



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 A.M. Worship
February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent

Gathering to Worship

*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.
Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.*

Prelude

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship: God's Covenant with Creation (Genesis 9:8-17)

Come, people of God! Through Jesus Christ, God brings good News. God has begun a *new world order*.

But first ... God established a world.

God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good.

**But violence corrupted the earth and broke God's heart.
So, God brought the flood.**

Then, God restarted the world and hung up his bow in the clouds. God made an everlasting covenant with all living things.

**God's promises are for you and me and everyone.
God's faithfulness endures forever.**

* Songs of Gathering

"I sing the mighty power of God"

Hymnal 46

"Christ is our cornerstone"

Hymnal 43

Call to authenticity

Lord, you call to us in a world buzzing with many voices. We struggle to hear your voice through the hurry and diversity of life.

*Silent Reflection: Lord, what are **you** telling me?*

Lord, help us to hear your voice and follow where you lead.

"Will you come and follow me" (verse 1)

Sing The Story 39

Hearing God's Word

*Scripture		Mark 1:9-20
	<i>Please stand for the reading of the Gospel</i>	
"All people that on earth do dwell"		Hymnal 42
Sermon	"Citizens of God's Kingdom"	Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

* "You are salt for the earth"		Hymnal 226
Testimony of Covenant Faithfulness		Gary Hand
	<i>The account is from The Martyr's Mirror. **See below for more information.</i>	
The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Greeting Our Guests	<i>(Please pass the welcome pads)</i>	
Seeing & Seeking God		
Work of the Church		
Sharing our Praises & Prayers		
Prayer of Intention		Chris Bellar
Prayers for God's People		

Sending

*Benediction	
We are God's people.	
Jesus calls us his friends.	
<i>We are the sheep of God's fold.</i>	
We go in God's love.	
Jesus laid down his life.	
<i>We have freely received.</i>	
We extend God's love.	
Jesus said, "Follow me!"	
<i>We're the ripple effect.</i>	
We live God's promise.	
Jesus said, "I am with you."	
<i>Great is God's faithfulness.</i>	

*Lord's Prayer

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* *Please stand as you are able.*

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Church Office Hours...

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Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Staff meeting Monday- 9:30-11 a.m.

Hope on Facebook – Follow the link on our website – hopemennonite.org and “like” Hope Mennonite Church to see pictures and receive updates on church life.

First Fruits Giving:

Giving the first and best of what we are given
as a worship response to God.

February 11

Attendance – 76

Offering - \$2,116

Year-to-date - \$31,635

Spending plan year-to-date -\$26,423

Our Purpose:

As an Anabaptist community of faith empowered by the Holy Spirit, Hope Mennonite Church is calling and making disciples who bring Christ's love and peace to our world.

Welcome to Hope Mennonite Church. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Today we begin our six-week journey through Lent.

**We will be presenting accounts from the "Martyrs Mirror" for four Sundays during Lent. The "Martyrs Mirror" is an historical collection of persecution and martyrdom of Anabaptists. The majority of Anabaptists did not face martyrdom, Nevertheless, martyrs made up a much larger percentage of Anabaptists believers than any other faith group. These renditions of stories about the Anabaptists who were martyrs are great examples of personal testimony of faithfulness, discipleship, and their strong covenants with God. These accounts are a wonderfully rich summary of Anabaptist spiritual teachings.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Kendal Warkentine

Song Leader: Galen Fast

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Scripture reader: Rod Kremer

Upcoming Worship Events

February 25	Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College
March 4	Third Sunday of Lent
March 11	Fourth Sunday of Lent

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (February 18-24)

Tuesday -9:00 a.m. Women's Bible study

Wednesday -6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

@Riverside Café West, 9129 W Central

-6:00 p.m. Hope Friends meal

-6:30 p.m. Middle & High School youth groups

-6:45 p.m. Choir

Thursday -7:00 p.m. Vision Council



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Jordon & Emily Regehr

Next Sunday: Joan Stambaugh, Delaine Stolzle

March 4: Lori Regier, Sabrina Bellar



Disciples Class (sanctuary) – Children of the Light: The Book of First Thessalonians. First Thessalonians is Paul's first letter and the earliest available writing from a Christian. We welcome you to bring a Bible and join us.

The class is led by Pastor Dave.

Covenant Class (library): "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It" and "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin." They all capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point. Join us as we study Adam Hamilton's "Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say." The class is led by Kendal Warkentine.

**Coffee next week: Bob & Delaine Stolze

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Saturday -Sandwich Saturday

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Guests and visitors last Sunday: Madison Knight, Jennifer Kaufman

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Dessert Auction on February 4; the bakers and the purchasers. The Scholarship Committee raised \$2,302 for the Scholarship Fund, which was their best total in 3 years.

Hope Friends meal this week: pulled pork sandwiches, chips, applesauce, ramen noodle salad, ice cream/toppings.

Hope Friends meal help: We need people to help with serving (5:45-6:30) and clean-up (6:45-7:30) for Hope Friends this spring. There are only 6 Hope Friends evenings left. Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

If you are still interested in a Lenten devotional, there are 2 samples on the literature table. Help yourself.

The March-May issue of the devotional "Rejoice" is now available on the literature table. Help yourself to a copy.

A Child Protection/Sexual Abuse Prevention training will be held at the MCC Center on **March 1**, at 6:30. "Beyond Good Touch/Bad Touch" is the topic and the presenter is Kathy Wiens. This workshop will explore how education on consent, respect, listening, and empowerment helps protect children against sexual perpetrators. The cost is \$20.00. For more information email kathywiens59@gmail.com or visit katherinebwiens.com.

The Western District Conference/South Central Conference Women's Spring Supper will be at 6 pm on Thursday, **March 15**, at Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Drive in Hesston, KS. Meal (Ham, potatoes & more) for \$10 by Whitestone Mennonite Youth with payment to them. Program at 7 pm with Joanna Gerber Pinkerton, daughter of Mennonite missionaries in the Belgian Congo, on *Faith in Every Day Life*. Music, *Sadie and the Larks*, from Hesston College. Offering for AIMM, Women's Literacy training in the Congo. Checks made to WDWM and memo line AIMM. Reservations due by March 8 to Marlene Faul, [316-283-3342](tel:316-283-3342) or westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com. Check out the poster on the bulletin board.

Camp Mennoscah's annual Youth Volunteer Weekend for grades 7-12 is **March 16-17!** This over-the-top, laid-back, faith-filled and service-doused retreat should not be missed! We will stay in the Retreat Center due to renovations at the Main Camp kitchen. There will be music, worship, counselors, and projects for all. Register online at campmennoscah.org or contact us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) for assistance. We'll see you there! (Poster attached.)

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a **housewares sorter/receiver** for 20-30 hours/week. The sorter/receiver maintains an active presence in both receiving and sorting donations; primarily responsible for sorting through houseware donations, placing items in appropriate price categories, recycling and discarding. The full job description and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main in Newton) or via e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due **Monday, March 5, 2018**, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

Camp Mennoscah brochures are now available on the literature. They contain information not only on children and youth summer camps but other activities and events during 2018. The Discipleship Commission will again be providing \$75 in scholarship money to the children and youth from Hope who want to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet following spring break.

Prayers for the wider church:

Pray for WDC's Stewardship Commission as they meet this week and give oversight to the financial resources and property of the conference.

...Linda Oyer of Mennonite Mission Network is bringing closure to her 30-year ministry in France. Pray that the seeds she planted through teaching and mentoring will continue to bear fruit. Pray also that she will find joy in writing more of the books that have been percolating in her spirit.