



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 am Worship
April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday

Remembering the Cross

Prelude

Welcome

"Were you there"

Voices Together 329

Silence

Celebrating the Resurrection

"Low in the grave he lay."

Voices Together 333

*Affirmation

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Hallelujah!

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"The Lord is Risen Indeed!"

Voices Together 357

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-8

Message

"The Ending That Isn't An Ending"

Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today."

Voices Together 346

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings – First Fruits Sunday

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

“The Hallelujah Chorus”

*Benediction

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his great mercy, God has given to us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3.

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Welcome to worship at Hope Mennonite Church whether you are joining us in person or on Zoom. Today is First-Fruits Sunday. Thank you for your continued faithful partnership in the mission of our church! The service is available on Zoom recordings Monday-Thursday as well as YouTube.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lori Miller

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Scripture reader: Ruthie Goering

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston



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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 28

Attendance-104

(Hope 67; Zoom live 32; Zoom recorded 5)

Offering \$6,935

Year-to-date \$46,399

Spending plan year-to-date \$62,500

Working Men of Christ - \$1,525

MCC coins - \$63

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.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (April 4-11)

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



Join us next week for a 5-week Sunday Series "What is the Bible and how do we understand it?" Author Dennis R Edwards says the following: "The Bible has given exuberant joy, certain comfort, inspiration, guidance and courage...The Bible has also provoked wars. More accurately, people have fought wars because of their understanding of the Bible's teaching." Come for insight from Edwards as well as discussion on our Sacred Text. The class will be facilitated by Cynthia Loganbill. Join in person or via Zoom.



Mower this week: Travis Cox

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Guests and visitors last week: Henry Salas. 28 guests from Working Men of Christ

Dave & Carole Stevens will be traveling to New Jersey this afternoon for Carole's Mom's service on April 6. They will return on April 8. As per Kansas guidelines, Dave will be in a 7-day quarantine and will return to the office on April 19.

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.

Family Promise annual trainings Hope will be hosting Family Promise the week of April 25. As per the requirements to be a volunteer, you have to participate in an annual training. This year the trainings will be virtual. There are Initial Training sessions for new volunteers and Refresher Training sessions for past volunteers. The registration information was sent out via email. Date options are April 12, 6 pm for refresher training and April 18, 1pm for an initial training. Don't delay registering.

Camp Mennoscah is proceeding with plans for children and youth summer camps. There will be a limit on the numbers of each camp so register early 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.

There are other ways to assist with Working Men of Christ. If you have "garage-sale items" you would like to donate, WMOC will be partnering with Encounter Church and hosting a garage sale April 21-23. If you have items you would like to donate, you can bring them to church or contact Marcus Loganbill for pick-up. Have them here by April 18. Proceeds from this sale will go to Working Men of Christ.

Last Sunday, Dustin and Shannah left volunteer forms with us. We urge you to consider becoming a mentor to an inmate or WMOC student. Perhaps you see yourself participating in a Bible study or leading in some other way. Forms are on the literature table in Fellowship Hall.

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The Mid-Kansas Relief Sale will be held on July 2 & 3 at the Hutchinson State Fairgrounds. The Theme for the year is "Light." Unexpected things in life do happen often when we least expect them too. God is good. Love Him. Love each other. No matter where the road leads. He will be with us lighting our paths. Therefore: "Let your light shine..." Matthew 5:16

Plants and Things Planning is now underway. One of the most popular booths at the KMRS is "Plants and Things". 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.** For more information and answers to questions, please contact Kristi Unruh at 620-3456867 or by email at kdunruh97@gmail.com

Prayers for the wider church

...Give thanks for the joy of resurrection, as Western District Conference congregations celebrate Easter and bear witness to new life, healing and hope in Jesus!

...Pray for the pastors and leaders of the Missional Discipleship Initiative and the 121 cohort groups around the world. This initiative is a disciple-making movement to expand the number of Jesus-followers and peace communities.

...Pray for Laura Schlabach serving in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia since 1993. Laura supports longer-term development projects and relates to the growing Mongolian church. Her home congregation is San Antonio Mennonite Church.



We often say that hard work brings success. If we just put in the effort, we can achieve our goals. For our neighbors with a criminal record, however, there are overwhelming obstacles that stand in the way of a full and productive future—despite their hard work and best efforts.

We, at Hope, can assist with helping those experiencing the “second prison”. April is **Second Chance Month**, and Witness and Outreach and the Working Men of Christ Committee wishes to invite the congregation to give toward this cause. Please consider making an “above-budget” donation which will go toward our matching funds for Working Men of Christ.

We are grateful to those who donated \$1525 last Sunday, bringing our total to \$7900. We are narrowing the distance to our goal of \$12,000 for the year!

333 Low in the Grave He Lay

CHRIST AROSE 11.10 with refrain

1 Low in the grave he lay, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! Wait-ing the com-ing day,
2 Vain-ly they watch his bed, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! Vain-ly they seal the dead,
3 Death can-not keep its prey, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! He tore the bars a-way,

Refrain: faster

Je-sus, my Lord! Up from the grave he a-rose, he a-rose, with a

might-y tri-umph o'er his foes! He a-rose! He a-rose a vic-tor from the

dark do-main, and he lives for-ev-er with his saints to reign! He a-

rose! He a-rose! He a-rose! He a-rose! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ a-rose!

Text: Robert Lowry (USA), 1874, *Brightest and Best*, 1875
Music: Robert Lowry, 1874, *Brightest and Best*, 1875

357 The Lord Is Risen Indeed!

EASTER ANTHEM Irregular

The Lord is ris'n in-deed! Hal-le-lu-jah! The

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Now is

Christ ris-en from the dead and be-come the first-fruits of them that slept.

Now is Christ ris-en from the dead and be-come the first-fruits of

them that slept. Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah.

Text: Edward Young (England), *Night Thoughts*, 1745, alt.
 Music: William Billings (USA), 1787

And did he rise? And did he rise?

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And did he rise?

rise? Did he rise? Hear, O ye na-tions! Hear it, O ye dead!

He rose, he rose,

He rose, he rose, he rose, he rose, he burst the bars of death. He

burst the bars of death. He burst the bars of death and tri-umphed

o'er the grave. Then, then, then I rose, then I rose, then I