



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering For Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call to Worship (Psalm 99)

One: The LORD reigns!

Many: The earth and the peoples of the earth tremble.

One: The LORD is great in the land and exalted over all the peoples. Let us acclaim Your name:

Many: Great and fearful, the LORD is holy. And the LORD loves justice.

You firmly founded righteousness; judgement and justice in Jacob You made.

One: Exalt the LORD our God. Priests and prophets called to the LORD and the LORD answered them. In a pillar of cloud did the LORD speak to them. They kept the LORD's precepts and the statute the LORD gave them.

Many: LORD our God, it was You Who answered them.

One: Forbearing God, You were to them yet an avenger of their misdeeds.

Many: Exalt the LORD our God and bow to the LORD's holy mountain.

For the LORD our God is holy.

Hymn: 702 – *Hallelujah*

Lighting the Peace Candle

Confessing

Confession

One: The nations are agitated. Leaders murmur and plot.

What does the LORD say to the rulers and regents standing against the LORD's beloveds, the LORD's anointed and chosen ones?

Many: Pay mind, kings of the world!

One: What does the LORD say to the princes and presidents conspiring to break the Holy community, tearing apart that which binds us together?

Many: Be warned, rulers of earth!

One: What does the LORD say to the popular prophets and clever speakers who devise myths and speak to their own interpretations?

Many: Be attentive, as a lamp shining in a dark place!

One: All who seek to lead the LORD's people, who desire to reign in the city of God, listen to us -- we who are witnesses to the transforming power and coming of Jesus Christ, moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God:

When the new day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, serve the LORD. With trembling, fall to the LORD's feet or you will perish from the LORD's rage. Happy are those who shelter in the LORD.

Hymn: 650 – *Alleluia*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:23-5:2

Message: **Don't Forget My Teaching**

Shannon Dycus

Hymn: 440 – *Ask the Complicated Questions*

Responding

Responding to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something.

Praying Together

Life of the Church
Welcoming our Guests
Announcements

Ministry of Giving
Offering
Offertory
Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 70 – *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Calendar

Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday, 7:30 - 10 a.m. Ashes to Go, 7 p.m. Holy Comforter Service

Feb. 21: Celebration of Life for Laura Sue Dueck, 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 22: *Lent 1*, Communion, Cynthia Lapp preaches

Announcements

Welcome to Rev. Dr. Shannon W. Dycus who began serving as Interim President of Eastern Mennonite University on July 1, 2025. Prior to this two-year appointment, she served as Vice President for Student Affairs, Equity, and Belonging at EMU. Shannon is the first Black woman in EMU history named to this position. Shannon was a teacher, pastor, spiritual director before coming to EMU. She is also a writer; HMC used her book *“The Holy in the Night”* during advent 2024.

Ash Wednesday: Drop in any time between 7:30-10 a.m. for prayer and to receive ashes. From 7-8 p.m. Holy Comforter Anglican Church (which meets at HMC) will have an Ash Wednesday liturgy with communion. All are welcome.

Celebration of Life for Laura Sue Dueck: Saturday Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m.

A Celebration of Life will be held in loving memory of Laura Sue Dueck, who passed away on January 30, 2026. If you would like to support the family by volunteering your time or providing food, please see the Sign Up in the listserv.

Adult Education series: *Responding to the Unraveling of Civil Rights*, led by the Racial Justice Group (RJG). Join us at 9:45 in the foyer.

March 1 - Becca Walawender - Public Education

March 8 - Sarah Redden from Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake - Climate Science

March 15 - Special Workshop led by the Immigrant Rights Collective for 2 hours (8 a.m. breakfast and 8:30-10:30 a.m. session)