



SEEKING GOD'S HIGHER WAYS
Lent 1



Hope Mennonite Church
March 6, 2022
9:30 am Worship

Lent is the season in the church year which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Palm Sunday. During Lent we “join” Jesus on his journey to the cross and to the resurrection.

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

Sisters and brothers, we are the people who together seek
God’s higher ways ...

... **through the wilderness of Lent, through the
wilderness of life.**

We crave the safety of God’s shelter,

**the cool comfort of the divine shadow, the security of
the LORD’s mighty fortress.**

God offers angels to guard us, the provisions of creation,
faithfulness as our shield.

**The LORD is generous to all who call on God’s holy
name. Come, brothers and sisters, let us seek God’s
way of generosity.**

* Song of Gathering

“God of our Strength”

Voices Together 47

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues”

Voices Together 764

Children’s Time

Confession and Release

Holy God, have mercy on us. Our thoughts are not your thoughts,
and our ways are not your ways. We confess the times we have
not sought your will or deliberately ignored it. Forgive us.

[Silence]

Gracious God, thank you for persistently inviting us to renewal
and wholeness. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13

“Jesus, Tempted in the Desert”

Voices Together 307

Message

“I Heart You”

Pastor Dave

James 4:7; I Corinthians 10:13; Luke 3:22; Romans 1:7; Deuteronomy 7:6; Galatians 4:6

* “And I will raise you up”

Voices Together 641

Responding to God's Word

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings *First Fruits Sunday*

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

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*“The Lord lift you up”

Voices Together 832

*Benediction

Adapted from VT 1065

Whatever wilderness God's Spirit has brought you to ...

... let us walk in boldness, as God's beloved children.

May you walk in God's generosity and share it.

Let us walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High.

May you walk by faith ...

... for we know Christ walks with us.

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Thank you for your continued faithful giving as we partner with the living Christ and each other to make the world a better place! If you can't attend Sunday worship in person or by Zoom, the Zoom recording is on the Hope Zoom account and is available The Zoom recording is available Monday-Thursday.

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

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Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00n p.m.

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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.

February 27

Attendance 104

(Hope 76; Zoom 23; Zoom recorded 5)

Offering \$1,665

Year-to-date \$34,305

Spending plan year-to-date \$44,135

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: Mike Voth
Pianist: Amy Bellar
Song leader: Jared Shetler
Scripture reader: Margaret Wiebe
Worship tech: Scott Luty
Box Opener: Heidi Johnson
Puppeteers: Annette Chlumsky; Debbie Kasitz

Upcoming Worship Services

March 6 First Sunday in Lent
March 13 Second Sunday of Lent

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 6-12)

Sunday -12:30 pm Youth Bowling
Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Zoom Study - Gospel of Mark
-6:30 pm Deacons
Wednesday -6:45 pm Youth
-7:00 pm Choir
Thursday -7:00 am Women's Zoom Study – "How to Have An
Enemy: Righteous Anger & The Work of Peace"
Saturday -9am-5pm Reserved Event



*Pre-1st: Room 8/9
*Elementary: Room 7
*Youth: Donovan Regehr
*Adults: Michelle Jantz (Welcome Statement, Pt. 2)

Coffee preparation next week: Todd & Debbie Kasitz

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Guests & Visitors last week: 17 members of Open Road and Woven.

Take a look at the table in our fellowship area for a display of new titles in the library. We are happy to see that several of the new books from Faith and Life have been checked out. As a result we have added some other new titles that were donated near the end of last year. Most deal with spiritual growth or religion associated issues of the day. One was written and donated by a recent Sunday speaker about his experience as a chaplain in the medical field. Returns can be made to the cart in the library.

Starting on Sunday March 13-Gary Hand will begin a Sunday School series based on the book "Why Did Jesus Die and What Difference Does It Make." Written by Michelle Hershberger, chair of the Bible department at Hesston College. Michelle has a degree from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Our goal is to understand atonement as best we can. In addition, we will look at the truth that Jesus saves us and heals us. We will look at how Jesus talked about the purpose of his life and death. We will look at what the apostle Paul said about atonement and how the early church interpreted Christ's work. How the early church's understanding changed throughout history. Finally, we will look at what atonement means for us.

This coming Sunday March 6 through Sunday April 3, we will be collecting coins as well as other forms of money for the MCC Relief Sale's "My Coins Count" project. A tin bucket will be located on the floor next to the offering basket each Sunday where you may place your coins, etc. during offering time. So on Sunday, please bring the coins you may have been collecting through the past months for this project or reach into your wallets for the coins you have any one of the Sundays if you wish to contribute to this Sale project. The money raised through "My Coins Count" this year will go for food and water needs around the world.

Witness and Outreach invites you to volunteer to maintain communication with our new mission partners, the Givens family. We would like to have different individuals (or families if you wish) sign up for one month of the year, when you would be asked to communicate, preferably twice, but at least once, with the Givens. Simply sharing greetings from your family, relating Hope events, etc. is welcomed by anyone who is serving away from their own family and friends. If you are interested, please sign up for

your preferred month on the W & O bulletin board. After signing up, we will give you reminders and some specific information about the Givens.

Everence will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, March 8, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. There will also be time for your question. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.



The Working Men of Christ Home of Jeremiah (Wichita) is in need of the following items: paper towels, trash bags - large and kitchen size, twin sheets and blankets. The ministry can always use clothing for the students. Clothing not used by Jeremiah students will be taken to the Kansas Department of Corrections. KDOC distributes clothing to **both men and women** coming out of prison or jail on a regular basis. You can place donated items in the basket under the Witness and Outreach bulletin board in fellowship hall. The House of Jeremiah is still looking for a minivan.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for WDC congregational delegates planning to attend the special session of MC USA assembly in May, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in this week's zoom forum hosted by WDC in preparation for the assembly.

...Pray for our Congo partners-Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission; Center for the Formation of Justice and Peace; Univeristy Center of Missiology; Congo Partnership Council.

...Pray for the Service Adventure in Anchorage, Alaska. Michael Oyer, Sam Setiawan, Zaden Issah, Daniel Schumacher; Sarah Huber; Alexander Mantler. Host congregation is Prince of Peace Mennonite Church in Anchorage.