



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering For Worship

Prelude

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 embrace,
you who seek a good shepherd,
you who long to be known and protected,
you who are far off and you who are near.

All: *In Christ, we gather as one flock.*

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

All: *Together, we gather to worship God.*

Hymn: 639 – *Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

One: God, our Good Shepherd, we confess we often look to unwise leaders to guide us, whether in work, play, government, faith, or daily living. We overlook poor choices and bad boundaries, and we find ourselves enamored by personalities and power.

**All: Forgive us for pursuing folly over wisdom.
Forgive us for choosing flashy leaders over leaders you have gifted with experience and discernment.
Forgive us for not holding our leaders accountable.
Help us keep firm boundaries with leaders, encouraging them to make hard choices.
And when you call us into leadership roles, help us rise to the occasion with integrity and faithfulness.**

Silence and Breath Prayer
Christ knows his own, and Christ knows me.

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 718 – *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading: John 10: 1-18

Message: **The Good Shepard**

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: 640 – *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

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

Ministry Highlight: Life After Release – Jail Support

Announcements

Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering
Lent Offering: Life After Release (LAR)
Offering
Offertory
Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 840 – *God Be with You Til We Meet Again*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Calendar

- March 21:** Youth Casino Night Fundraiser, 6-8:30p.m.
March 22: *Lent V*, Natasha White preaches
March 25: Dinner & Biblical Storytelling event with Storyteller Tracy Radosevic, 6:15-9:15 p.m. St Andrew's Episcopal Church, College Park, MD
March 26: PG Day Center Meal, Volunteers need to prepare the meal and to serve.
March 27: Film Screening: 7-9 p.m. Film screening of *Exodus*, a documentary capturing the humanitarian crisis unfolding at the U.S. - Mexico border.
March 29: *Palm Sunday*, processional 10:40 a.m.
April 2: *Maundy Thursday* Service, 6:30 p.m. A light meal will be served. RSVP link shared on the listserv. RSVP by March 30th.
April 3: *Good Friday*, Holy Comforter Service, 7 p.m.
April 5: *EASTER*, Michelle Burkholder Preaches
Fellowship Meal, Easter Brunch, 9:30 a.m.
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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>. If you like paintings, you can "purchase" a painting from a local artist to directly support LAR. See the catalog and more information in the foyer on Sundays.

Youth Casino Night Fundraiser: Saturday, March 21, 6-8:30 p.m. The youth will, once again, be bringing fun, joy, and prizes into your life through games and community connection! Want to help? We're looking for donations for the Flea Market Prize Table!

Asylum Case: March 24th the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in *Noem v. Al Otro Lado*, the most important asylum case in generations. HMC signed onto this multi-faith amicus brief. Before oral arguments an in-person faith vigil will be held outside SCOTUS. We will bless the plaintiffs and the legal team, garner further media attention, and galvanize the larger public around the significance of this case. HMC is one of the sponsors of this vigil. The time is still being determined but it is likely to be 8-9am on Tuesday, March 24. Contact Cindy for more info.