



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 am Worship
February 21, 2021
First Sunday in Lent

Gathering to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

“God’s Covenant with All Creation”
(based on Genesis 9:8-17)

Come, people of God! Through Jesus Christ, God brings Good News. God has begun a *new world order*.

But first ... God established a world.

God formed the creatures with a word
and then pronounced them good.

**But violence corrupted the earth and broke God’s heart.
So, God brought the flood.**

Then, God restarted the world. God hung up his bow in the clouds. God made an everlasting covenant with all creation.

God’s promises are for you and me and everyone.

God’s faithfulness endures forever.

Opening Prayer

Songs of gathering

“All creatures of our God and King”

Hymnal 48

Confession of Sin and Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

As God called to Adam and Eve in the garden, so God calls to us, “Where are you?” Like them, we hide, hoping God will not come looking for us. As God asked Adam and Eve, so God asks us, “What have you done?” Like Adam, we may blame someone else. Like Eve, we may say, “The devil made me do it.” Today we confess before God our bad choices and their consequences. And we make our confession in confidence, knowing that God’s steadfast love for us is never-ending.

[Silent prayers to God]

Lord, we thank you for your forgiveness.

We praise you that your mercies never cease. They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness!

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

Voices Together 145

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

Mark 1:9-20

Sermon

“Citizens of God’s Kingdom”

Dave Stevens

Responding to God’s Word

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Voices Together 120

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Greeting our Guests

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Voices Together 812

Colors of Covenant

Jesus embodies God’s covenant, God’s promise of life, and yet that promise is increasingly threatened. Each Sunday of Lent we remove a strip of cloth from the worship center to symbolize the threat and God’s enduring promise.

*Benediction

Sisters and brothers, our victorious God is at work, breaking the powers that bind and strangle. Our liberating God partners with us to dismantle all that divides and destroys. We go forth in the name of the Suffering One who bears the wounds of the world with his love. We go forth in the name of the Stronger One who meets the pain of creation with the power of new life. Amen.

~ Adapted from STJ # 154-155

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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.

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Attendance-68

(Zoom live 64 ; Zoom recorded 4)

Offering \$0

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.

Welcome to worship at Hope Mennonite Church whether you are joining us in person or on Zoom. The service is available on Zoom recordings Monday-Thursday as well as YouTube.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Connie Luty
Pianist: Laurie Regehr
Scripture reader: Mike Voth
Worship tech: Galen Fast
Zoom host: Marvin Schmucker

MEETINGS THIS 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
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. Today's class will be led by Jason Jantz

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (February 28-March 6)

Sunday -Faith Seekers
Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible Study: "Signs of Life" by
Stephanie Lobdell; Contact person: Brenda Glanzer
Lilliston
-7:00 pm Worship Commission
Wednesday -7:00 pm Faith Seekers

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

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Today marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season of the church year, from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday. It is a time for remembering and "joining" Jesus' journey to the cross and resurrection, for renewed attention to God's Word, for confession, and receiving God's forgiveness. This Lenten season, our calls to worship highlight God who makes **covenant**—who commits to faithful relationship.

Cookies: Sandwich Saturday is just around the corner. We need 17 dozen cookies for March 6.

Plants and Things Planning is now underway for the 2021 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale to be held July 2 and 3 at the fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

One of the most popular booths at the KMRS is "Plants and Things". As many of you know, this is the place to purchase a variety of things for your gardens. You traditionally have been able to buy flowers, shrubs, and garden plants. Many people have counted on being able to get their tomato plants, cabbage starts, melon seedlings, annual flowers, bulbs, etc. at the KMRS. Because July 2 and 3 is a bit late to be thinking about purchasing plants and starting or adding to a garden, the **"Plants and Things" booth will be open on April 10, the time our sale is regularly scheduled. "Plants and Things" will be set up at the MCC Building in North Newton utilizing the parking lot and the warehouse facilities.** Some things are yet to be decided such as opening and closing times, drop off hours, flat pick up, etc., but we wanted you to know that **we will be accepting the plants that you wish to bring to the sale.** So please start the seeds that will become a part of your contribution to MCC and the sale event. For more information and answers to questions, please contact Kristi Unruh at 620-3456867 or by email at kdunruh97@gmail.com or you can contact Jim Robb at 620-747-0186 or by email at jimandbeatyrobb@gmail.com.

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



Working Men of Christ offers housing and mentoring to those (men and women) coming out of incarceration to help them become productive, healthy members of the body of Christ and their families. Mennonite Central Committee has been an active sponsor of Working Men of Christ for several years. Members of WMOC have often helped at the MCC sale.

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

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Western District Conference congregations as they seek safe and effective ways to do congregational business and discernment together during the pandemic.

...Pray for Austin Roberts, serving in Northern Ireland with Mennonite Mission Network. He is dealing with the challenges of teaching his Youth with A Mission courses via Zoom.

Sharing Praises and Prayers

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- * Carole Steven's Mom is in the hospital following a stroke. Keep the family in your prayers during this time.

"Citizens of the Kingdom" Sermon Outline

1) The Reign of God

2) Repentance

- a) Colossians 1:13
- b) "Good" and "New"
- c) Mark 10-17-22

3) Believing

- a) Believing as trusting
- b) Mark 5:35-36
- c) Mark 9:24

4) Following Jesus

- a) The Little Circles and THE BIG CIRCLE
- b) Colossians 3:17

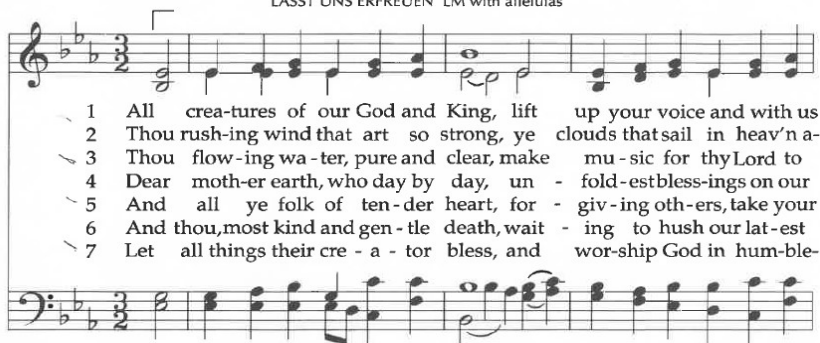
5) Citizens of God's Reign

- a) I Corinthians 12:3b
- b) The Holy Spirit

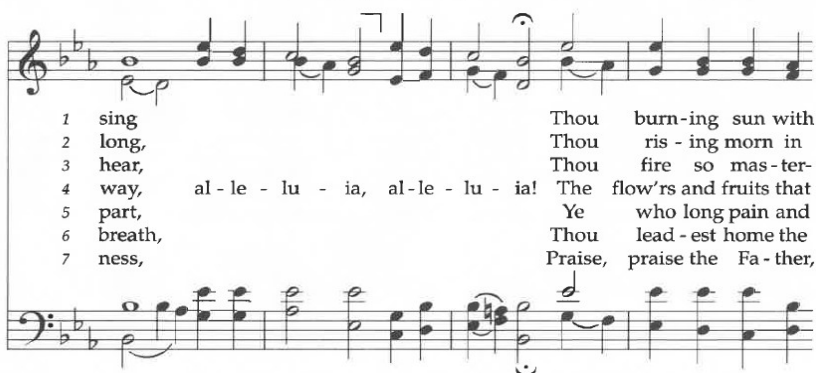


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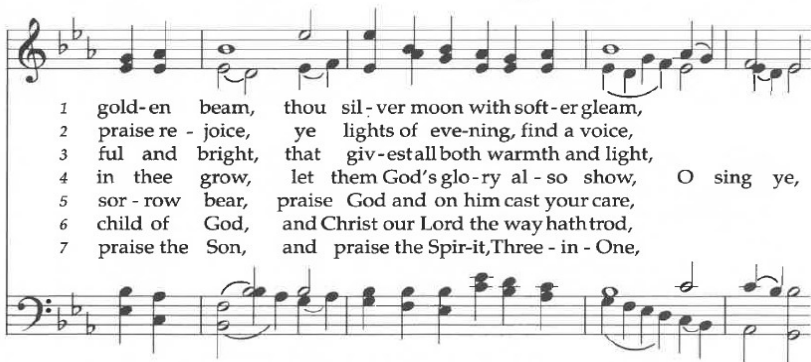
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1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2 Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a-
 3 Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to
 4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day, un - fold-est bless-ings on our
 5 And all ye folk of ten-der heart, for - giv-ing oth-ers, take your
 6 And thou, most kind and gen-tle death, wait - ing to hush our lat-est
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship God in hum-ble



1 sing Thou burn-ing sun with
 2 long, Thou ris - ing morn in
 3 hear, Thou fire so mas-ter-
 4 way, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! The flow'rs and fruits that
 5 part, Ye who long pain and
 6 breath, Thou lead - est home the
 7 ness, Praise, praise the Fa - ther,



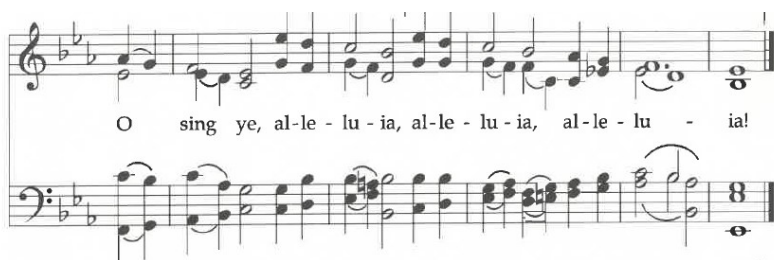
1 gold-en beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,
 2 praise re - joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice,
 3 ful and bright, that giv-est all both warmth and light,
 4 in thee grow, let them God's glo-ry al - so show, O sing ye,
 5 sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 6 child of God, and Christ our Lord the way hath trod,
 7 praise the Son, and praise the Spir-it, Three - in - One,

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Music: *Kirchengesangbuch*, Cologne, 1623; adapted and harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal*, 1906, simplified

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O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

AI HU 5.5.10 D

F C/E Dm Am

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gen - tly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

Bb C/Bb F/A Gm9 C7

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

F C/E Dm Am

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who still fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter,
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

Bb C/Bb F/A Bb/C F

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gen - tly and mak - ing us one.

For the Beauty of the Earth 120

DIX 7.7.7.7.7.7

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry
 2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter,
 5 For each per - fect gift and sign to this world so

of the skies, for the love which from our birth
 of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
 mind's de - light, for the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 par - ent, child, friends on earth and friends a - bove,
 free - ly giv'n; grac - es hu - man and di - vine,

o - ver and a - round us lies:
 sun and moon and stars of light:
 link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to
 for all gen - tle thoughts and mild: love u - nit - ing earth and heav'n:

thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

For a lower key, see "As with Gladness" (#277).

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint (England), *Lyra Eucharistica*, 1864, alt.

Music: Conrad Kocher (Germany), *Stimmen aus dem Reiche Gottes*, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk (England), *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

812 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11 D

Unison G Am D

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess-ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

G C G D7 G G

peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The sup-per is end-ed. Oh,
tasks of our ev'-ry-day life we will face. Our faith ev-er shar-ing, in

Am D G C G D7 G

now be ex - tend-ed the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be - lieve.
love ev - er car-ing, em - brac-ing the chil-dren of each tribe and race.

Harmony G D7

The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re - cep - tive souls reach-ing,
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us,

G Em D A D

shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Unison G Am D

Your grace did in - vite us, your love shall u - nite us to
Then may all the liv - ing, with praise and thanks - giv - ing, give

G C G D7 G

work for your reign and to an - swer your call.
hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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