



Hope Mennonite Church
February 20, 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

“Lift Your Voice and Rejoice!” Victor C. Johnson Choir

Call to Worship Based on Voices Together 1048

Friends, we gather to worship as people who long for the rains of heaven to wash away on earth the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds, held and nurtured over generations.

We worship the God who rains down love to wash away the memories of hurt and neglect.

We gather to remember the rainbow which God set in the clouds, a covenant of peace with all creation.

We worship the God who burns away the fog so that we can see each other clearly; so that we can see beyond labels, accents, gender, or skin color. We worship the One who sends light strong enough for us to see all people as our neighbors.

Let the earth, nourished by rain, cleared of fog, brightened with sunlight, surround us with God’s beauty.

Let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward for God’s healing and hope.

Opening Prayer

* Songs of Gathering

“Rain Down”

Voices Together 703

“God Loves All His Many People”

Voices Together 767

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture

Leviticus 19:33-34

“We Have Been Sent by God”
Choir & Congregation

Voices Together 771

Message

Rachel & Joseph Givens

“Être une lumière à Calais (Being a Light in Calais)”

Responding to God’s Word

*“Together”

Voices Together 389

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

Presentation to the Givens family

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

“Inscription of Hope”

Z. Randall Stroope

Choir

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

*“Praise God”

Voices Together 70

*Benediction

Adapted from Voices Together 1036

Lord, send us forth now ...

... **to build your kingdom one brick at a time.**

Taking one step at a time.

Give us the courage and clarity to take one action in the present moment ...

... knowing you will take each act and multiply them ...

... **like the loaves and fishes. Amen.**

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Welcome to Hope Mennonite. We are glad you are joining us for worship this morning. Today, we welcome our new Mennonite Mission Network mission partners to worship and Sunday School! They are Rachel and Joseph Givens and their sons Elijah and Micaiah. They will be leaving in April to minister to refugees in France. The Zoom recording is available Monday-Thursday.

*Picture at the top of the order of worship is from Calais, France.

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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.

February 13

Attendance 142

(Hope 111; Zoom 32; Zoom recorded 0)

Offering \$4,423

Year-to-date \$31,350

Spending plan year-to-date \$34,327

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: Lori Miller
Pianist: Amy Bellar
Choir director & Song leader: Kendrick Weaver
Scripture reader: Lee Schmucker
Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton
Zoom host: Michelle Jantz

Upcoming Worship Services

February 27 Open Road and Woven ensembles
March 2 Ash Wednesday service
March 6 First Sunday in Lent

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (February 20-26)

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Zoom Study - Gospel of Mark
-7:00 pm Worship Commission
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: Donovan Regehr
*Adults: Joseph & Rachel Givens

Coffee preparation next week: Scott & Connie Luty

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Guests & Visitors last week: 32 family & friends for Youth Sunday

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.

First Mennonite Church of Halstead invites you to their drive-thru verenike supper, **February 26**, 4-7 pm. For the cost of a donation, you will pick up verenike, ham gravy, sausage, pickle and cookies. For more information about who the proceeds will benefit, check out the flyer on the bulletin board.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. You are invited to sign up for a Lent devotional. "in view of God's Mercy" by David Boyd is this year's selection. Rich reflections by David Boyd help us to set our sights on what is meaningful and holy in our faith walk with God. The deadline to sign up is **today**. The children's selection is "My Holy Week Journey" pop-up calendar. Reserve your calendar through the church office.



A donor has matched the \$2500 designated within the Witness and Outreach budget for 2022 and be entered in the Working Men of Christ special fund. The same donor has pledged additional matching dollars up to \$2500 for any above-budget donations which members wish to contribute throughout the year to WMOC.

The Hope Working Men of Christ committee invites you to help break the chain of barriers facing men released from jail and prison. The names and houses of all WMOC students are written on links of a paper chain. Please tear off a link and pray for that individual. The chain will hang at the entrance each Sunday and on the Witness & Outreach bulletin board during the week.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Western District Conference congregations in pastoral transition, and for all congregational leaders and ministry candidates as they seek the Holy Spirit's guidance.

...Pray for the San Francisco Mennonite Voluntary Service unit: Ashley Neufeld, Jillian Neufeldt, Anna Lubbers, Clair Waidelich, Polly Carson. Their host congregation is First Mennonite of San Francisco.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Botswana Partners: Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission; Bokgoni Sporting Club; Interchurch Bible program.

Sharing Praises and Prayers
February 23, 2022

Work of the Church

- * The next step in the welcome statement process will on February 27 during Sunday School. You are also encouraged to return feedback on the 4 concept ideas to Michelle Jantz.
- * Our Ash Wednesday service will be on March 2, 7:00 pm. If you are interested in a Lent devotional, please sign up by next Sunday (February 20)

Choir Texts

“Lift Your Voice & Rejoice!”

Come, lift your voice!

Come, lift your voice and rejoice!

Come and rejoice with a glad alleluia, lifting your voices to the sky!

Come and rejoice with a glad alleluia, singing your praises on high!

Let the earth sing a song of exultation.

Let all creation shout aloud with jubilation!

Gaudeamus hodie! (Let us rejoice today!)

“Inscription of Hope”

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.

And I believe in love even when there's no one there.

I believe in God even when he is silent,

I believe through any trial there is always a way.

But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair,

My heart cries for shelter, to know someone's there.

But a voice rises within me saying hold on my child,

I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope, just stay a little while.

May there someday be sunshine,

may there someday be happiness,

may there someday be love

May there someday be peace.