



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship (*by Beth Merrill Neel*)

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are.

We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Hymn: 33 – *Lord You Are Good*

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Invitation to Confession (*adapted from Beth Merrill Neel*)

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**In the days that have been, O God, we have walked along crooked paths
strewn with our selfishness and greed, our prejudice, and our apathy.**

**We confess that we have hidden from the light, from the light which exposes
everything, the love and the hate, the good deeds and the harmful ones.**

**On this day we admit to you our failings, where we have wandered,
when we have not listened. We confess to you our sin.**

In the days to come, remind us of your love and grace.

Show us your power to transform hearts and minds.

**Sate us with peace in our souls that we will take peace
into this war-weary world. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

Hymn: 617 – *When Peace Like a River*

Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-40

Faith Sharing

Service of Baptism

Hymn: 453 – *When I Went Down to the River*

Congregational Reading: 931

Congregational Commitment: 932

Hymn: 162 – *The Love of God*

Responding

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Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Apology for Historical and Ongoing Wrongs

Praying Together

Life of the Church

Welcoming our Guests

Announcements

Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 389 – *Together*

Benediction (*adapted from Thomas Rhodes*)

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Calendar

May 14: *Free Screening of LAS ABOGADAS at HMC, 6:30 p.m.*

May 18: *Worship Service, Amy Yoder McGlaughlin, AMC Minister, 11:00 a.m.*
Fellowship Meal, 12:00 p.m.

May 25: *Worship Service, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.*

Announcements

Fellowship Meal May 18 (Third Sunday of May): Because of Mother's Day, May's Fellowship Meal will be on the third Sunday of the month. The theme for this Fellowship Meal will be Vegetarian/Vegan. To support our ongoing environmental stewardship efforts at Fellowship Meals, the Hospitality Committee encourages you to bring your own tableware for your family. However, tableware will still be available for those who need it or forgot.

Volunteers needed for May 22 Day Center Meal: We need volunteers to prepare dishes (chili, cornbread, brownies) and provide fixings (shredded cheese, sour cream), fruit, and bottled water for the meal on Thursday, May 22 at the [PG Plaza Day Center](#). We're also seeking volunteers to help serve the meal. Sign up with the link in the listserv announcements.

Caring for Aging Loved Ones Series "Necessary Conversations": HMC's Caring for Aging Loved Ones group has organized a four-part series focused on "necessary conversations" to help us prepare for inevitable end-of-life events. The meetings will take place virtually on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on May 28 and June 4, 11, and 18. All HMCers are invited to participate in the sessions. Please register for the sessions by May 21 with the link in the listserv announcements.

Rolling Ridge Availability - May 16-18: HMC is a partner group of Rolling Ridge, an ecumenical faith community located on 1,400 acres of wilderness south of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. May 16-18 is our next weekend and we do not have anything planned for the weekend so we encourage you to consider attending for any or all of the weekend. There is ample space to accommodate a good number of folks.

Church Year Theme
Cultivating Community, Deepening Joy



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