



**SEEKING GOD'S HIGHER WAYS**  
**Lent 2**



Hope Mennonite Church  
March 13, 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

Hopeful Blues

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 can bring our fears to worship without shame—fear of  
losing control, fear of the unknown, fear of personal and  
large-scale violence.

***Our fears stalk us with the stealth of a fox.***

Yet Jesus calls us to a higher way, to draw near to him and  
overcome our fears.

***Jesus welcomes us to gather under his “wings,” like a  
hen gathers her chicks.***

In the midst of fear, the Lord is compassionate to all who  
call on his name.

***Come, brothers and sisters, let us receive God’s higher  
way of compassion.***

Opening Prayer

\* Song of Gathering

“You Are Holy, You Are Whole”

Voices Together 61

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Voices Together 637

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 that our fears sometimes trap us in narrowness and negativity. Our fears sometimes prevent us from experiencing the abundant life you want for us. Forgive us.

[Silence]

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

Hearing God's Word
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Scripture Reading Luke 13:31-35

"The Lord Is My Light" Voices Together 437

Message "Jesus Sings the Blues" Pastor Dave

Instrumental interlude

\* "When the Storms of Life Are Raging" Voices Together 553

Responding to God's Word
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The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hopeful Blues

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

"One thing I know" Hopeful Blues

Prayers of God's People

Sending
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\*"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Voices Together 840

\*Benediction

Friends, we go forth today with this invitation:

***There is always more room under God's wings.***

We go forth today with this assurance:

***God's love is always stronger than our fear.***

***... for we know Christ walks with us.***

Postlude

Hopeful Blues

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Church Office Hours

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

Cynthia

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Kim

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](http://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.

March 6

Attendance 85

(Hope 67; Zoom 14; Zoom recorded 4)

Offering \$7,889

Year-to-date \$42,194

Spending plan year-to-date \$49,038

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.*

Welcome to Hope Mennonite. We are glad you are joining us for worship this morning. If you can't attend Sunday worship in person or by Zoom, the Zoom recording is made available Monday morning via the office.

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### Worship Participants

Worship leader: Mike Voth

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Wendy Wiens

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom Host: Lee Schmucker

Box Opener: Carol Preheim

Puppeteers: Annette Chlumsky, Ruthie Goering

Hopeful Blues: Rod Kremer; Laurie Regehr; Leon Greaser; Eldon Chlumsky; Galen Fast

### Upcoming Worship Services

March 13 Second Sunday of Lent

March 20 Third Sunday of Lent

April 14 Maundy Thursday

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 13-19)

Sunday -12:00 pm PCRC

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Zoom Study - Gospel of Mark

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

Thursday -7:00 am Women's Zoom Study – "How to Have An Enemy: Righteous Anger & The Work of Peace"

Friday -6-7pm Reserved Event



\*Pre-1<sup>st</sup>: Room 8/9

\*Elementary: Room 7

\*Youth: No Youth Sunday school today

\*Adults: Michelle Jantz (Welcome Statement, Pt. 3)

Coffee preparation next week: Chris Bellar

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-7:00 pm Vision Council

Wednesday -6:45 Youth  
-7:00 pm Choir

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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 20** 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.

Now 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. 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.



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 mini-van.

### Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they consider nominees for elected leadership positions in our conference.

...Pray for the Ivory Coast Partners; Evangelical Training Center for communication in Africa; Youth-Hope of Africa; University of the Christian Alliance in Abidjan.

...Pray for Matthew and Tori Krabill as they assist in resourcing French speaking churches throughout Europe, Africa and Canada. They are based at the Paris Mennonite Center.

One thing I know...

If there's one thing I know  
You were never left alone  
You can always call on Jesus' name  
And if there's one thing I pray  
Is Jesus helps you find a way  
To make a change and listen to your heart  
God will take away your pain  
If you choose to let it go  
If there's one thing I know