



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering For Worship

Prelude

Praising

Call To Worship

Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.

Yet God is with us.

In you alone we put our hope,

Our God, Creator and Sustainer, who gives all good things, seen and unseen.

In you alone we put our hope,

God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter, who moves us to sing, rejoice, and be glad.

There is silence,

(pause)

And there is light.

There is music,

And there is grace.

In you alone we put our hope.

Hymn: 62 – *God is Here Among Us*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

Merciful God, You plant each of us like seeds in a field, and together we are nourished and nurtured, blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be.

When we deprive others of that same opportunity, **forgive us.**

When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field, **forgive us.**

When we label others as good or bad rather than accept them for who they are, **forgive us.**

When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat, **forgive us.**

When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there, **forgive us.**

O God, you know us inside and out, through and through.

You search us out and lay your hand upon us.

You know what we are going to say even before we speak.

So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected, the lonely and the outcast,

and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others and in the world.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Silence

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 171 – *Nothing Can Separate Us*

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43;
Romans 8: 24-25, 38-39

Message: **The Kingdom and Us**

Wyatt Feeler

Hymn: 670 – *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

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 810 – *Go, My Friends in Grace*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Genesis 32:22-31 & Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Isaiah 55:1-5 & Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

Calendar

Aug. 1: Registration opens for HMC Fall Retreat

Aug. 2: Hymnsing at HMC

Announcements

July 30 Day Center Meal: Each month, HMC provides a meal for the PG Day Center, and we need your help on Thursday, July 30. We're looking for volunteers to bring dessert (brownies). Sign up to lend a hand. Questions? Contact Holly in the office.

Registration for HMC Fall Retreat opens Saturday, August 1: HMC retreat at Shepherd's Spring Retreat Center in Sharpsburg MD is October 9-11 2026.

New Member Sunday: The Pastorate recommends Emily Tulli for Membership. She will be sharing her faith journey and becoming a member on August 16.

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

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