



# 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: We gather as people of faith

**Many: following the way of Jesus whose life radiated limitless love.**

One: We gather as people of hope,

**Many: believing in the promise of tomorrow.**

One: We gather as people of love,

**Many: Embracing the humanity and equality of all people.**

**We gather in faith, hope, and love. We gather in joy.**

Hymn: 594 – *Over My Head*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

### Confessing

Confession

One: Sometimes we struggle to draw the circle wide.

It is tempting to imagine boundaries and then create them,

To seek safety in lines that define and defend.

**Many: Forgive us. We have had lines drawn around us, too.**

**Nevertheless, help us to cross borders, to seek out the unfamiliar,**

**To embrace the wild wonder of life.**

Silence

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 151 – *Lamb of God*

## Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading: Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Message: **Incline Your Ear**

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: 739 – *Herr, füll mich neu*

## 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: 834 – *Thuma Mina*

Benediction

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## Lectionary for Next Sunday

Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

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## Calendar

- May 10:** Michelle Burkholder preaches  
**May 15-17:** Retreat at Rolling Ridge  
**May 17:** Fellowship Meal, Cynthia Lapp preaches  
**May 24:** New Member Sunday, Pentecost, Communion  
**June 7:** Takoma Park Pride Parade  
**June 14:** HMC Pride Celebration
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## Announcements

**Faith in a Time of Genocide:** Adult Ed meets May 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.

**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.

**Pastor Michelle on Sabbatical:** HMC generously supports its pastors to take a sabbatical every four years. May 13 - August 12 Pastor Michelle will be away from HMC and on sabbatical. On Sunday May 10, we will bless Michelle for this time of rest.