



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 A.M. Worship
March 18, 2018
Fifth 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

**The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will
make a new covenant with my people.**

It will not be like the covenant I made with them when I took
them by the hand and brought them out of Egypt – a covenant
that they broke, although I was their husband.

**But this is the covenant that I will make with them; I will
put my law within them and write it on their hearts. I will
be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will
they one another or say, “Know the LORD,” for they will
all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I
will forgive their disobedience and remember their sin no
more.**

Come, people of God!
Let us worship the God of relentless promise.

Let us praise the God of everlasting covenant.

*Songs of Gathering

“Jesus call us here to meet him”

Sing the Journey 3

“We are people of God’s peace”

Hymnal 407

Call to Confession

Lord, sometimes our sin is something good
we have failed to do.

Silent Confession

Lord, thank you for being eager to renew your relationship with us.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading Mark 8:27-9:1

"Take, O take me as I am" Sing the Journey 81

Message "Who does Jesus say he is?" Pastor Dave

Responding to God's Word

*"Take my life" Hymnal 389

Letter from Anna Timmermanns to her son, Isaiah
Adapted from a story in Mirror of the Martyrs
by John S Oyer & Robert S Kreider

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

Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*Benediction

We are God's people.

Jesus calls us his friends.

We are the sheep of God's fold.

We go in God's love.

Jesus laid down his life.

We have freely received.

We extend God's love.

Jesus said, "Follow me!"

We're the ripple effect.

We live God's promise.

Jesus said, "I am with you."

Great is God's faithfulness.

*"The Lord lift you up"

Hymnal 73

* *Please stand as you are able*

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 11

Attendance – 87

Offering - \$3,322

Year-to-date - \$45,769

Spending plan year-to-date -\$44,038

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.

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.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Cecil Lilliston

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Joanna Pinkerton

Mirror of the Martyrs letter reader: Joan Stambaugh

Upcoming Worship Events

March 25

Palm Sunday; John 10:11-18

March 29

Maundy Thursday service-6:30 p.m.

April 1

Easter Sunday; Mark 16:1-8

MEETINGS THIS 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



Disciples Class (sanctuary) – "Following at a Distance"

We will be comparing how we practice our faith currently versus other times in Christian history. We will also look at some of the more well-known evangelists of the 20th century and how do we practice discipleship today. The class is led by Gary Hand.

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.

**Coffee next week: Randy & Joanna Pinkerton



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

Next Sunday: Eldon Chlumsky, Clinton Chlumsky

April 1: No staffed nursery on Easter Sunday

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 25-31)

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

-7:30 p.m. La Leche League

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 -6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday meal and worship

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Guests and visitors last Sunday: Curtis Oesch; Sarah Miller; Craig & Janelle Miller; Richard & Pat Miller; Chantelle Graber; Malinda Bender; Jia Steiner; Mattison Knight

The church office will be closed this Friday, March 23.

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 3 Hope Friends evenings left. Please sign up.

Church picture 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 and there will be no sales pitch! We will work throughout the next several Sundays to get all the photos taken. Our goal is to put out our 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.

Easter Sunday - We will celebrate with a "feast" of Easter breads and fruit as part of our worship service on **April 1**. If you are able, you are invited to provide Easter bread **or** fruit (washed and ready to serve). Please place your items in the kitchen prior to our worship service.

All Hope Women and their guests, high school age and up, are invited to the annual Women's Salad Supper on Wednesday, **April 4th** at 6:30 p.m. The evening will feature "Making Music Side by Side," a program of piano duets played by Kathy Baker and Velma Lippoldt, which will include sacred, secular, and classical selections. Kathy and Velma have been making music on their own for many years-but only met a couple of years ago. They have shared their talents with friends, neighbors, senior center, church and community. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Easter Sunday, April 1st.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Prayers for the wider church:

...Pray for Western District Conference youth and their mentors, sponsors, teachers and pastors, as they seek to be disciples of Jesus in a complex and changing world.

...Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen of Mennonite Mission Network have served alongside Oscar Siwali, founder of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency since 2016 .They request prayer for the water shortage in Cape Town, South Africa. May just ways of distribution be implemented to defuse the tension over scarce resources.

...Pray for the Journey International team serving in Iquitos, Peru: Elena Buckwalter, Bryli and Aaron Stucky. Their host congregation is Iglesia Cristiana Menonita.

Sharing our Prayers & Praise of the Church March 11, 2018

- * Prayer of Intention: Vicki Howard asked us to remember all students who experience a dark and violent world and that we may provide light and hope. May Christ's light shine beyond the darkness.

Work of the Church

- * There is a sign-up sheet for people interested in helping at the T-shirt booth at the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale in April. Volunteers are needed on Friday afternoon and evening and all-day Saturday.
- * There are other opportunities to volunteer at the Sale as well – Quilter's Corner, Feeding the Multitudes. Plant and Things. See Margaret Wiebe for more information. She also has colorful posters about the sale that you could post at our work if interested.