, join together with faith and civic leaders at the Islamic Community Center of Potomac, in partnership with Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Congregation to unite together in calling for a permanent ceasefire, the release of all hostages and prisoners, urgent humanitarian aid to rebuild Gaza, and the withdrawal of military aid to Israel. The service starts at 4:00 p.m. at 10601 River Rd, Potomac, MD 20854.

Wild Church, Sept. 1: Sunday morning worship on September 1 will be held outside at the back end of the parking lot near, in, and around the Back Swamp. This will be a wild church experience where we worship in and with God's creation. Bring a chair or a blanket and your flexible spirit as we join together in worship no matter the elements. There will *not* be virtual access to this service.

Adult Ed starting Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m: A new year of Adult Ed is upon us! For September and October, we will be reading *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism*. As the election approaches, we will create a space to think and talk about the way the church can have a role in disrupting one of the more insidious distortions of Christian discipleship. Books are available in the foyer at a pay-as-you-can rate or can be purchased separately.

Church Retreat Registration: Do you have your act ready for the annual HMC talent show? Performances by Eliza DooLittle, Monty Python, the Beachy Boys and the Supremes are only a few of the talents in past retreat talent shows. Join in the fun at the HMC annual church retreat on Oct 4-6 at Shepherd's Spring Camp and Retreat Center, Sharpsburg Maryland.

Please register **by September 1** with the link in the listserv announcements. A retreat information and costs sheet is available in the announcements and on the foyer table.



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Church Year Theme

Grow Boldly
