



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 am Worship
May 2, 2021

Gathering

Prelude "I Saw a Tree by the Riverside" Voices Together 514

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Come, sisters and brothers, let us worship together.
Let us worship the God who is light and life and love.
We believe that God is light.

**And if we walk in the light as God is in the light,
we have fellowship with God and with one another.**

We believe that God is life.

**Truly, God has given us the gift of eternal life,
and this life is in God's Son, Jesus Christ.**

We believe that God is love.

And everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Come, brothers and sisters,
let us worship the God who is light and life and love.

*Opening prayer

Songs of Gathering

"Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"

Voices Together 7

"The Love of God"

Voices Together 162

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:28-34

"'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus"

Hymnal 340

Message

"No Commandment Greater"

Dave Stevens

Additional Scripture referred to: Deuteronomy 6:5, Leviticus 19:18,
John 13: 34-35, I John 3:14, I Corinthians 13:8k I John 4:7-8,
Matthew 5:23-24, Leviticus 25:23, Luke 4:19

Responding to God's Word

"Beautiful Things"

Voices Together 551

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings (First Fruits Sunday)

Offertory

“Make Us One”

Voices Together 455

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

“Christ, Be All Around Me”

Voices Together 848

*Benediction

We trust that the living Christ is present.

We choose to live from that trust.

We open ourselves and invite others ...

To the adventure of discipleship

To transformation by the Holy Spirit

To participation in the reign of God.

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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.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Marcus Loganbill

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Scripture reader: Michelle Jantz

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Marvin Schmucker

Love the Lord your God
with ALL your HEART
ALL your SOUL
ALL your MIND
ALL your STRENGTH
and...
Love your Neighbor

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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.

April 18

Attendance-65

(Hope 28; Zoom live 32; Zoom recorded 5)

Offering \$8,720

Year-to-date \$69,998

Spending plan year-to-date \$81,731

Working Men of Christ - \$515

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 (May 2-8)

- Today -5 pm Faith Seekers
Tuesday -10 am Women's Bible study
Wednesday -5 pm Youth group (bierock prep)
-7 pm Choir
Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study: "Who Will Be A Witness" by Drew Hart; Contact person: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston



All adults are invited to a Bible study "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." Come for insight from Edwards as well as discussion on our Sacred Text. The class will be led by Cynthia Loganbill. Join in person or via Zoom. Today – Who gets to interpret the Bible?



Mower this week: Grant Bellar

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 9-15)

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-7 PM Choir
Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study: "Who Will Be A Witness" by Drew Hart; Contact person: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston
Saturday -Camp Mennoscah project

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We are collecting coins for the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale. To date we have received \$432.08. In 2019, we were able to raise \$403.23 and we have exceeded that number. We will continue collecting through June. Let's keep going to help make up for not collecting in 2020.

Bierocks are back! The youth are making 1,000 bierocks. This year they are going on a spiritual adventure/service project trip to Oregon. Order forms are available on the front literature table. Deadline to reserve your order is **May 16**.

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. Lunch will be provided. More details will be forthcoming. Please let Marcus Loganbill know if you plan to help.

We will be having a work day at church on Saturday, **May 22**. You can come any time – we'll begin officially at 8:00 am. There are many things to do around the church – weeding, cleaning debris from specific areas, trimming, etc. Most equipment we need will be supplied. Bring gloves and sunscreen. Bring a chain saw if you have one.

MCC Sale news: California Roasted Almonds are arriving in Buhler, **May 3**. As soon as they are received, we will deliver to Etcetera stores in Hutchinson, Newton and Hillsboro and the MCC Center in North Newton. Selling price will be \$10/bag with donations welcomed. Richard Ediger will also have some available in Buhler. Call 620-543-2787

Prayers for the wider churches

... Pray for the Western District Conference Gifts Discernment Committee as they seek the Spirit's leading in selecting nominees for positions on the Executive Board and Commissions.

...Pray for Mennonite Partners in China (MPC), a program of two Mennonite Church agencies that builds relationships and carries out projects with Chinese partners.

...Pray for the leaders and participants in DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) in Denver, Chicago and Atlanta. To stay safe during Covid 19, DOOR has created a virtual Discover program, which is a space for youth and young adults to learn together, grow deeper in their faith, serve their community, and have some fun.



A huge thank you to all who made contributions to Working Men of Christ during Second Chance Month. Thank you also to those who donated items for the garage sale also benefitting WMOC. These "above-budget" donations are greatly appreciated as WMOC continues to help returning citizens. We look forward to continuing our ministry together. To date, \$10,100 has been collected toward our goal of \$12,000.

Have you ever considered becoming a mentor to an inmate or WMOC student? Perhaps you see yourself participating in a Bible study or leading in some other way. Volunteer forms are on the literature table in Fellowship Hall. The Kansas Department of Corrections hosts training for a program called Mentors for Success. Jason Jantz has completed the training. If a group of ten or more sign up, KDOC will conduct another on-line training session for us. See Marcus or Jason if you are interested in Mentors for Success.

Beautiful Things

BEAUTIFUL THINGS Irregular



1 All this pain. I won-der if I'll ev-er find my way; I
 2 All this earth. Could all that is lost ev-er be found; ?
 3 All a-round, hope is spring-ing up from this old ground. ?



won-der if my life could real-ly change at all. *to verse 2*
 could a gar-den come up from this ground at all? *to refrain*
 Out of cha-os, life is be-ing found in you. *to refrain*



You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti-ful things out of the dust.



You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti-ful things out of us. *to verse 3*
to bridge



You make me new, you are mak-ing me new.



You make me new, you are mak-ing me new.