



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering for Worship

Prelude (Consolations by Liszt: Nos. 1 and 2)

Praising

Call to Worship

Hymn: 511 – *Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast*

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Let our praise be the fruit of the lips that confess the Holy Name.

Do not neglect to do good; share what you have.

Let mutual affection continue.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,

for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those who are in prison, those who are being kept against their will,

those who are suffering harm to their bodies and their souls.

Honor the public commitments of love made by consenting adults.

Be content with what you have; keep your lives free from the love of money.

Remember those who led in faith, who spoke with actions the word of God to you,
and follow their example.

And then we can say with confidence:

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Hymn: 716 – *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Hearing The Word

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon: **The Company We Keep**

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: 207 – *What Does the Lord Require of You*

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 (*Consolations by Liszt: No. 4*)

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 814 – *O God Beyond All Praising*

Benediction

Friends, let mutual affection continue.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Let our continual praise to God be real in the world

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have.

These are the sacrifices that are pleasing to God.

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Calendar

Sept. 14: *Worship Service*, Blessing of the Comforters, 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Meal, 12:00 p.m.

Sept. 21: *Worship Service*, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Sept. 28: *Worship Service*, Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.

Announcements

Mennonite Action Protest, Sept. 9: On Tuesday morning, September 9, a Mennonite Action group will gather at HMC for a day of peaceful, nonviolent protest and action in DC, calling for the US to stop sending weapons to Israel that are being used to massacre, starve, and displace Palestinian families in Gaza and the West Bank. If you can provide food or transportation, please use the link in the listserv announcements and let us know how you can help. Thank you!

Anabaptist History Sketches: During worship on September 14, instead of a sermon, we will have 3 sketches presented about Anabaptist history, including one monologue. This will continue our year long celebration of Anabaptism at 500.

Blessing of the Comforters, Sept. 14: The HMC Comforter Group is wrapping up another season of creating comforters for distribution by MCC. Our worship service on September 14 will include a blessing of the comforters before we transport them to Ephrata, PA later that week. Potluck on the 14th will include an opportunity to contribute financially for the next year

of comforter making, as well as a drawing for three lucky people to win a comforter of their choice!

Fellowship Meal, Sept. 14: Back by popular demand, our Taco Potluck is happening on September 14! Details will be shared soon, but like the BBQ potluck, what you bring (meat, condiments, or sides) will be assigned to you by last name. The potluck will also include an opportunity to contribute financially to next year's comforter-making ministry, plus a drawing where three lucky winners will take home a comforter of their choice!

Anabaptism at 500: SAVE THE DATE! On Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 1:00 pm, the walls of Hyattsville Mennonite will ring as we welcome Anabaptists from all across the DC Metro area to a community-wide *Hymn Sing*. Dr. Benjamin Bergey, Associate Professor of Music at EMU and Music Editor of the *Voices Together* hymnal, will lead us in songs that celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism. In true Anabaptist tradition, participants are encouraged to bring light food for a shared meal following the Hymn Sing.

Jail Support Supplies Needed: After a summer hiatus, we will be returning to our in-person Jail Support on September 26. See the list in the listserv announcements or alongside the drop-off bins in the foyer for the items we are collecting.