



SEEKING GOD'S HIGHER WAYS
Lent 3



Hope Mennonite Church
March 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

* 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.**

Our God invites all who thirst to come to the waters.

God prepares a feast for us of all good things.

Our God makes with us an everlasting covenant,
unbreakable relationship.

God's banquet is spread and available—without any cost.

Our God provides the nourishment that truly satisfies.

**Come, brothers and sisters, let us reach for God's higher
way—from earning to receiving.**

Opening Prayer

* Songs of Gathering

"Praise Him, Praise Him"

Voices Together 100

"All Who Are Thirsty"

Voices Together 49

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
sometimes we lack the courage to make changes that will
give us better lives. We confess that sometimes we are
unwilling to receive your help. Forgive us.**

Silence

Release from the box

Generous God, thank you for your free gift of grace. Amen

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1-9

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Voices Together 610

Message

"The Train and the Roundhouse"

Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

* "I Sought The Lord"

Voices Together 161

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

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*"Move in Our Midst"

Voices Together 827

*Benediction

Friends, our help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Jesus will give us another chance.

The Holy Spirit will empower us to live with less fear.

**The LORD will keep our going out and our coming in,
from this time on and forevermore.**

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning on the third Sunday of Lent, be it in person or on Zoom. The Zoom recording is available Monday-Thursday.

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Dave

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

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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 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 86

(Hope 66; Zoom 19; Zoom recorded 1)

Offering \$2,704

Year-to-date \$44,899

Spending plan year-to-date \$53,942

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: Amy Bellar
Pianists: Cynthia Loganbill, Laurie Regehr
Song leader: Galen Fast
Scripture reader: Mike Mayta
Box Opener: Greg Shelly
Puppeteers: Jared Regehr, Connie Luty
Worship tech: Scott Luty
Zoom host: Michelle Jantz

Upcoming Worship Services

March 27	Fourth Sunday of Lent
April 3	Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 14	Maundy Thursday

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 20-26)

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Zoom Study - Gospel of Mark
-7:00 pm Vision Council
Wednesday -6:45 Youth
-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-1st: Room 8/9
- *Elementary: Room 7
- *Youth: Marcus Loganbill and part 1 of peace session
- *Adults: “Why did Jesus die and what difference does it make?” by Michelle Hershberger & led by Gary Hand.

Coffee preparation next week: Greg & Dawn Epp

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Sandwich Saturday Saturday: 23 dozen cookies needed for distribution on April 2.

Now through Sunday April 3, we will be collecting coins as well as other forms of money for the Mid-Kansas 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/bills during offering time. The money raised this year will go for food and water needs around the world.

Dear Hope Mennonite: Thank you so much for the lovely bouquet of fresh flowers that Marcus brought us. They were beautiful and reminded me again of all the support we've felt from our Hope family during and since my brother's passing. Memories will fill the void that Chris leaves. Sincerely, Randy & Shirlyn Graber

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.

Cottonwood Complex Fire Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is currently responding to the Cottonwood Complex Fire in Reno County Kansas. Each day we need 1-2 skid steer loaders, a track machine is helpful or a tractor with loader and a grapple fork is very helpful. We can use 4-6 volunteers each day to help with a cutting torch, sifting through and picking up debris. Please contact Cleo Koop at cleohkoop@gmail.com or 316-282-0797 if you are able to help.

Prayers for the wider church

...Give thanks for the work of the Western District Conference Immigration Task Force, as they connect and equip congregations that are offering hospitality and advocating for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

...Pray for the Mennonite Mission Network partners in Ethiopia, the Meserete Kristos College; and partners in Ghana, Good News Theological Seminary and Mennonite Church of Ghana consisting of 27 congregations.

Sharing Praises and Prayers

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Work of the Church

- * Michelle Jantz invited all to Sunday School for further discussion about the welcome statement and policy.
- * Michelle Jantz thanked those who had signed up and still slots available to work at the T-shirt booth at MCC sale. Contact Michelle or sign up at:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a4ab2ca5fece9-tshirt