



## Seeking God's Ways: The Journey of Transformation

Hope Mennonite Church

May 1, 2022

9:30 am Worship

Gathering to Worship
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*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.*

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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

We gather to worship together

**Different people, different lives, different histories,**

Yet all children of the same Parent

**Created lovingly by the Source of all life!**

We gather to reconnect with one another.

**Different people, different live, different histories,**

Yet all disciples of one Teacher,

**Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.**

We gather with different joys and sorrows,

different hopes and fears...

**Different people, different lives, different histories.**

Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism

**Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in**

**us, among us, and through us.**

Opening Prayer

\*Songs of Gathering

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Voices Together 611

"Wade in the Water"

Voices Together 454

Hearing God's Word
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Children's Story

"Different Like Me"

Marjie Warkentine

Scripture

Matthew 12:9-14

Reader's Theatre

"Did You Know?"

Congregational Prayer

**Let us not look away, O God, from any truth we should see.**

**Even if it is difficult, let us face the reality in which we live.**

**We do not want to live inside a cosseted dream, imagining we**

**are the ones who are always right, or believing only what we**

**hear. Help us to see the world through other eyes, to listen to**

**voices distant and different, to educate ourselves to the feelings of those with whom we think we have nothing in common. Break the shell of our indifference. Draw us out of our prejudices and show us your wide variety. Let us not look away. Amen.**

“Open My Eyes”

Voices Together 732

Scripture

“The Good Samaritan”

Luke 10:25-37

Transformed in Christ – Sharing our Story

Brenda Glanzer Lilliston, Dianne Birkey, Joan Stambaugh

Video of Osheta Moore from “People of the Plot”

Scripture

Amos 5:21-24

Lament/Confession

The prophets remind us to listen to God’s people crying out. Because of our guilt, our shame, we often ignore those voices.

**Lord, teach us to hear our neighbors’ stories even when we find it hard to listen.**

Even when their stories do not sound the same as ours, Lord, teach us to listen.

**Remind us that we once lived on the margins, ignored and forgotten by the world.**

Yet, at times, we think our righteousness should wash us of our prejudice. We claim God’s privilege for our own, forgetting it is only God’s to share.

**Break open our hearts, Lord, that we may love all your children as you love them.**

Remind us that the same God who sets us each a place at the welcome table also troubles the waters.

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

**Lead us to be listeners, too.**

Responding to God’s Word
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\* Lord, Listen to Your Children”

Voices Together 682

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

Sending

\*“Bind Us Together’

Insert

\*Benediction

God, though we’re gathered as one, we sometimes believe our own uniqueness is sufficient.

**Bind together all our individually different threads into your earthly tapestry.**

God, we too often focus our minds on our own lives.

**Bind us to the lives of all our sisters and brothers, through your Spirit.**

God, our souls long to be with others, despite our fear of differences.

**Bind us to all our neighbors in community, casting aside our fears.**

God, we have often hardened our hearts toward our opponents.

**Bind us to our enemies through your softening, in Christian love.**

God, your kingdom reveals the ways you bind our lives together.

**Bind us one to another. Bind us to your side in love. Amen**

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom. The service is being led by our Thursday evening women’s Bible group. The Zoom recording is available Monday-Thursday.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture readers: Ruthie Goering, Barb Voth, Joanna Pinkerton

Readers Theatre: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston, Ruthie Goering, Vicki Howard, Wendy Wiens, Lee Schmucker, Margaret Wiebe, Leona Adrian

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Marvin Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services  
High School Senior recognitions  
Choir finale

May 1 & 15  
May 15

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (April 24-30)

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Zoom Study - Gospel of Mark  
Wednesday -5:30 am Pastor Congregation Relations Committee  
-7:00 pm Choir  
Thursday -6:30 pm Sanctuary reserved  
-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  
Saturday -8 am Church outside workday



\*Pre-1<sup>st</sup>: Room 9

\*Elementary: Room 7

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

\*Adults: Come and learn more about the resolutions for the special delegate session for MC USA and what our delegates will be voting on. Our delegates are Dave Stevens, Renetta Gooden, Bethany Gipson. Karen Zehr is a member of the MCUSA Executive Committee.

During the month of May, we will be viewing several episodes of The Chosen. Have you ever wondered what life was really like for Matthew before he was called? or what Mary Magdalene was doing before she became a follower? or who was Nicodemus and what in his life led him to Christ but stopped him from being a follower? We will have a chance to reflect on what it means for us and others to be "Chosen". Come join us for this exciting retelling of familiar stories about Jesus led by Kendal Warkentine.

Coffee preparation next week: Mike & Kim Voth

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 1-7)

Sunday -8:30 am Breakfast fundraiser by Working Men of Christ  
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-7:00 pm Worship Commission  
Thursday -7:00 am Women's Zoom Study – "How to Have An  
Enemy: Righteous Anger & The Work of Peace"  
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday – Travis Cox



Mower this week: Jim Blakely

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Guests & Visitors last week: 31 guests and visitors

The bulletin cover is a drawing of Paul T. Granlund's bronze sculpture entitled "Resurrection." This image of transformation inspired the "Release from the Box ritual" utilized during our worship for Lent and Easter 2022. This artistic rendering of the power of resurrection shows how God's ways are higher than our ways – no earthly power can confine the transforming power of Christ within us. Joanna Pinkerton

Witness and Outreach invites you to volunteer to maintain communication with our new mission partners, the Givens family. We would like a month commitment and to communicate once or twice during that time. Please sign up on the W & O bulletin board. We will send reminders & more specific information.

CHECK THIS OUT IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TODAY: In the past two years the Thursday Evening Bible study group has read five books by Christian scholars on Biblical critique of pernicious racism in America. These books are:

- \*\*Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism by Drew G. I. Hart
- \*\*Who Will Be a Witness: Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance by Drew G. I. Hart
- \*\*Might from the Margins: The Gospel's Power to Turn the Tables on Injustice by Dennis R. Edwards
- \*\*Dear White Peacemakers: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace by Osheta Moore
- \*\*How To Have An Enemy: Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace by Melissa Florer-Bixler

These books along with other resources from our library are on display in the fellowship hall. The Thursday Evening group is grateful for Brenda Lilliston's leadership and Lee Schmucker's connection with Menno Media to point us to Anabaptist theologians whose scholarship is rooted in the life and teachings of Jesus.

The April 15 issue of "Anabaptist World" is now available on the entrance table. The theme this month is Easter.

Sandwich Saturday – Please consider signing up to make cookies for the May 7 distribution. We need 22.5 dozen.

The scheduled work day on **April 30** will be postponed.

On Sunday, May 1, Jeremiah House students will be serving breakfast from 8:30 – 9:10. This will serve as a thank you to Hope for our continued support of the Working Men of Christ ministry and also serve as a fund-raiser for the ministry. All donations will go to WMOC and will be matched dollar for dollar.

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.

MCC is seeking a host family in Wichita: Would you be interested in learning from and sharing a cultural experience with a young person from another part of the world? Friends University in Wichita is hoping to invite a young woman from Jordan to spend a year with them, serving the young adults of Friends University through MCC. A host is needed to provide a private bedroom within their home, and serve as a bridge to church, community, activities and places of interest. A monthly stipend of \$350 is available for the host family to assist with the basics of food, toiletries and household expenses. If you are interested and would like more information about being a host, please contact Abby Endashaw at [abbyendashaw@mcc.org](mailto:abbyendashaw@mcc.org) or (720) 500 – 3413.

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is seeking, at three-quarter to full time, an organized, detail-oriented, creative individual to manage the museum's bookkeeping and the museum store, plus other responsibilities as they align with the applicant's qualifications related to the other five team members' skills. For more information [bethelks.edu/about/who-we-are/career-opportunities/current-position-openings/kauffman-museum-assistant](https://bethelks.edu/about/who-we-are/career-opportunities/current-position-openings/kauffman-museum-assistant) For more information, contact Andi Andres at [asa@bethelks.edu](mailto:asa@bethelks.edu) or 316-283-1612.

### Prayers for the wider church

... Please pray to the Lord of the harvest, asking for workers to be raised up in the churches to serve within and to be sent out. Pray for each member of Christ to hear the Spirit's call to serve in the equipping of God's people and to thoughtfully consider how we can encourage the spiritual gifts that we see in each other and in our young people, all to the glory of God.

...Pray for congregations and area conferences who mentor and support church planters.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network Israel partners: Bethlehem Bible College and SERVE Nazareth which place short-term volunteers to serve at Nazareth Village, a first century recreation of a Jewish village in the time of Jesus.



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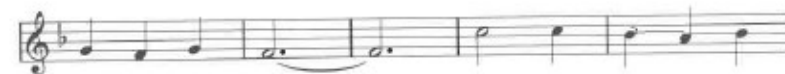
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There is on - ly one God, there is



on - ly one King; there is on - ly one



bo - dy, that is why we sing: *D.C. al Fine*

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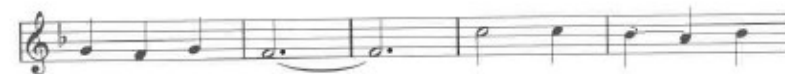
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