



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship

What is the sound that calls us? Listen carefully.

SILENCE

The beating of our own hearts calls us to ourselves.

It calls us to be our true selves, our best selves.

Calls us to be what we might become.

The breath of our neighbor calls us outside ourselves.

It calls us to be companions, allies, partners.

Let us heed the call of our own hearts,

where love and truth, compassion and justice are born.

Let us heed the call of others, to gather together for some great purpose,
where passion and fidelity, truth and equality are nourished.

The silence calls us together that we may do the work we cannot do alone.

SILENCE

***Let us heed the calls that come in the silence, that we may be well,
and do good in this world together. Amen.***

Hymn:65 – *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

Silence

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 605 – *My Life Flows On*

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Reading

Revelation 18:1-3, 15-24, 19:6-8

Message: ***A New Hope When the Empire Strikes Back***

Hymn: 792 – *How Can Our Anger Give 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: 846 – *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

Calendar

- Mar. 1:** *Biodance Event*, 2:00 p.m.
- Mar. 2:** *Transfiguration Sunday*, 11:00 a.m.
- Mar. 9:** *First Sunday of Lent*, 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Meal, 12:00 p.m.
- Mar. 16:** *Second Sunday of Lent*, 11:00 a.m.
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Announcements

Morning Prayer, Feb. 25: Pastor Lapp will lead folks in contemplative prayer from the Celtic tradition, with space at the end for reflection on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 a.m. See the listserv announcements for the Zoom link.

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!

Biodance Event, Mar. 1: The Hospitality Committee invites you to join a session of Biodance, a fun and energizing group activity where you can deepen your sense of community, make meaningful connections, and express your joy of living through dance! Saturday, March 1st, at 2:00 PM. This is open to ages 16 and up and all fitness levels.

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. See the listserv announcements for a sign up.

Church Year Theme
Cultivating Community, Deepening Joy



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