



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 A.M. Worship
March 11, 2018
Fourth 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

Adapted from 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Come people of God! Worship the God of relentless promise.
Praise the God of everlasting covenant.

What God desires for all is life-giving, people-empowering leadership. This is God's covenant with David.

The Rock of Israel says this: One who rules over people justly, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless day, gleaming from rain on the verdant fields.

Through such leaders, the Spirit of God speaks. The word of the LORD is on their tongue.

Come people of God!

Let us worship the God of relentless promise.

Let us praise the God of everlasting covenant.

*Songs of Gathering

"Blessed Jesus, at your word"

Hymnal 13

"Longing for light"

Sing the Journey 54

Call to Confession

Lord, today we face the music of words that sometimes describe us: critical, complaining, impatient, controlling.

Forgive us we ask.

Silent Confession

Lord, grant us the courage to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:30-44

*"We walk by faith"

Hymnal 570

Message

“Practicing Plenty”

Pastor Dave

Responding to God’s Word

*“O healing river”

Hymnal 372

“The Lady & Catharina Dosie”

Debbie Kasitz & Katrina Miller

Adapted from a story in On Fire for Christ: Stories of Anabaptist Martyrs
by Dave & Neta Jackson

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting Our Guests (*Please pass the welcome pads*)

Seeing & Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises & Prayers

Prayer of Intention

Vicki Howard

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

*Benediction

Now brother and sisters, just as we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, let us go and live our lives in him.

**We go grounded and built up in Christ
and held firmly by faith.**

*"The Lord’s Prayer

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome to Hope Mennonite Church. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

During Lent, dramatists will be depicting the life stories of martyrs found in the "Martyrs Mirror;" an historical story collection of persecution and martyrdom of Anabaptists. They leave the written accounts of their witness on the worship center as an enduring symbol of their testimonies of faithfulness, discipleship, and their strong covenants with God.

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours...

Dave Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Kim 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.

March 4

Attendance – 87

Offering - \$5,996

Year-to-date - \$42,447

Spending plan year-to-date -\$39,635

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.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Cecil Lilliston
Pianist: Ruthie Goering
Song leader: Galen Fast
Scripture reader: Chris Bellar

Upcoming Worship Events

March 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 25 Palm Sunday
March 29 Maundy Thursday service-6:30 p.m.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 11-17)

Monday -3:30-8:15 p.m. Sanctuary reserved
Tuesday -9:00 a.m. Women's Bible study
-4:30-5:15 p.m. Sanctuary reserved
-6:30 p.m. Music Committee
-7:00 p.m. Worship Commission
Wednesday -6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
@Oxford Grand, 3051 N. Parkdale
-6:00 p.m. Hope Friends meal
-6:30 p.m. Middle & High School youth groups
-6:45 p.m. Choir
Thursday -7:30-9 p.m. Sanctuary reserved
Saturday -Reserved event all day



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): We will be exploring the last week of Jesus life through the lyrics and music of Jesus Christ Superstar. Using the original film from the 1970s and a more modern rendition, let's talk about what Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber got right and wrong and how the film directors choices help shape the message they are sending. The class is led by Kendal Warkentine.

NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Laurie Regehr, Kendra Gooden
Next Sunday: Justin & Tiffany Regehr
March 25: Eldon Chlumsky, Clinton Chlumsky



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 18-24)

Tuesday -9:00 a.m. Women's Bible study
-6:30 p.m. Deacons

Wednesday -6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
@Riverside Café West, 9129 W Central

**Coffee next week: Marvin Schmucker

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Guests and visitors last Sunday: Wes Schmidt; Kaila Schmidt;
Katie Weiler

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 4 Hope Friends evenings left. Please sign up.

Dear Hope family: Thank you for all the support during Mom's passing. Everything is so special, the prayers, thoughts, kind words and plant. Support of friends and church family is so important. Thanks again, Mike & Kim Voth

The March issue of "The Mennonite" is now available on the literature table. This month's issue focuses on spiritual resilience, which one writer defines as what "connects brave hope in God with concrete action on behalf of others." Pick up a copy today.

Church picture directory: We will be trying something very different this year in a photo directory. The Annual Directory that the office puts out each year will also include pictures of all regular attenders. How will we get these photos you ask? Our own Natalie Hand has agreed to take the pictures of you and your family beginning in March. We will be asking each of you to come and take a picture with Natalie. {This will not include a sales pitch to purchase your photo. 😊} We will work throughout the next several Sundays to get all the photos taken. Our goal is to put out our the annual directory in April.

Maundy Thursday – You are invited to the service on Thursday, **March 29** at 6:30 p.m. The service is for all ages – children are welcome. A simple meal in the fellowship hall will be followed by worship and communion in the sanctuary. Sign up on the bulletin board by March 25 indicating how many in your household are attending. Please bring sandwiches to share and the remainder of the meal will be provided by the Worship Commission.

Is it hard to make breakfast on Sunday mornings before church? If so, or even if not, on **April 8** you won't need to worry about it. The Young Adult Sunday School class welcomes you to a come-when-you-can breakfast from 8-9 a.m. to benefit the Hope Home renovations. Lent will be over, so come indulge in biscuits and gravy, eggs, and fruit. Any donation to the Hope Home repairs is appreciated.

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 for assistance. We'll see you there!

You are invited to a Holy Saturday Retreat held at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church and facilitated by Joanna Pinkerton. Holy Saturday is a transitional time of "holy chaos" after the crucifixion on Good Friday and before resurrection of Easter Morning. This retreat is intentional time, set apart to listen to the Holy Spirit on Saturday, **March 31** from 9-3. Please RSVP by March 21 by email: secretary@lorraineavenue.org or call (316) 682-4555. Cost is \$15 for the day and a simple lunch is provided. For additional information see poster on bulletin board.

The Camp Mennoscah scholarship sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. The Discipleship Commission is offering \$75 to each child/youth who attends camp this summer. Sign-up on the appropriate date. The deadline is **May 1**. There is also a place for counselors to sign up and the week they are working.

Prayers for the wider church:

...Pray for Western District Conference congregations Beatrice Mennonite Church and First Mennonite Church of Beatrice, NE, as they host Faith, Hope, and the Mission of Rural and Small Town Churches, a study series with Brad Roth, March 18-19.

...Pray for the Nicolson family and their two children serving in Orodara, Burkina Faso since 1998. Lillian and Norm help promote literacy and local culture with the Siamou-speaking people in partnership with Mennonite Church Canada.

...Pray for the Journey International team in Quito, Ecuador; Shannon Schrock, Karina Brandt & Quinn Kathrineberg. Their host congregation is Quito Mennonite Church.

Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children, training will be held at the MCC Center on March 22 from 6:30 – 8:30. Bill Reynolds from CASA: A Voice for Children, is the presenter. Survivor stories and expert insight in child protection will be presented. This training may be of particular interest to youth organizations, parents, educators, childcare providers and those working with children in faith communities. The cost is \$20.00. To register email kathywiens59@gmail.com or call 316-587-7244.