



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship

VT 869

Hymn: 117 – *We Give Thanks Unto Thee*

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

We want to celebrate.

We don't want to listen.

We want to stay on the mountaintop with Jesus and set up a festival where everyone can come and play and have a good time.

We want our faith to be one of entertainment.

But you have called us to "Listen to Him!"

You have asked us to be ready for the journey.

**We cannot stay where we are,
comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar.**

There is much to be done.

Forgive us, Lord, when we are stubborn and willful.

Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are.

You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley where this is struggle and strife, where healing is needed.

Prepare us, Lord, for the journey. Help us to listen to you. Heal us, Lord.

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 301 – *Jesus Upon the Mountain Peak*

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Reading
Luke 9:28-36

Message: ***Transfigured and Transforming***

Hymn: 553 – *How Many Times We Start Again*

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: 810 – *Go My Friends in Grace*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Calendar

Mar. 9: *1st Sunday of Lent & Communion*, 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Meal, 12:00 p.m.

Mar. 15: *Back Swamp Workday*, 8:30-12:00 p.m.

Mar. 16: *2nd Sunday of Lent*, 11:00 a.m.

Mar. 23: *3rd Sunday of Lent*, 11:00 a.m.

Announcements

Silent Meditation, Mar. 7: Gather to clear the mind every other Friday at 3:00 p.m. You don't need to know how to meditate, and there is no requirement to commit to attending each time. The meditation is 20 minutes, with a little chit-chat before and after. See the listserv announcements for the Zoom link.

Join us for a special “Wurst Potluck” on March 9 as we celebrate the “Affair of the Sausages” at our Fellowship Meal! This meal is inspired by a bold and radical act by early Anabaptists: On March 3, 1522, a group of rebels in Zurich, Switzerland knowingly ate sausage during Lent, openly defying the traditional rules of the Catholic Church. At a time when we all need encouragement to stand up to injustice, we will gather to commemorate these courageous Mennonite forebears with a sausage-centric meal and Random Mennonite Facts! Please bring your favorite sausage dish to share – any variety you'd like (other foods are welcome too)!

Back Swamp Season 2: Join us for the first Back Swamp workday of 2025: **Sat, March 15 from 8:30 to noon!** This is year 2 of the habitat restoration project in the area behind the HMC parking lot. Winter is a great time for invasive removal, and there is still plenty of work

to do. Bring gloves, loppers, clippers, shovels. We will have some extras too. And there will be baked goods! up!

Shirli Hughes Concert, March 16: Shirli Hughes and Friends will present a concert at HMC of uplifting music, "Praising our way through." Free concert, donations accepted. The last time Shirli was here the place was packed out. You don't want to miss it! Sunday, March 16 at 4:00 p.m.

Last Chance to sign up for "The Appreciative Way" HMC Focus Groups: Every few years, we take a moment to review our sacred covenants and reflect on how both the congregation and the pastors are embodying and nurturing the spirit of our church mission. Eight focus groups are scheduled to meet during the first half of March.

Church Year Theme
Cultivating Community, Deepening Joy



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