

Hope Mennonite Church
January 23, 2022
9:30 am Worship

Gathering to Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome

“Hold On” arr. Victor C Johnson

Choir

Call to Worship

Adapted from Voices Together 903

Friends, let us gather to worship the God who says,
“Do not be afraid” ...

**... the God who says, “I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”**

God is doing a new thing among us. Now it springs forth! By
the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored!

**We accept the Lord’s invitation, “Come to me, all you who
are weary and heavily burdened. I will give you rest.”**

In Christ alone our hope is found.

All other ground is sinking sand.

**And hope does not disappoint us, for God’s love has been
poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has
been given to us.**

Opening Prayer

* Songs of Gathering

“What is This Place”

Voices Together 22

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Voices Together 28

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 4:11

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Voices Together 76

Message

“Keep them warm”

Gary Blaine

Responding to God's Word

*"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

Voices Together 581

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

"Music, When Soft Voices Die" Eugene Butler

Choir

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*"Heart with Loving Heart United"

Voices Together 813

*Benediction

Friends, let us go into the world
doing what the Lord requires.

**We go forth to do justice, show kindness
and walk humbly with God.**

Let us go into the world enjoying God's blessings
and sharing God's blessings.

We go forth to be a foretaste of God's reign.

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Welcome to Hope Mennonite. We are glad you are joining us for worship this morning. The Zoom recording is available Monday-Thursday. A very special welcome to our guest speaker Gary Blaine. Gary has been in ministry since 1975, serving rural, urban, and suburban congregations, as well as hospitals and social service agencies; and was adjunct instructor at Phillips Theological Seminary. He retired as lead chaplain from Schowalter Villa in July of 2021, and still serves as pastor of the Highland Trinity United Church of Christ in Newton, KS.

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Church Office Hours

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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 16

Attendance 84

(Hope 52; Zoom 31; Zoom recorded 1)

Offering \$2,782

Year-to-date \$16,287

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.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lowell Birkey
Pianist: Vicki Howard
Song leader: Kendrick Weaver
Scripture reader: Greg Shelly
Worship tech: Galen Fast

Upcoming Worship Services

January 30 Communion
February 13 Youth Sunday
 Dessert Auction
February 20 The Givens family

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (January 23-29)

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Zoom Study - Gospel of Mark
 -6:30 pm Deacons
Wednesday -6:45 pm Youth Group
Thursday -7:00 am Women's Zoom Study – "How To Have An
 Enemy: Righteous Anger & The Work of Peace"



*Pre-1st: Room 8/9
*Elementary: Room 7
*Youth: Youth Sunday planning
*Adults: "Responding to Christian Nationalism" led by
Dave Stevens. This class will resume on February 6.

Coffee preparation next week: Care & Nurture

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 30-February 5)

Sunday -Congregational meeting following worship
 -Chicken & Noodle soup lunch
Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Zoom Study - Gospel of Mark
Thursday -7:00 am Women's Zoom Study – "How to Have An
 Enemy: Righteous Anger & The Work of Peace"
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday

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Guests & Visitors last week: Brandon Maples; Lois Birkey; Dellis
& Sharon Birkey; Phillip & Jodi Ihaza

Sandwich Saturday – We need some volunteers to put together lunches, deliver and distribute on Saturday, February 5, as well as 15 dozen cookies.

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.

The January 21 issue of "Anabaptist World" is available on the front table. The focus is on peace and justice and highlights the life and work of Michael J. Sharp and his subsequent murder while serving in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2017.

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. We will be treated to our Craft Bazaar's chicken and noodle soup. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. **Sign up** on the bulletin board so our cooks know how much soup to prepare.

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."

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

On January 27, 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. "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.”

WANTED for the Kansas MCC Sale General Auction: Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Motorcycles, Campers, etc. Call Jerry Toews, 620-367-8257, for details and pickup NOW so we have time to get them cleaned up and ready for the sale in April. ALL proceeds go to MCC. We usually get GOOD prices for your donations. Help make a difference in the lives of those struggling around the world through MCC. Thank you!

Prayers for the wider church

...Give thanks for Western District Conference's relationships with other organizations and institutions, and pray that these partnerships would extend God's healing and hope in the world.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Paraguay Partners; Center for Evangelical Mennonite Theology and Evangelical Mennonite Conference of Paraguay and their Peru Partners: Mennonite Christian Church of Peru in Iquitos, and Colombia Mennonite Church working in Peru.