



# Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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## Gathering for Worship

Prelude

### Praising

Call to Worship

God has placed God's hand on you for healing and restoration.

**Praise God who lavishes such love on us.**

God has called you to exceptional service and witness.

**Praise God who encourages us to use our gifts to help others.**

**Let our hearts and lives reflect God's mighty love.**

Hymn: 273 – *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

### Confessing

Confession

Divine Creator, you open our eyes to do what is compassionate and righteous.

We confess that sometimes it is easier for us to remain inside the rules and laws than to do what you lead us to do.

**We acknowledge that it can be scary and unsettling to accept what you invite us to do.**

Your truth exposes our hidden fears, selfishness, and upsets our expectations, and establishes a new order where we are called to act.

Forgive us when we would rather stay in the shadow of the system of our current reality, instead of receiving your miracle of light, which is waiting for us to receive by modeling your actions.

**Remove the hesitations that we may have and celebrate your goodness.**

**Quicken our minds, actions, and soften our hearts,**

**that we may recognize that you are at work and so we must be.**

Silence  
Words of Assurance

Hymn: 647 – *There is a Balm in Gilead*

## Hearing The Word

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:10-17

Sermon: **Free**

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: 804 – *There is More Love*

## 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: 816 – *Guide My Feet*

Benediction

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## Lectionary for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112;

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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## Calendar

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

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

**Sept. 14:** *Worship Service*, Blessing of the Comforters, 11:00 a.m.

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## Announcements

**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.

**Anabaptism@500 Hymn Sing, Sept. 27:** Join us at HMC on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 2:00 p.m. for a regional hymn sing of Anabaptists from all over the DMV. We will be joined by special guest Dr. Benjamin Bergey, Assistant Professor of Music at Eastern Mennonite University, who will help lead the singing.

**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 [PG Plaza Day Center](#). We're also seeking volunteers to help serve the meal. If you can help, please sign up using the form in the listserv announcements.

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



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