



Hope Mennonite Church  
9:30 am Worship  
May 23, 2021  
Pentecost Sunday

Gathering
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Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

On this Pentecost Sunday, we gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, God's creating presence.

**We praise the Spirit who hovered over the waters of chaos in the beginning, and who continues to breathe life into all creatures.**

We celebrate the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, through whom we are born from above as God's own children.

**We praise the Spirit who makes us God's living temple, who intercedes for us, and who prays within us prayers deeper than words.**

We celebrate the Holy Spirit, the power of witness, who knows all languages and cultures.

**We praise the Spirit who brings the light of God's truth to the world.**

We celebrate the Holy Spirit who dwells within each person and forms us together as Christ's body.

**We praise the Spirit who teaches and guides us, and who will one day give us new life beyond death. Come, Holy Spirit!**

\*Opening prayer

Songs of Gathering

"Holy Spirit, Come with Power"

Voices Together 57

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Voices Together 182

Hearing God's Word
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Scripture Reading

Mark 5:1-20

"Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us"

Voices Together 718

Message "The Whole Gospel for the Whole Person" Dave Stevens

Responding to God’s Word

“Come, Gracious Spirit”

Voices Together 371

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart” Voices Together 554

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

“Peace before us”

Sing the Story 16

\*Benediction

Sisters and brothers, God our Creator goes with us.

Jesus our Good Shepherd guides us.

The Holy Spirit our Comforter fills us.

**This week we will know God’s mercy and might ...**

**as God turns the world safely into darkness ...**

**as God returns the world again to light.**

At the close of each day, let us give into God’s hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, our unfulfilled hopes.

Let us have confidence that in all things done and not yet done, God will direct our feet into the way of peace.

**We commit one another and all for whom we have prayed into God’s love and protection, until we meet again.**

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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: Lowell Birkey

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Scripture reader: Mike Mayta

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Marvin Schmucker

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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](http://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.

May 16

Attendance 71

(Hope 39; Zoom live 29; Zoom recorded 3)

Offering \$2,320

Year-to-date \$

Spending plan year-to-date \$91,346

Working Men of Christ \$110

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 23-29)

Monday -6:30 pm Music Committee  
Wednesday -6:00 pm Witness & Outreach  
Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study: "Who Will Be A Witness" by Drew Hart; Contact person: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston



Today we begin a series "Let's talk about race" led by Pastor Dave. Recent events, like police-related deaths of people of color, subsequent protests, trials of police officers, COVID-related anti-Asian violence, educational and justice initiatives, and other circumstances have added new energy to the struggle against racism in the United States. Please come to listen, learn, and share experiences.



Mower this week: Jerold Heide

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 30-June 5)

Tuesday -10am Women's Bible study "Courageous Joy: Delight in God through every Season"  
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday

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Pastor Dave will be on vacation through May 31. If you have pastoral concerns, please contact a deacon or the church office.

We will continue collecting coins for the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale through June. To date we have received \$491,79. Let's keep going to help make up for not collecting in 2020.

Sandwich Saturday – Would you consider putting a group together for Sandwich Saturday? There are no signups from June-November. If you have questions, contact the church office. We are still in need for 20.5 dozen cookies.

The June-August issue of the devotional "Rejoice" is available on the literature table. **NOTE:** The dates listed on the front are March-May; but the inside dates are correct.

## Prayers for the wider churches

...Give thanks for the Western District Conference Resource Library, as congregations and individuals use its materials for spiritual growth, sermon preparation, leadership development, Bible study, children's stories, and many other forms of learning and faith formation.

...Pray for Guisela Bravo, from Bolivia, a member of the Mennonite Voluntary service unit in Elkhart. Her host congregation is Fellowship of Hope Mennonite Church, Elkhart, IN.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Indonesia Partner's three Mennonite synods. There are well over 300 congregations.

### Sharing Praises and Prayers May 16, 2021

- \* Travis Cox shared a lovely thank you note from Merrill Rabus' mother Carol. She was so appreciative of the meals Hope provided while and her daughter were here for Merrill's service and how welcomed they felt when they attended Hope.
- \* Scott Luty requested prayers for the youth group as they make their 1,000 bierocks this week.

### Work of the Church

- \* Marcus Loganbill thanked those who helped at the Camp Mennoscah workday with Working Men of Christ. It was a blessing for all. He reminded us of the church work day this coming Saturday morning, May 22, beginning at 8 a.m.
- \* Margaret Wiebe gave an update on details for the MCC Sale on July 2/3. Kansas is the only state offering an in-person sale this year. There will be a Craft Booth and a T-shirt booth (hosted by Hope). Though there will not be a Feeding of the Multitudes, there will be a boxed lunch option with venison and sausage. As always there is a need for lots of volunteers. Look for pie tins, bread and zwieback bags soon. A new addition will be the church Casa Betania from Newton and a burrito booth.
- \* If you loaned an electric skillet to the youth, please pick it up.



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. To date, \$10,510 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.

# 182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

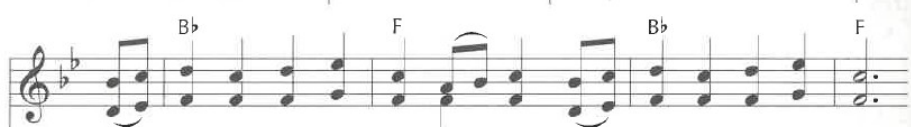
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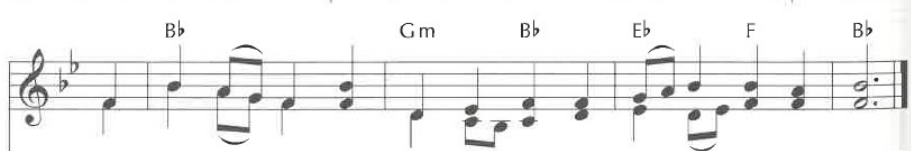
1 I sing the might-y pow'r of God, that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.  
3 There's not a plant or flow'r be-low, but makes thy glo-ries known,



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.  
God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
and clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy throne.



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.  
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
While all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand and all the stars o-bey.  
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!  
there's not a place where we can flee but God is pres-ent there.



For capo chords, see #313.

Text: Isaac Watts (England), *Divine and Moral Songs for Children*, 1715, alt.

Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzog, Württemberg* (present-day Germany), 1784; harm. William H. Monk (England), *Appendix to Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1868



## Come, Gracious Spirit

BACA LM extended

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1 Come, gra-cious Spir - it, heav'n-ly Dove, with light and  
2 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us  
3 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of

B7 E/B E A/E

com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian and our  
from his pas-tures stray. Lead us to hol - i - ness, the  
joy for ev - er there. Lead us to our e - ter - nal

E A/E B

guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side,  
road that we must take to dwell with God,  
rest, to be with God for - ev - er bless'd,

A E/B B E

o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
that we must take to dwell with God.  
to be with God for - ev - er bless'd.



# Hope Mennonite Church COVID Protocol Update

Effective: May 30, 2021

Vision Council is happy to announce the next phase in re-opening related to COVID 19 pandemic restrictions. Hope Mennonite Church will be open for all activities to both internal and external groups. All groups and activities must follow the protocols identified below while using the church building and grounds. Vision Council asks for your cooperation and self-monitoring in adherence to these guidelines.

- **Masks:** Masks must be worn while in the building. Exceptions can be made for groups under 10 where everyone is vaccinated and there is consensus among the members to remove masks.
- **Social Distancing:** 6 feet social distancing will be maintained, including the chair placement in the sanctuary.
- **Kitchen:** The kitchen is available for use and must be cleaned and wiped down after use.
- **Nursery:** The nursery is open; however, it will not be staffed by volunteers. Parents are welcome to use the nursery and asked to supervise their children and wipe down the nursery after use.
- **Singing during worship:** We will return to singing, with masks on, one song during the worship service. We will sing the final song of the worship service, the sending song, which will afford anyone the opportunity to exit the sanctuary if they are not comfortable with being in the room during the singing.
- **Choir:** The choir is approved to practice and perform, following guidelines of wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, and limiting practice/performance to less than 30 minutes indoors or 60 minutes outdoors.
- **Greeters:** we will return to having greeters at the church. Greeters will maintain social distancing (no shaking hands), welcome attendees to service and provide details on what to expect with the service as well as directions on COVID protocols.
- **Ushers:** Ushers will return to the service to continue an atmosphere of welcome and service support.

- **Coffee:** We will return to coffee during fellowship. It will be served outside, either in the memorial garden or front entrance so that as masks are able to be maintained indoors.

The church office will begin reaching out to gauge interest in participating in the support activities such as greeter, usher, and coffee preparation. These activities will resume as we are able to secure members comfortable to serve in this role.

Vision Council will continue to review the guidance monthly and modify these protocols as the situation warrants. Vision Council also acknowledges and affirms the varying levels of comfort among the congregation and welcomes all to worship in the manner that is most comfortable for each person. We will continue to offer concurrent worship service so that those who are most comfortable worshiping at home will be able to participate and join us for Worship and Sunday School.

If you have questions regarding these protocols. Please email or contact Vision Council at [moderator@hopemennonite.org](mailto:moderator@hopemennonite.org) or call Michelle at 703-344-8822.