



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship

You are welcome in this space with all of who you are:
your body, with its pain and its pleasure;
your heart, with its passion and its longing;
your feeling of relief and grief, anger and elation.

We bring into this space all of who we are:

committing to love ourselves,

endeavoring to love each other,

trusting in the fierce and eternal love of God.

We offer our full selves in this time of worship.

Hymn: 32 – *God Welcomes All*

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

Holy God, when our compassion is limited by fear and struggle,
calm our fears and ease the way.

When our imaginations cannot extend beyond immediate needs.
expand our vision and offer provision.

When our anger flares in grief and exhaustion,
meet us with gentleness and comfort.

When we hold tightly to what you want us to release,
grant us the grace to loosen our grasp.

In your love, forgive us. **In your love, lead the way.**

Hymn: 680 – *Calm Me Lord*

Words of Assurance

Hearing The Word

Time for Children: I Kings 17:8-16

Scripture Sketchers

Scripture Reading
I Kings 17:17-24.

Message: ***God's Promise***

Hymn: 467 – *The Lord is My Light*

Responding

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Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Hymn: 563 – *Come, Thou Fount*

Life of the Church

Welcoming our Guests

Announcements

Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 816 – *Guide My Feet*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

Calendar

Apr. 6: *5th Sunday of Lent*, Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Apr. 13: *Palm Sunday*, 11:00 a.m.

Apr. 20: *Easter Brunch*, 9:30 a.m.

Easter Service, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Announcements

Jail Support Supplies Needed: We are collecting supplies for Jail Support throughout Lent. There are bins in the foyer for collection. See the list of needed items in the foyer or in the listserv announcements.

MC USA Prayer Vigil, Apr. 3: Join MC USA for an interfaith prayer vigil on the eve of the first hearing of our coalition's historic lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security's rescission of the sensitive locations memo. The vigil will take place on Thursday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. at National City Christian Church in Washington, DC. Together, we will gather in person and online in solidarity, lifting prayers for justice, compassion and the protection of immigrant communities. RSVP to attend in person or online with the link in the listserv.

Upcoming Adult Ed Series: Starting April 6, Adult Ed will start "Hospitality and the Stranger: A Series on Welcoming the Divine." In ancient cultures, the stranger was someone to whom hospitality was extended. To welcome the stranger was to welcome the company of the divine. This series will use videos featuring theologians and practitioners filmed by The Work of the People as a discussion prompt to explore deep questions.

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

 Assistive Listening Devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
