

Hope Mennonite Church 9:30 am Worship February 14, 2021

Gathering to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Adapted from Voices Together 852

Sisters and brothers, we gather to affirm that in the beginning when it was very quiet, God spoke creation into being.

And the Word was with God and the Word was God.

In the beginning when it was very dark, God said,

"Let there be light," and there was light.

In the Word was life and the life was the light of all people. When the time was right,

God sent the Son to redeem the creation.

And the Word became flesh and tented among us, full of grace and truth. The Word is Jesus Christ our Lord, God's Good News for all creation

Opening Prayer

Songs of gathering

"Come, now it the time to worship" "10,000 reasons"

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

"Jesus, thou mighty Lord"

Sermon "The Beginning that is only the Beginning" Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

"Will you let me be your servant"

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sing the Journey 9

Mark 1:1-8

Hymnal 115

Hymnal 307

*Greeting our Guests

Seeing and Seeking God Work of the Church Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

"The Lord bless you and keep you" Sing the Journey 76 *Benediction Adapted from Voices Together 1067 God of power and love, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit guide us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our strength and witness, now and always. Amen. * * * * * Welcome to worship at Hope Mennonite Church whether in person or on Zoom. The service is available on Zoom recordings Monday-Thursday. Worship Participants			
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Worship leader: Connie Luty Pianist: Amy Bellar			
Scripture reader: Joanna Pinkerton			
Upcoming Worship			
February 17 Ash Wednesday			
February 21 First Sunday in Lent			



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Staff meeting Monday- 9:30-11 a.m.			
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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 7			
Attendance-70			

(Hope 25; Zoom live 42; Zoom recorded 3) Offering \$5,725 Year-to-date \$18,229

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 (February 14-20)

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible Study: "Signs of Life" by Stephanie Lobdell; Contact person: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Wednesday -5:30-7:30 pm Ash Wednesday service

Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study: "Who Will Be A Witness" by Drew Hart; Contact person: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston



All adults are invited to the series "Outrageous Justice" led by Marcus Loganbill. This curriculum was developed by Prison Fellowship, the nation's largest Christian nonprofit serving prisoners, former prisoners and their family, and leading voice for criminal justice reform. The

class will meet in the sanctuary and be available to Zoom participants 15 minutes following worship.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (February 21-27)

Sunday -Faith Seekers

Monday -6:30 pm Deacons

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible Study: "Signs of Life" by Stephanie Lobdell; Contact person: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

-7:00 pm Vision Council

Wednesday -7:00 pm Youth Group

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<u>Family Promise, February 14-21</u>: Hope is a supporting congregation this week for Tyler Road Baptist and True-Life Church, if needed.

<u>Our Ash Wednesday service</u>, February 17, will be a come-and-go self-guided service, 5:30-7:30 pm. There will be individual containers for self or family imposition of ashes.

<u>There are two extra</u> "Steadfast Love" and an extra "Living" Lent devotionals on the front entrance table Help yourself if you didn't already order one.

<u>The March-May issue</u> of the devotional "Rejoice" is available on the front entrance table. Help yourself.

<u>You are invited</u> to a Drive-Thru Verenike Supper on February 20, 4-7 pm at First Mennonite Church, 427 W 4th, Halstead, KS. Come and enjoy verenike, ham gray and sausage at this annual event. The cost is by donation and will go to local Covid-19 relief.

<u>The February 12</u> issue of "Anabaptist World" is available on the front entrance table. This issue focues on instances of great community and calls to justice work; stories of action and of failure to act.



Have you ever wondered what people do when they leave prison? Would you like to know the issues facing former inmates as they exit incarceration and return to their communities? A new ministry beginning at Hope involves working alongside an organization, *Working Men of Christ*, which provides stability and spiritual counsel in a Christian environment for former inmates.

Witness and Outreach has partnered with the organization and has set a goal of \$12,000 of financial support. To date \$6,300 has been received and \$6,000 distributed. This is above and beyond their 2021 budget and we want to encourage you to consider giving to this ministry. Learn more about WMOC by exploring their website: <u>https://www.workingmenofchrist.org</u>

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for health care workers and chaplains in Western District Conference congregations and communities, as they care compassionately for those in need.

...Pray for Andrea Sawyer-Kirksey, DOOR executive director and their Virtual Discover program. This program has created a space for youth to learn together, grow deeper in faith, service their community through justice projects and have some fun.



*Guitar chords for unison singing only

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Music: William H. Doane, Baptist Hymnal, 1883



Text: Numbers 6:24-26 Music: Peter C. Lutkin, 1900







