



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering For Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call To Worship

**We gather today as wanderers and seekers.
We wonder, we have questions and doubts.
We have confidence, hopes and desires.
Holy Spirit, open us to a growing faith,
in ways familiar and new,
Be present in our worship together
as the beloved children of God.**

Hymn: 57 – *Holy Spirit Come With Power*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

O God, you have searched us and known us.
You know when we sit down and when we rise up;
You discern our thoughts from far away.
You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is so high that we cannot attain it.
We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.
Where can we go from your spirit?
Or where can we flee from your presence?

Silence

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 533 – *Quietly, Peacefully*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:31-33; 44-45

Sharing Faith Journeys

Service of Baptism

Vows of Commitment

Congregational Prayer VT 931

Hymn: 444 – *I sing with Exultation*

Baptism

Blessing and gift giving

Congregational Response VT 932

Membership Certificates

Hymn: 441 – *Crashing Waters at Creation*

Responding

Responding to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something or raise your hand to have a mic brought to you.

Praying Together

Life of the Church

Welcoming our Guests

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

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

Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

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

Cynthia Lapp

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Calendar

April 30: PG Plaza Day Center Meal, volunteers needed.

May 3: Cynthia Lapp Preaches.

May 10: **Michelle Burkholder preaches.**

May 15-17: Retreat at Rolling Ridge

May 17: Fellowship Meal

Announcements

Faith in a Time of Genocide: Adult Ed resumes May 3, 10, and 17 at 9:45 a.m. For April and May, we will be utilizing A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide, a study guide developed by three Christian organizations who support Palestinian liberation. This resource invites congregations into a sacred dialogue with the Kairos Palestine II document—a living confession born from the heart of Palestinian Christian suffering.

Volunteers are needed for April 30 Day Center Meal: We need volunteers to prepare dishes (2 cornbread, 4 brownies) and provide shredded cheese (5) and bananas (6 bunches) for the meal on April 30 at the PG Plaza Day Center. We're also seeking volunteers to help serve the meal. If you can help, please sign up using the sign-up form on the listserv.

HMC and Pride: Mark your calendar now for two Pride events in June. HMC will be part of the Takoma Park Pride Parade on Sunday, June 7 at 10 a.m. More info to come. June 14 will be our pride celebration at HMC.

May Day: May 1 will be a day across the country of "No School, No Work, No Shopping." This is one more way to push back against billionaires and support working people. Mennonite Action DMV will soon have more information about how we can show up as Mennonites for local events. Watch the Tuesday listserv for details.