

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 36:5-10)

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,
your steadfast love is always with us.

No matter how unjust our world is, O God,
your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

No matter how vulnerable our lives are, O God,
your steadfast presence gives us hope.

No matter how unloved or uncared for we feel, O God,
you hear our cries and answer our prayers.
Let us worship God together this day.

Hymn: 102 - Santo, Santo, Santo

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

Hymn: 618 – Sometimes a Light Surprises

Hearing The Word

Children's Time

(Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to children's church in the basement)

Scripture Readings
Mark 10:45; I John 4:9-10; Luke 12:49-51

Sermon: When I Survey Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: 612 - When Pain or Sorrow / Hold On

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: 625 – Far Above the Noise of Life

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Calendar

Aug. 24: Worship Service, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Youth Event, during the service

Aug. 31: Wild Church in the Parking Lot, 11:00 a.m.

Sept. 7: Worship Service, Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Announcements

Youth Gathering During Worship: All youth in grades 6-12 (rising 6th graders welcome even if school hasn't stated yet!) are invited to the Fellowship Hall during worship for our first during worship gathering of the 2025-26 school year. We will catch up after a summer break, work on scenes about early Anabaptist as part of Anabaptism@500 and continue working on the Giant Dutch Blitz cards!

Wild Church, Aug. 31: If you would like to help plan Wild Church, worship outside by the Back Swamp, please contact Cindy.

Sunday School Returns, Sept. 7: Join us for Children's Sunday School and Adult Ed at 9:45 a.m. before the service on Sunday, Sept. 7.

Register for the 2025 Fall Church Retreat: Do you have your act ready for the annual HMC talent show? Performances by Eliza Doolittle, Monty Python, the Beachy Boys and the Supremes are only a few of the talents in past retreat talent shows. Join in the fun at the HMC annual church retreat on *Oct. 10-12* at Shepherd's Spring Camp and Retreat Center, Sharpsburg Maryland. Remember to register by **Sept. 1** by the using the **online registration form** found in the weekly HMC listserv announcements. A retreat information and costs sheet is also available in the announcements.

Volunteers needed for August 28 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, June 26 at the <u>PG Plaza Day Center</u>. We're also seeking volunteers to help serve the meal. If you can help, please sign up using the form in the listsery announcements.

Church Year Theme Cultivating Community, Deepening Joy

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