

Hope Mennonite Church 9:30 am Worship March 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday in Lent

#### Gathering to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Adapted from 2 Samuel 23:1-7

## God's Covenant for Leadership

Come, people of God! Worship the God of relentless promise. Praise the God of everlasting covenant.

What God desires for all is life-giving, people-empowering leadership. Leaders are good shepherds of their "flock." This is God's covenant with King David and his descendants. This is the Messiah that Israel longed for and whom we follow.

God, the Rock of Israel, says this: One who rules over people justly, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless day, gleaming from rain on the verdant fields.

Through such leaders, the Spirit of God speaks.

## The word of the LORD is on their tongue.

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Let us praise the God of everlasting covenant.

**Opening Prayer** 

Songs of gathering

"Could It Be That God Is Singing" "All Who Are Thirsty" Voices Together 42 Voices Together 49

Confession of Sin & Encouragement for Just Living

Lord, today we face the music of words that sometimes describe us: Critical, complaining, impatient, controlling. Forgive us, we ask.

#### [Silent confession]

Lord, thank you for empowering us to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you. Amen.

"Holy, Holy, Holy"		Voices Together 137		
Hearing God's Word				
Scripture reading		Ν	lark 6:30-44	
Message	"Practicing God's Plen	ty" D	ave Stevens	
Responding to God's Word				
"I Am the Bread of Life"		Voices T	ogether 480	
The Giving of our T Offertory "Wha Prayer of Thank	Voices T	ogether 298		
*Greeting our Guests				
Seeing and Seeking God Work of the Church Sharing our Praises and Concerns				
Prayers of God's People				
Sending				
"My Life Flows On"		Voices T	ogether 605	

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

~ Based on Colossians 2:6-7

Now sisters and brothers, just as we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, let us go and live our lives in him.

We go grounded and built up in Christ and held firmly by faith.

Let us go forth joyfully and abounding in thanksgiving. Amen.

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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.

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Church Office HoursDaveMonday-Thursday 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m.CynthiaMonday-Thursday 9:00 a.m1:30 p.m.KimFriday 9:00 a.m1:00 p.m.Staff meetingMonday- 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. <u>March 7</u> Attendance-78 (Hope 26; Zoom live 6; Zoom recorded 46) Offering \$4,242 Year-to-date \$30,238					

Spending plan year-to-date \$48,077

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: Vicki Howard Scripture reader: Marcus Loganbill Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton Zoom host: Michelle Jantz

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 14-20)

Today -Faith Seekers

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

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



You are invited to the series "Outrageous Justice" led by Marcus Loganbill. Today we are honored to have Senator David Haley with us. Senator Haley is a member of the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission. He is in his 22nd year in the Kansas Legislature, currently

representing the state's 4th district in Wyandotte County. The class will meet in the sanctuary and be available to Zoom participants 15 minutes following worship.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 21-27)

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Monday -6:30 pm Music Committee

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

7:00 pm Vision Council

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<u>Guests and visitors last week:</u> Dustin Hammell, Kentrall Lewis, Calvin Bare, Adam Alonzo, Dustin Stalder, Shannah Ikenberry <u>The March 5 issue</u> of "Anabaptist World" is available on the front entrance table. There are also some copies of past issues. Help yourself.

<u>We are journeying through Lent.</u> 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.

<u>Camp Mennoscah</u> is proceeding with plans for children and youth summer camps. Due to safety precautions, there will be a limit on the numbers of each camp. If you child/youth want to attend, you are encouraged to register early. You can do so online at www.campmennoscah.org. The church will provide a \$75 scholarship. Let the church office know by April 25.

<u>Plants and Things</u> 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 620-3456867or by email at kdunruh97@gmail.com or you can contact Jim Robb at 620-747-0186 or by email at jimandbeatyrobb@gmail.com.

<u>HumanKind ministries</u> invites you to participate in the "Sleep Out ICT," a virtual fundraiser to support homeless services in Wichita on Saturday **April 17**. Location: your backyard, family room or anywhere. Tickets start at \$20. Consider the Sleep Out event box for \$25 which includes a Sleep Out yard signs, educational and games, a HumanKind flashlight and more! Register and learn more at SleepOutICT.org

<u>Bohne Berrogi Sales.</u> As with many things related to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, the usual order of business will not be possible due to Covid-19. To make sure that people have the opportunity to purchase and take home some bohne berrogi, the Bohne Berrogi Committee will be making and selling this ethnic delight at Moundridge High School on **April 3.** The Bohne Berrogi will be sold, by the dozen, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 am. at \$20a dozen, NO sauce will be provided. No advance orders will be taken. This will be the only opportunity to purchase Bohne Berrogi unless some are not sold. Left overs will be frozen and sold at a later date or at the Relief Sale in July. Come to Moundridge High School between 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM on April 3 and support the MCC Relief Sale with your purchase.

#### Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for the Western District Conference Executive Board as they meet this week, and give leadership and oversight for conference vision and priorities.

...Pray for the congregations and area conferences mentoring and supporting church planters.

...Pray for Akiko Aratani & Ray Epp serving in Naganuma, Japan since 2007. They serve as directors of Menno Village, an organic farm where they also hold seminars and trainings in sustainable agriculture and creation care. They are part of the Japan Mennonite Christian Church Conference. Their home congregations are Bethesda Mennonite Church, Henderson, NE and Yuai Mennonite Church, Sapporo-shi, Japan.

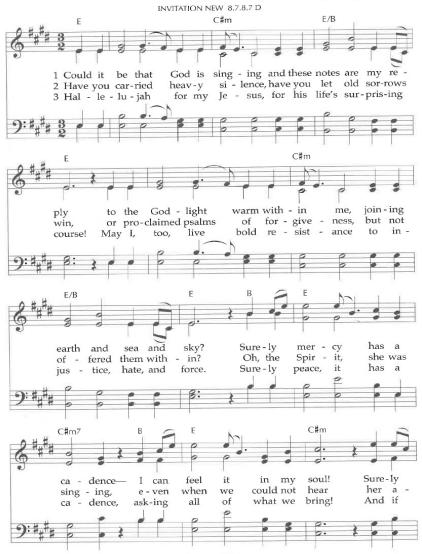


Marcus Loganbill, Vicki Howard, Connie Luty, Travis Cox, Jason Jantz, and Chris Bellar are members of a new committee promoting and guiding our new ministry with Working Men of Christ. We are planning a joint work day at Camp Mennoscah with WMOC and look forward to engaging in other activities together. We are blessed to again have several gentlemen from Working Men of Christ with us today in our worship service and Sunday school hour.

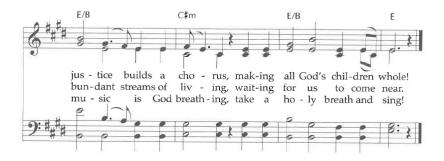
Witness and Outreach has partnered with Working Men of Christ and has set a goal of \$12,000 for financial support. To date \$6,350 has been received and \$6,000 distributed. We challenge ourselves to give above and beyond; The WMOC committee and Witness and Outreach will have information beginning next Sunday on making donations for a "Ticket to Stability and Security" for this great ministry. Learn more about WMOC by exploring their website: <u>https://www.workingmenofchrist.org</u>



# 42 Could It Be That God Is Singing



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# I Am the Bread of Life (Yo soy el pan de vida)

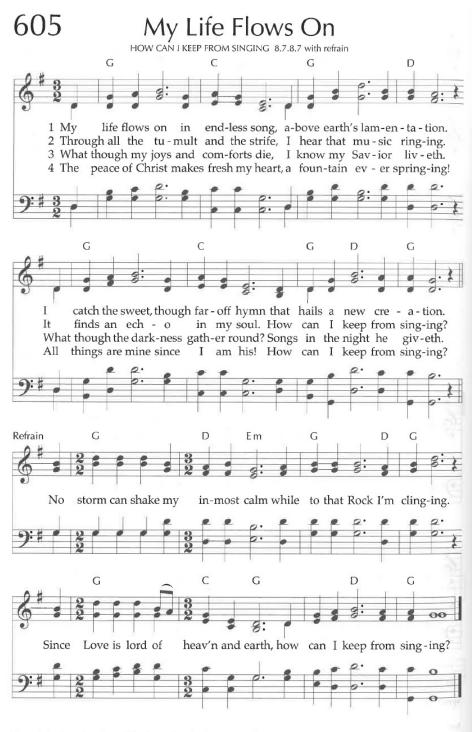
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