



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 saving grace, you who shout, "Hosanna," you who pray, "save us," you who wave branches to welcome Christ.

All: In Christ, we gather in celebration.

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

Palm Processional - You are invited to process down the center aisle, place your palm and return to your seat by the side aisles.

Hymn: 313 – *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Hymn: 314 – *Holy Lord*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

One: We hear you calling us away from the hypocrisy of external shows of piety, and toward the quiet places of prayer and service. But our hearts remain divided.

All: Forgive us for being so easily impressed with the trappings of power and wealth, and for turning our backs on your quiet, persistent working among those on the margins. Forgive us for accepting worldly standards for beauty and status that rely so heavily upon racist, sexist, and classist tropes. Forgive us for perpetuating lies of worth and value that exist outside your righteous economy of kin(g)dom justice. Help us focus our endeavors, our appreciation, and our worship around that which you find beautiful and praiseworthy. Help us expand our imaginations to see beauty where you are most glorified. Amen.

Silence and Breath Prayer: **“Hosanna,”** I cry. **“Save us,”** we pray.

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 320 – *My Song Is Love Unknown* (v. 1, 2, 3, 6)

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Matthew 26:17- 27:66

The Passion Story in Word and Song

Songs

We Belong To Each Other - Annie Schlaefer, Poem by Nikita Gill

It's Ok to Change Your Mind - Annie Schlaefer

Some Things Don't Make No Sense

Hold On - Heidi Wilson

Choir

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: LAR: Participatory Defense

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering: *Children are invited to bring their offering forward at this time*

Lent Offering: Life After Release (LAR)

Offering: *You are invited to bring your offering forward at this time*

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: 330 – *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18

Calendar

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 Brunch, 9:30-10:30 a.m.*

Easter Service, Michelle Burkholder preaches

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.

LAR Jail Support Returns: LAR's Jail Support resumes in April! Donation bins are in the foyer. Items needed now: shoestrings, sanitary pads (various sizes), feminine wipes, travel-size deodorant, mouthwash, toothpaste, lotion, and hand wipes. Food donations will be collected later in April.

Rolling Ridge Study Retreat: May 15-17. Rolling Ridge is located in the mountains above Harper's Ferry, WV. All ages are welcome. There is no cost to attend other than support providing the meals. For more information about Rolling Ridge, visit: <https://rollingridge.net>.

Spring Workday in the Back Swamp: Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m. to noon. Please come out to help remove vines and haul, spread mulch, and other tasks.

Small Group Gathering: Sunday, April 12, 12:15 p.m. after church. Join us for a small group conversation with Matthias Seisay, who will share more about his multiple missions in Sierra Leone.