



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering For Worship

Prelude: *If ye love me*, by Thomas Tallis

Pride Choir

Praising

Call To Worship

Leader: The God we worship is steady and faithful.

People: Yet God continues to surprise us.

Leader: Before we ever knew God,

People: God knew us and loved us.

Leader: Even when we are unaware of God's presence,

People: God promises to be with us.

Leader: Even when hope seems lost,

People: God renews us with grace.

Leader: God's mercies are new every morning.

People: Great is God's faithfulness.

Hymn: 619 – *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession of Faith

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we have too often placed limits on the wideness of Your mercy. Like Peter, we cling to what feels familiar and sometimes close our hearts to those we do not fully understand. We confess the ways we judge by appearance, background, status, or

difference, forgetting that Your love reaches to every person You have made.

Forgive us for the walls we build within our hearts and between one another. Where we have been fearful, make us compassionate. Where we have been prideful, make us humble. Where we have excluded others, teach us to welcome as Christ welcomes us.

Cleanse us of prejudice and soften our hearts with Your Spirit. Open our eyes to see each person as Your beloved child—fearfully and wonderfully made, worthy of dignity, grace, and love. Shape us into a community that reflects the generous love of Jesus, who breaks down every dividing wall and gathers all people into Your peace.

In Your gracious name we pray.

Silence

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 174 – *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-14, Acts 10:9-28, 34-35

Message: **Who are We to Hinder God?**

Murray Penner

Hymn: 638 – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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: *We Shall Be Known*, by Karisha Longaker

Pride Choir

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn 802 – *Draw the Circle*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Genesis 21:8-21 & Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Jeremiah 20:7-13 & Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Calendar

- June 21:** Cynthia Lapp preaches
 - June 25:** PG Plaza Day Center Meal
 - June 28:** John Sider, MEDA preaches
2026-2027 Leadership Slate votes due
 - July 5:** Cynthia Lapp preaches
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Announcements

2026-27 Leadership Slate: Please check the listserv for the link to Leadership Slate for next church year. You can affirm (and comment) on this until June 28.

LAR's Jail Support has started up again. We'll be going every two weeks to the Upper Marlboro Jail on Friday nights. Seeking snacks/drinks & metro cards in the amount of \$5-10. Place items in bins in Lobby under front table.

Volunteers are needed for June 25 Day Center Meal: We need volunteers to prepare dishes (chili, cornbread, brownies) and provide fixings (shredded cheese, sour cream), fruit, and bottled water for the meal on Thursday, June 25 at the PG

Plaza Day Center. We're also seeking volunteers to help serve the meal. If you have questions, contact Holly in the office.

Upcoming Guest Speakers: On June 28, we welcome John Sider of MEDA to HMC. Then on July 12, Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill of Mennonite Mission Network will join us.



Assistive Listening Devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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