



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering For Worship

Prelude: *Andante, Piano Sonata in E Major, Hoboken XVI:22*

Praising

Call to Worship

One: Come into God's presence,
you who imagine and you who seek,
you who disrupt and you who repair.

All: By the Spirit, we gather in hope.

One: Come into God's presence,
you who live in this wide and wild world,
navigating beauty and uncertainty,
temptation and trial.

All: In Christ, we gather as children of God.

One: Come into God's presence,
singing for joy and for justice;
bringing prayer and worship,
your most faithful acts of resistance.

All: To God be the glory! We gather to praise!

Hymn: 9 – *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

Preparing Our Hearts: The Breath Prayer

Siblings in Christ, let us confess our sins to God, for God knows our weaknesses and choices, and yet imagines for us a life of wholeness and peace. Loving God, we confess that when the wildness feels too chaotic, and the earth beneath our feet seems to shift with change, we fall easily into despair.

We forget to hope.

We neglect to dream.

We imagine paths of doom instead of journeys to glory.

We panic, even as your Spirit holds steady within and around us.

Silence and Breath Prayer: **In the wildness, I belong to God.**

Hymn: 62 – *God is Here Among Us*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4: 1-11

Message: **The Wildness of Lent**

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: 476 – *Eat This Bread*

Service of Communion

(You are invited to come down the center aisle, receive the bread and dip it in the cup and return to your seat by the side aisles. Please request the non-gluten option. Cindy will be offering prayers of blessing and healing to anyone who would like to receive that.)

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

Children's Offering

Lent Offering: Life After Release (LAR)

Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 832 – *The Lord Lift You Up*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

Calendar

Mar. 1: *Lent 2*, Qiana Johnson preaches

Youth Gathering during service

Mar. 8: *Lent 2*, Michelle Burkholder preaches

Fellowship Meal

Announcements

Lent Offering: During Lent, HMC is fundraising and gathering volunteers for Life After Release. Our goal is to fundraise \$5,000 for LAR's Surviving Justice Retreat. To donate, you can either write a check and place it in the LAR donation basket, or visit <https://givebutter.com/life-after-release>. To volunteer for a LAR program, please see our fliers in the foyer or visit <https://www.mobilize.us/lifeafterrelease>.

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 - Public Education

March 8 - 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)