

Hope Mennonite Church 9:30 am Worship March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Adapted from Jeremiah 31:31-34

God's New Covenant

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

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with my people.

It will not be like the covenant that I made with them when I took them by the hand and brought them out of Egypt—a covenant which they broke, although I was their "husband."

But this is the covenant that I will make with them: I will put my law within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people. No longer will they teach one another or say, "Know the LORD," for they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their disobedience and remember their sin no more.

Come, people of God! Let us worship the God of relentless promise.

Let us praise the God of everlasting covenant.

Opening Prayer

Songs of gathering

"Praise Him, Praise Him"

"Jesus Calls Us"

Voices Together 100 Voices Together 30

Confession of Sin & Prayer for Courage

Lord, sometimes we stray from your will by failing to do something good that you expect.

[Silent confession]

Lord, grant us the courage not to neglect but to do the good things you expect. And thank you for your eagerness to renew your relationship with us.

"Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"

Voices Together 138

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

Mark 8:27-9:1

Message "Who do you say I am?"

Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Voices Together 443

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

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Voices Together 840

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

Adapted from 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

"Now, brothers and sisters, may God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ direct all your paths. May the Lord strengthen you in holiness. And may the Lord enable you to increase and abound in love for one another and for all." Go in peace.

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.

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Dave 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 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 14

Attendance-77

(Hope 37; Zoom live 34; Zoom recorded 6)

Offering \$6,097

Year-to-date \$36,334

Spending plan year-to-date \$52,885

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

Scripture reader: Connie Luty
Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton

Zoom host: Michelle Jantz

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 21-27)

Today -Faith Seekers

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 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



With great pleasure, we welcome Al and Nadine Peters who will be sharing their experience of visiting and befriending ladies at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women in York, Nebraska. We look forward to their testimony and their stories of the lasting relationships

they made throughout their years of prison ministry. This is an opportunity to gain insight and inspiration as we look ahead to partnering with Working Men of Christ and as we challenge ourselves to fulfill Christ's mandate of visiting the prisoner.



Mower this week: Scott Luty

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 28-April 3)

Monday -6:30 pm Deacons

Tuesday -7:00 pm Worship Commission

Wednesday -7:00 pm Faith Seekers

Thursday -7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday

<u>Guests and visitors last week:</u> Kentrall Lewis, Calvin Bare, Adam Alonzo, Dustin Stalder, Shannah Ikenberry, Christie Summervill

We are journeying through 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.

<u>Sandwich Saturday</u> – Would you consider coordinating on April 3? It only takes a group of 4-5 people to put the lunches together and drop them off (or distribute if you so wish) at St. John's Episcopal church at 10:30 am. We also need 21 dozen cookies.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 15. We, along with Working Men of Christ, will be going to Camp Mennoscah for an all-day project helping to make improvements on the outdoor amphitheater and perhaps other projects. More details will be forthcoming. Please let Marcus Loganbill know if you plan to help.

<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. There are also registration forms on the front table. The church will provide a \$75 scholarship. Let the church office know by April 25.

Bohne Berrogi Sales. 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.

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". 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 and 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

Prayers for the wider church

- ...Give thanks for pastors in Western District Conference, and pray for God's strength and wisdom for them as they provide care, leadership and guidance for congregations in the face of many challenges.
- ...Pray for individuals participating in Sent Network, a 24-week online curriculum with trainers and community learning.
- ...Pray for Stephanie and Mark Bartsch serving in Kope, Japan since 20098. They are both active in their international church and Mark teaches at a Christian high school. Their home congregation is Told



Today we announce our "kick-off" of Prison Fellowship's **Second Chance Month**. After release from jail or prison, individuals are often prevented from reaching their God-given potential because of some 44,000 documented legal restrictions placed on them, not to mention the widespread social stigma of having a criminal record. The month of April, is designated to draw attention to this dilemma.

Witness and Outreach and the Working Men of Christ Committee wishes to invite the congregation to consider giving toward this cause. You will be given (or e-mailed) a "Ticket to Security and Stability" and encouraged to make an "above-budget" donation in April – Second Chance Month - which will go toward our matching funds for Working Men of Christ.

Witness and Outreach is partnering with Working Men of Christ and has set a goal of \$12,000 for financial support. To date \$6,375 has been received and \$6,075 distributed. Learn more about WMOC at https://www.workingmenofchrist.org

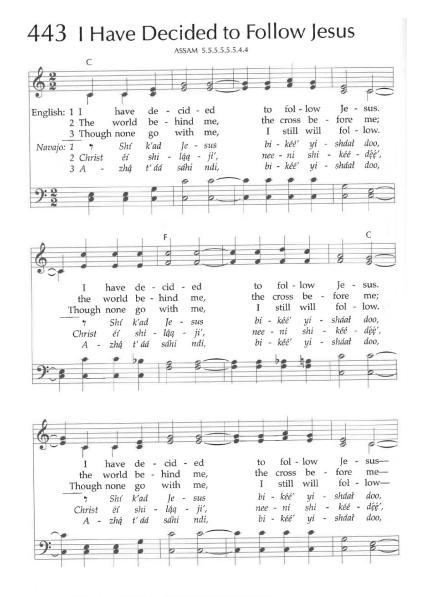
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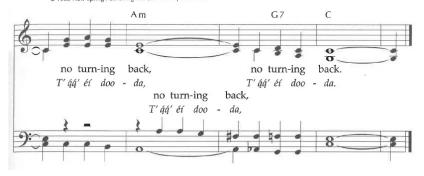
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