



# Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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## Gathering for Worship

Prelude

### Praising

Call to Worship (*Joana Harader*)

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb.

**On this first day of the week, a little past early dawn,  
we have come to worship.**

The women took the spices they had prepared.

**We bring ourselves, prepared, like the women, to find what we expect.**

But what if we find the unexpected? The unimaginable? The unbelievable?

**What if we find the stone rolled away? The tomb empty?**

**The dazzling presence?**

What if we find life where we expect death? Good news where we expect grief?

**Are we prepared for this? Are we prepared for Easter?**

***Let us worship this morning in holy expectation.***

Hymn: 346 – *Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today*

Hymn: 333 – *Low in the Grave He Lay*

Hymn: 364 – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Processional to the Tomb (*You are invited bring your flowers to the tomb down the center aisle and return by the side aisles.*)

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

# Confessing

Confession of Faith (*adapted from 1 Peter 2 & Credo from the Misa Campesina Nicaragüens*)

**We come to Christ, the living Stone -**

**once rejected but precious to God, chosen by God.**

**Like living stones, we too are being built into spiritual homes,  
to be a holy priesthood of all believers.**

**We are God's holy community.**

**Architects, engineers, artists, musicians,  
civil servants, scientists, teachers, students,  
caregivers, carpenters, masons, parents,  
working for the common good.**

**We listen for Christ's voice and follow his teachings.**

**We praise the One who called us out of gloom into marvelous hope.**

**Once we were not a people, but now, we are God's people,  
people of the Risen Christ.**

**Hallelujah.**

Hymn: 420 – *God of the Bible*

## Hearing The Word

Time for Children: Mark 16:1-8

Scripture Sketchers

Message: **We Rise with Christ**

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:9-20

## 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: Hymn: 629 – *Here by the Water*

Prayer of Dedication

## Sending

Hymn: 70 – *Praise God (Dedication Anthem)*

Benediction

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## Lectionary for Next Sunday

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

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## Calendar

**Apr. 27:** *Worship Service*, Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11:00 a.m.

**May 4:** *Worship Service*, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

**May 11:** *New Member Sunday*, 11:00 a.m.

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## Announcements

**Easter flowers:** Easter flowers may be purchased for \$10 each after the service. Check or cash can be placed in the vase on the foyer table.

**Pastor Cindy Away:** Cindy will be attending the Allegheny Conference Spring Pastor Study April 21-24. From April 25-28 she will be in Goshen. Please contact Michelle or a member of the pastorate for pastoral care.

**Jail Support Supplies Needed:** We are collecting supplies for Jail Support to be delivered on April 25. There are bins in the foyer for collection. See the list of needed items in the foyer or in the listserv announcements.

**Anabaptism at 500: A Special Talk on the Faith of Luther and Müntzer, April 27:** On Sunday, April 27, at 9:45 a.m. hear a talk about Protestant theological debates that would influence early Anabaptists. In Mark's own words: "The bitter conflict between Martin Luther and Thomas Müntzer, an Anabaptist forerunner, set the stage for Lutheran persecution of Anabaptists. Their emphasis on certainty led them to harsh judgments instead of each benefiting from their different perspectives."

**Lent Offering:** During Lent, HMC is fundraising and gathering volunteers for Life After Release, a nonprofit dedicated to criminal justice reform, reentry programs, and second-chance support for formerly incarcerated individuals. Our goal is to fundraise \$10,000 for LAR's Surviving Justice Retreat. To donate, you can either write a check with LAR in the memo and place it in the LAR donation basket or visit <https://givebutter.com/life-after-release>.

Church Year Theme  
**Cultivating Community, Deepening Joy**



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