



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering For Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call To Worship (from Psalm 47)

One: All peoples, clap hands! shout out to God with a sound of glad song. For the LORD is most high and fearful, a great leader over all the earth.

Many: God has gone up with a trumpet-blast, the LORD with a ram's horn sound.

One: Hymn to God, hymn! Hymn to our king, O hymn.

Many: For the ruler of all earth is God, hymn joyous song.

One: God reigns over the nations, and sits on the holy throne.

All: Much exalted is our God.

Hymn: 101 – *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

One: The ambassadors of God said "why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Many: He will come again.

One: He will come again,
walking on a dusty road;

in the arms of a mother forced from her home raising her toddler in a strange land;
a prisoner of an imperial, corrupt regime;

a prophet speaking truth to the nationalistic faith of the powerful;
feeling the heat of the sun, knowing thirst and hunger;
afraid of those who carry weapons, of imprisonment, of torture, of death;
experiencing betrayal;
surrounded by friends and a chosen family;
laughing with joy;
weeping with grief;
loving and knowing love.

Many: You were born, you lived, you were killed, you were raised and then you left us again.

We wait for your return.

Silence

Words of Assurance (Acts 1:1-11 and Luke 24:44-53)

Hymn: 62 – *God Is Here among Us*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-21

Message: **Look up, Look around**

Cynthia Lapp

Hymn: 42 – *Could It Be That God Is Singing*

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: 827 – *Move in Our midst*

Benediction (from Ephesians 1:15-23)

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Calendar

May 17: Fellowship Meal, Cynthia Lapp preaches
May 24: New Member Sunday: Dan Hamlin, Pentecost, Communion
May 30: Ember Day Retreat at Still Place
June 2: Franklin's Fundraiser benefiting CUCE/ PG Day Center
June 7: Takoma Park Pride Parade, 9:15 a.m. TPSS Co-op. No service at HMC
June 14: HMC Pride Celebration, Murray Penner preaches

Announcements

Thank you: The last thing Pastor Michelle did before going on sabbatical is send thanks to the congregation for the kind sabbatical gift. Thanks for your generosity.

New Member Sunday: The Pastorate recommends Dan Hamlin for Membership. He will be sharing his faith journey and becoming a member on May 24.

Ember Day Retreat at Still Place: Saturday, May 30th 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ember Day is a mostly silent retreat that has two guided reflections that focus on a particular aspect of nature and what gifts and learnings we may receive to guide our inner/spiritual lives from that facet of the natural world. If you would like to reserve a place, please email stillplacemd@gmail.org.

Franklin's Fundraiser benefiting CUCE/PG Day Center: Tuesday, June 2, ALL DAY in the store and the restaurant.

HMC Pride in Takoma Park: Church will look different on June 7. We will meet at 9:15 at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Co-op, 201 Ethan Allen Ave, and walk together in the Pride Parade. Let's be church on the move and in the streets. No service at the HMC building on June 7.

Pride Choir: You are invited to join the choir for HMC Pride on June 14. Rehearsals on June 3 and 10 (and maybe June 13). To sign up or for more info contact Pastor Cindy.

HMC T-Shirts on Sale Through May 21st! Show your HMC Pride! Whether you're marching in the Takoma Park Pride Parade with the church on June 7th, or just living your life, this t-shirt is perfect for the occasion! Your order will be available for pickup at the church beginning on May 31st.

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