



SEEKING GOD'S HIGHER WAYS
Lent 6



Hope Mennonite Church
April 10, 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

Jesus' Triumphal Entry

Now they were approaching Jerusalem, near the Mount of Olives.

Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you. There you will find a colt tied that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here."

They found the colt and brought it to Jesus. Then they threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road. Others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed began shouting:

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Opening Prayer

* Songs of Gathering

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Voices Together 313

"Jesus Is Coming"

Voices Together 312

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. Today, we recognize the tricky matter of personal power. We confess the times we have used power to exert control over others in unhealthy ways. Forgive us.

Silence

Release from the Box **send worship notes**

Gracious God, thank you for your higher way of power-with and power-for others. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading Luke 23:13-25
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Voices Together 323
Message "Beyond Innocence" Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

* "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Voices Together 315
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

*"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" Voices Together 316
*Benediction Adapted from Voices Together 1057
Friends, let us go forth today
empowered by the disarming power of Christ.
**We go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the power of love.**

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us on this Palm Sunday in person or on Zoom. The Zoom recording is available Monday-Thursday.

Upcoming Worship Services
April 14 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service
April 17 Easter
April 24 Worship led by the Thursday evening women's Bible study group

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.

April 3

Attendance 93

(Hope 76; Zoom 15; Zoom recorded 2)

Offering \$5,003

Year-to-date \$54,538

Spending plan year-to-date \$68,654

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: Renetta Gooden
Pianist: Amy Bellar
Song leader: Lowell Birkey
Scripture reader: Ruthie Goering
Box Opener: Dianne Birkey
Puppeteers: Ruthie Goering, Arlene Jantz
Worship tech: Michelle Jantz
Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

MEETINGS THIS 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 -6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service
Friday -6 pm Reserved event in the library
Saturday -2:00 pm Worship Commission



*Pre-1st: Room 8/9

*Elementary: Room 7

*Youth: Next class May 1. Youth input on Pastor Dave's review.

*Adults: Next class on April 24 – information on the resolutions for the special delegate session for MC USA. Our delegates are Dave Stevens, Renetta Gooden, Bethany Gipson.

Coffee preparation next week: Greg & Dawn Epp



Mower this week: Randy Graber

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Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Zoom Study - Gospel of Mark
-7:00 pm Vision Council
Wednesday -6:45 pm Youth group
-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 pm Reserved event in the library

Guests & Visitors last week: Ashley, Tavian, Cruz Graber

Thanks to everyone for their participation in the annual "My Coins Count" project of the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale. We raised \$596 which surpassed our 2021 total of \$570.

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. **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.

Easter Sunday - We will celebrate with a "feast" of Easter breads and fruit as part of our worship service on **April 17**. If you are able, you are invited to provide Easter bread **or** fruit (washed and ready to serve). Please place your items in the kitchen prior to our worship service.

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 **today** 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.

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.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus is back! KMMC has two concerts scheduled this year. The first will be on Sunday, **April 24** at Bethel College at 7 PM. The second concert will be Sunday, **May 1** at Presser Hall, Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas also at 7 PM. Lowell Birkey and Marvin Schmucker are singing with KMMC this year. Offerings received at concerts are given to MCC. The KMMC motto is "We Sing So Others May Live."



Current needs for Jeremiah House are eight sturdy padded seat folding chairs for our dining room. We can also use new pillows.

Sharing Praises and Prayers
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* Renetta Gooden requested prayer for the family of one of Kendra's very good friends after their house burned down.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for all Western District Conference congregations as we journey through this Holy Week, remembering Jesus' death and recognizing his presence in places of suffering and grief in our communities and world today.

...Pray for those nurturing new peace churches in the United States by finding innovative ways to call people to faith.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's South Africa Partners: Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission; Anabaptist Network in South Africa; Grace Community Church; Mennonite Bible School; and SADRA Conflict Transformation.