



SEEKING GOD'S HIGHER WAYS
Lent 5



Hope Mennonite Church
April 3, 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.**

We gather to worship the God who says, "I am about to do a
new thing. Now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?"

**We worship the Exodus God, who makes a way through
the sea, and provides water from the rock.**

Even when all around us screams "Emptiness!" we praise the
God who provides fullness.

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

Opening Prayer

* Songs of Gathering

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Voices Together 28

"Let Us Build a House"

Voices Together 36

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 narrow the hopes you have for us and limit
your possibilities in our lives. Forgive us.**

Silence

Release from the Box

**Gracious God, thank you for the new things you are about to
do. Amen.**

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading	John 11:55-12:11
"There Is a Line of Women"	Voices Together 546
Message	"The Next-To-Last Chapter" Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

* "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"	Voices Together 443
The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings (First Fruits)	
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

*"God sent his Son"	Insert
*Benediction	Adapted from Voices Together 1057
Beloved of God, may the Christ who is already formed in you, grow in you.	
Let us go forth in the power of his love to experience fullness of life and fullness of joy.	

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning on the fourth Sunday of Lent in person or on Zoom. This is First-Fruits Sunday. Thank you for your continued faithful giving as we partner with the living Christ and each other to make the world a better place! The Zoom recording is available Monday-Thursday.

Upcoming Worship Services	
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 14	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service
April 17	Easter

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Dave Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00n 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 20

Attendance 92

(Hope 80; Zoom 11; Zoom recorded 1)

Offering \$2,886

Year-to-date \$49,535

Spending plan year-to-date \$63,750

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: Connie Luty
Pianist: Vicki Howard
Song leader: Jared Shetler
Scripture reader: Lowell Birkey
Box Opener: Charity Kennedy
Puppeteers: Debbie Kasitz, Ruthie Goering
Worship tech: Michelle Jantz
Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (April 3-9)

Sunday -Noon – youth group
Tuesday -10:00 am Women’s Zoom Study - Gospel of Mark
-6:30 pm Deacons
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
Saturday -10 am-4 pm reserved event



*Pre-1st: Room 8/9
*Elementary: Room 7
*Youth: Marcus Loganbill and part 2 of the peace series
*Adults: “Why did Jesus die and what difference does it make?” led by Gary Hand.

Coffee preparation next week: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky



Mower this week: Randy Pinkerton

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (April 10-16)

Monday -6:30 pm Music Committee
Tuesday -10:00 am Women’s Zoom Study - Gospel of Mark
Wednesday -6:45 pm Youth group
-7:00 pm Choir
Thursday -7:00 pm Maundy Thursday service

Guests & Visitors last week: Stephanie & Jay Gehring; Lois, Dellis & Sharon Birkey

Today is the last Sunday we are collecting coins/bills for the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale's "My Coins Count" project. To date, we have collected \$298. In 2021, we collected \$570.08. The money raised this year will go for food and water needs around the world.

Welcome/Inclusion Statement: In Fellowship Hall you will find a draft of our Welcome and Inclusion Statement. It is the compilation of the recent discussion sessions and the concepts feedback. It was created by grouping together similar phrases on the post-it notes. A word cloud of the phrases was created and then the groups of phrases were ordered in a way to create the framework for a draft statement. Vision Council seeks your reactions and feedback. Please share your thoughts on the draft by April 10th to Moderator@hopemennonite.org. A picture of the compilation along with the draft statement will be sent out from the church office this coming week.

All are invited to our Maundy Thursday service on April 14, 6:30 pm. We will begin with sharing a light meal; please bring sandwiches to share; fruit and drink will be provided. The service will conclude in the sanctuary with communion. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend so that the appropriate number of tables and chairs can be set up.

Witness and Outreach invites you to volunteer to maintain communication with our new mission partners, the Givens family. We would like to have different people sign up for one month of the year, when you would be asked to communicate, once or twice with them. Simply sharing greetings or relating Hope events is welcomed by those serving away from their own family & friends. If interested, please sign up on the W & O bulletin board. After signing up, we will give you reminders and some specific information about the Givens.

The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) responded to the Cottonwood Complex Fire in Reno County and helped clear debris from homes that were a total loss in the fire. We are concluding the disaster response at this time and do not need additional help. Thanks.