



Hope Mennonite Church
January 9, 2022
9:30 am Worship
Sermon on the Mount Series:
Jesus Program for Living #6

Gathering to Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Based on Philippians 4:6-7

Friends, let us not be anxious about anything.

About ANYTHING?! That's really hard!

Let us not be anxious about anything ... but ...

in everything, by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving, we will make our requests known to God.

Then, as we share our needs with God,

the peace of God will come to us.

**And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding
will stand guard over our hearts and minds in Christ
Jesus.**

Opening Prayer

* Songs of Gathering

"Seek Ye First"

Voices Together 417

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Voices Together 177

Hearing God's Word

Scripture

Matthew 6:25-34

"Blessed Assurance"

Voices Together 435

Message

"Don't be Anxious"

Gary Hand

Responding to God's Word

*"Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God"

Voices Together 653

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Sending

*“Go, My Children”

Voices Together 830

*Benediction

Based on Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

**The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

God does not faint or grow weary.

God strengthens the powerless.

Even youths may faint, and the young fall exhausted.

But those who wait upon the LORD renew their strength.

**They shall soar with wings like eagles. They shall run and
not grow weary. They shall walk and not faint.**

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Welcome to Hope Mennonite. We are glad you are joining us for worship this morning. Thank you to Gary Hand for sharing with us this morning. The Zoom recording is available Monday-Thursday.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Marcus Loganbill

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Jared Shetler

Scripture reader: Connie Luty

Worship tech: Galen Fast

Upcoming Worship Services

January 23

Guest speaker – Gary Blaine

February 13

Youth Sunday

Dessert Auction

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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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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.

January 2

Attendance 93

(Hope 57; Zoom 35; Zoom recorded 1)

Offering \$10,935

Hope offers the option of giving your tithes and offerings
electronically through the program **Tithely**.

Contact the church office for instructions.

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.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (January 9-15)

Today -10:45 am Discipleship Commission meeting with
parents/youth/sponsors (sanctuary)
Tuesday -7:00 pm Vision Council
Wednesday -6:45 pm Youth group
-7:00 pm Choir
Saturday -10:00 am Library reserved



*Pre-1st: Room 8/9
*Elementary: Room 7
*Youth: Youth Sunday planning
*Adults: "Inside the Disciple's Studio" sharing with Kim
Voth and Chris Teufel

Coffee preparation next week: Bob & Delaine Stolzle

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 16-22)

Sunday -Noon Pastor Congregation Relations Committee
Wednesday -6:45 pm Youth group
-7:00 pm Choir

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Guests and visitors last week: Lois Birkey; Katie & Jay Weiler;
Hannah & Marty Malotte; Christopher, Jennifer, Vivienne, Oliver,
Juniper, Ellis Chlumsky; Ben Malotte & Blair Russell

The 2022 "Sharing our Hope" banner was created by Lori, Katrina
and Elisha Miller. The inspiration for the banner is the hymn, "In
the bulb there is a flower." The colors were inspired by the mural
at the back of the sanctuary. The flower, butterfly and dove
patterns are the same patterns used for a cut paper cross the
Millers helped create for an Easter celebration at Emmanuel
Mennonite Church when they lived in Minneapolis. Emmanuel had
several Ethiopian and Eritrean families who came to the US as
asylum seekers. Butterflies are especially meaningful to those
families, symbolizing Christ and freedom.

Thanks to all of you who gave Christmas gifts to us this year. We
are very grateful and consider our congregation a special gift as
well. Sincerely, Carole and Dave Stevens.

The poinsettias at the entrance need a home. Help yourself!

Thank you so much for the kind expressions of caring following the death of Donovan's mother, Marie Regehr. We so appreciated the cards, emails, and presence of several of you at her visitation and service. Our Hope church family is such a gift! We are grateful that after a remarkable life of 97 years she is in the loving arms of her Savior. Donovan and Laurie Regehr and family

Still looking for a 2022 calendar? The youth group has one left and they are only \$8. Leave your payment in the church office.

Take a look at the table in our fellowship area for a display of new titles in the library. These are our 2021 acquisitions from Faith and Life bookstore. They include biographies, fiction, Christian living topics and some children's books. They can be checked out right at the display.



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Responding to "Christian"

Nationalism. On January 16, February 6

& 13, Pastor Dave will lead this Sunday School series. January is the month when we remember Anabaptist beginnings, 497 years ago. It's also the month we remember an alarming demonstration of Christian nationalism, when extremist stormed the US Capitol building one year ago. Christian nationalism is a framework of thinking which seeks to merge Christian and American identities. What does it mean to be followers of Jesus, who confess that Jesus is Lord, and live in the midst of this distortion? What is our response? Come learn and explore.

On January 20, the Thursday evening women's Bible study (via Zoom) will begin studying the book, **HOW TO HAVE AN ENEMY: Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace** by Melissa Florer-Bixler. If you didn't order a book, please do so on your own and contact Brenda Glanzer Lilliston if you plan to attend. "This book is an engagement with what real peace-making looks like. And the author starts not with making peace, but with being sure we're actually doing conflict well. This book is exceptionally timely as we see calls for unity without accountability or truth telling inside and outside the church. In her writing, Pastor Melissa Florer-Bixler examines our current situation and compares to what / how Jesus responded to foes in his day. She discusses historical truth-

telling as the base and examining power structures as the important framework for naming harm. More importantly, she asks us to take the call of Jesus seriously - to stand with the marginalized and to be a true communal alternative to the ways of the Empire in which we live."

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will resume on **January 25**, at 10 am on Zoom. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark, utilizing the book, Mark: Interpretation Bible Studies (IBS), by Richard I Deibert, as a resource. Cost of the book is \$13. If you are interested in attending, please contact Brenda Glanzer Lilliston. Please order the book on your own. "Mark challenges the reader to believe in the mystery of God--that even through difficult times, God reigns. Mark's Gospel carries the reader from the desert wilderness to Jerusalem, and from the crisis of the cross to the victory of the empty tomb."

The annual congregational meeting will be held on January 30 during the Sunday School hour. Following the meeting, you are invited to a fellowship meal. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

We have received the Mennonite Mission Network prayer cards for the Givens family, our mission partners to Calais, France. They will be with us the weekend of February 19 & 20.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Western District Conference staff in the coming year, as they work to support ministers and church leaders, equip congregations with resources, and encourage church planting initiatives and partnerships.

...Give thanks for the generous financial contributions, prayers and volunteer service of all the congregations and individuals who support Western District Conference ministries.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Guatemala Partners: Community of Anabaptist Theological Institutions; Kekchi Mennonite Church, a network of approximately 125 churches divided into six regions; Movement of Anabaptist Women doing Theology in Latin America and the Latin American Anabaptist Seminary (SEMILLA).