



Hyattsville Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering For Worship

Prelude: Cantabile and Allegro from *Duet in G Major*, W.F. Bach

Praising

Call To Worship

One: You who seek God,
look to the rock from which you were cut,
and remember the stories that have shaped us.

All: We come to remember, to listen, and to give thanks.

One: In places of struggle and courage,
in lives too often overlooked,
God meets us and brings new life.

All: The Holy One still meets us and calls us forward.

One: "Who do you say that I am?"

Jesus' question comes to each generation
and to the church in every time and place.

**All: Help us answer not only with our words,
but through lives of justice, mercy, and love.**

One: Come, let us worship the living God,
our rock and our foundation,
who comforts what has been wounded
and makes the wilderness bloom.

**All: We come with gratitude and hope.
Let us worship God together.**

Hymn: 621 – *My Hope Is Built*

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

Confession

Silence

Hymn: 616 – *Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*

Words of Assurance

Hearing the Word

A Time for Children

Scripture: Isaiah 51:1-4 & Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: **Living Archives**

Michelle Burkholder

Hymn: 619 – *In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting*

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

Blessing for Voluntary Service

VT 966

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: 566 – *Somlandela (We Will Follow)*

Benediction

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Exodus 3:1-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Calendar

Aug. 30: Cynthia Lapp preaches, Blessing of the Backpacks
Sept. 6: Wild Church
Sept. 13: Adult and Children's ed returns, 9:45-10:40 a.m.
Cynthia Lapp preaches
Fellowship Meal + Youth Fundraiser
Sept. 20: New Member Sunday, Jessica & Lemuel Yutzy
Blessing of the Comforters

Announcements

Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday August 30, during the service. All students and teachers, preschool through college, are invited to bring their backpacks to worship and join us for this special time of blessing as they prepare for an exciting new school year.

Registration for HMC Fall Retreat now open: HMC retreat at Shepherd's Spring Retreat Center in Sharpsburg MD is October 9-11 2026. See Listserv for registration info and link.

Volunteers needed for August 27 Day Center Meal: We need volunteers to prepare dishes (chili, cornbread), fixings (cheese and sour cream), and provide

fruit and dessert (brownies) for the meal on Thursday, August 27 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.

Wild Church: Sunday, September 6. We will worship outside (near the Back Swamp) Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on. Please use street parking or ride your bike if possible to save space in the parking lot.

Still Place: An Urban Retreat is hosting an Ember Day on Saturday, Sept 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Joy Douglas will lead this Ember Day. An Ember Day is a mostly silent retreat that focuses on a theme suggested by the Earth's season.

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

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