



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 am Worship
July 4, 2021

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Friends, let us enter worship with this mind among ourselves,
which is ours in Christ Jesus.

**Although he was in the form of God, Christ did not regard
equality with God as something to be exploited.**

Instead, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

**And being found in human form, Christ humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on
a cross.**

For this reason, God also highly exalted him, and gave to him
the name that is above every name ...

**so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend—in
heaven and on earth and under the earth.**

Let us enter worship with this mind among ourselves, and join
the celebration of God's promise:

**Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
glory of God the Father.**

*Opening prayer

Songs of Gathering

"I will call upon the Lord"

Sing the Journey 19

"God of the Bible"

Voices Together 420

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:13-16

"O Little Children, Gather"

Choir

Message

"People Like Children"

Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

*"Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast"

Choir

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

*"Great is thy faithfulness"

Hymnal 327

*Benediction

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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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: Amy Bellar

Pianist: Amy Bellar, Laurie Regehr

Scripture reader: Randy Pinkerton

Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton

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.

June 27

Attendance 79

(Hope 51; Zoom live 23; Zoom recorded 5)

Offering \$1,560

Year-to-date \$96,534

Spending plan year-to-date \$125,000

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 (July 4-10)

No meetings scheduled this week.



Mower this week: Grant Bellar

Coffee preparation next week: Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (July 11-17)

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

-7:00 pm Worship Commission

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

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Thanks to everyone who contributed toward the "Coins Count" project for this year's Mid-Kansas Relief Sale. Hope was able to contribute \$571.95.

Vision Council met on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, and reviewed the current guidance related to COVID 19 protocol. Effective today, July 4, 2021 the following changes in COVID 19 protocols will go into effect at Hope Mennonite Church:

** Hope will be open to all regular activities.

**Masks are optional

**Singing in the sanctuary returns

**The nursery will be open and will continue to be staffed by our children's family members

**Coffee service may return indoors

**Social distancing in the sanctuary will continue

We ask that we all continue to respect one another's decisions related to personal safety. Some may choose to continue to wear masks or worship from home. Additionally, all the regular activities will resume as the volunteers coordinating the activities are able to make plans. If you have questions, please contact Vision Council via Moderator, Michelle Jantz at moderator@hopemennonite.org or by phone at 703-344-8822.

MennoCon 21 (our biennial MCUSA gathering) will be held July 6-10 in Cincinnati. There will be both in-person and on-line options. Our three delegates are Dave Stevens, Michelle Jantz and Karen Zehr will be virtual participants.

God's Music: The Psalms

New Worship Series beginning July 11

People love the Psalms. Many of us know lines from the Psalms by heart. Some people memorize whole psalms. And there are hundreds of songs based on words from the Psalms. They are integral to our devotional and worship life.

The Psalms sketch a ***vast and unfiltered landscape*** of the human condition: The agony and the ecstasy, the praise and lament that people experience ... and everything in-between—from joy at the harvest, to bitterness over a friend's betrayal; from wonder at the night sky, to the heavy burden of guilt; from the honey-sweet guidance of God's word, to the cursing of one's enemies. The Psalms compose a symphony with soaring heights and horrific depths ... and they have the ***audacity*** to call ***all of it spiritual***.

The Psalms are brutally honest: People of faith get into trouble—with each other ***and*** with God—sometimes because they're victims, and sometimes from their own bad choices. The Psalms know ***all*** the profiles.

And yet, the Psalms proclaim that we are not alone in the heights or the depths of the human experience. God is the unavoidable ***One*** with whom we must deal. And, therefore, trouble is ***never*** the last word. The Psalms attest that just as God ***created*** us, so God ***re-creates*** us as ***transformed*** people.

Friends, welcome to God's Music: The Psalms.

Prayers for the wider churches

...Pray for delegates, youth groups and others attending MennoCon21 (Mennonite Church USA convention and delegate assembly) both virtually and in-person this week.

...Pray for the participants in the Jackson, MI Service Adventure unit: Debbie and Rick Lee, Jocelyn Baker, and Malachi Lind.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Thailand Partner: Church of Christ in Thailand District 20 Hmong, an organization that facilitates ministry within the Hmong communities in other part of Thailand, and around the world.

God of the Bible

FRESH AS THE MORNING 5.5.5.4.5.5.5.4 with refrain

D A/C# G/B D Bm

1 God of the Bi - ble, God in the gos - pel, hope seen in
 2 God in our strug-gles, God in our hun-ger, suf - fer - ing
 3 Those with-out sta - tus, those who are noth-ing, you have made
 4 Not by your fin - ger, not by your an - ger will our world
 5 Hope we must car - ry, shin - ing and cer - tain through all our

D/F# Em A Bm D/A G

Je - sus, hope yet to come, you are our cen - ter, day - light or
 with us, tak - ing our part, still you em-pow'r us, moth - er - ing
 roy - al, gift - ed with rights, cho - sen as part - ners, mid-wives of
 or - der change in a day, but by your peo - ple, fear - less and
 tur-moil, ter - ror and loss, bond-ing us glad - ly one to the

D Em D/F# G Asus A

dark-ness, free-dom or pris - on, you are our home.
 Spir - it, feed-ing, sus - tain - ing, from your own heart.
 jus - tice, birth-ing new sys-tems, light - ing new lights.
 faith - ful, small pa - per lan-terns, light - ing the way.
 oth - er, till our world chang-es, fac - ing the cross.



Refrain D A/D G/D D Em D/F#

Soprano (Melody)

Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise, God al - ways faith - ful,

Alto

Fresh as the sun - rise, al - ways faith - ful,

Tenor/Bass

Em A D A/D G/D D

you do not change. Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise,

you do not change. Fresh as the sun - rise,

Em D/F# G/A D A/D

God al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.

al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.

G/D D A/D G/D D

BEAUTIFUL FLOWER 8.7.12.7

G D7 G D7

1 O lit - tle chil - dren, gath - er near and learn of Je - sus'
 2 Let Je - sus Christ your teach - er be, your thoughts to him ad -
 3 O chil - dren, fol - low in his ways, and pray - ing, read - ing,

G

glo - ry. Now come and of his good - ness hear, his
 dress - ing. He calls: "O come now un - to me and
 sing - ing, seek heav - en all your earth - ly days, and

Em D Em G D7 G

love and pow'r; come lis - ten to his sto - ry.
 joy - ful be. I'll give you ev - 'ry bless - ing.
 shout his praise, to him all hon - or bring - ing.

Text: Christopher Dock (present-day USA), *Ach Kinder, wollt ihr lieben*, ca. 1770; trans. Alice Parker (USA), 1962, *Come Let Us Join*, 1966, alt.

Music: *The Philharmonia* (USA), 1875; arr. Alice Parker, *Come Let Us Join*, 1966

Trans. and arr. © 1991 Alice Parker

Come On, Children, to the 511 Gospel Feast

OWEN Irregular

Capo 3: (D)

Leader F (G) (D/A) (A7) (D)
B \flat F/C C7 F

Leader All

Come on, chil-dren, to the gos-pel feast. Gath-er round, gath-er round!

Leader (G) (D/A) (A7) (D)
B \flat F/C C7 F

Leader All

All are wel-come at the gos-pel feast. Gath-er round, gath-er round!

(A) (D) (G) (A7)
C F B \flat C7

This is where we sing and pray, read God's word on this glad day.

(D) (G) (E7) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D)
F B \flat G7 B \flat F/C C7 F

Come on, chil-dren, to the gos-pel feast. Gath-er round, gath-er round!

Text: Mark Morgan (USA)

Music: Mark Morgan

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Great is thy faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11 10, 11 10 with refrain



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther. There is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee. Thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not. As thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row; bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



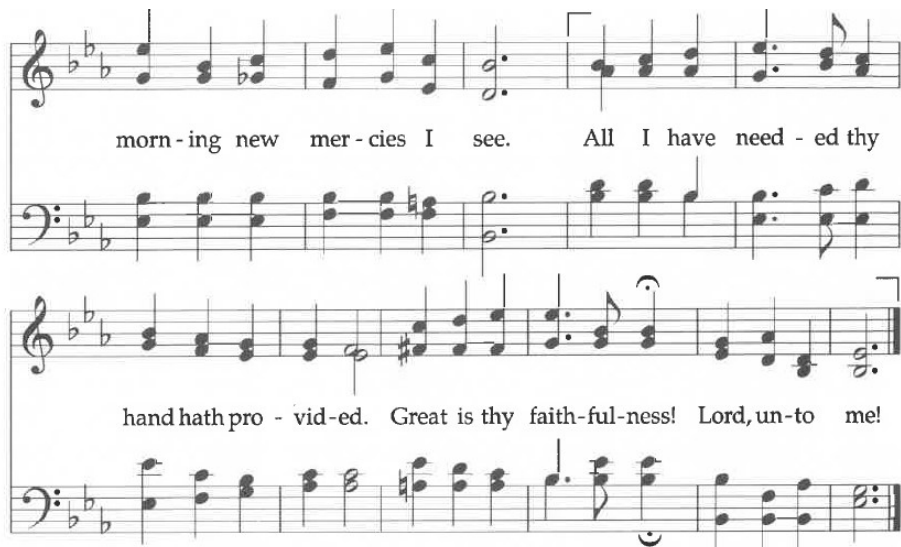
Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, *Songs of Salvation*, 1923Music: William Runyan, *Songs of Salvation*, 1923

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A huge thank you to all who made contributions to Working Men of Christ. These “above-budget” donations are greatly appreciated as WMOC continues to help returning citizens. To date, \$10,810 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. 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.

Sharing Praises and Prayers June 20, 2021

- * Congratulations to Dianne and Lowell Birkey on their retirements. Dianne worked for 47 years in health care and Lowell worked for 8 years in social services and 36 years in health care.
- * Continue to pray for the family living in our Hope Home – a single mother and her 6 children.
- * Jan Worley requested prayers for her 89 yr. old mother who is dealing with a number of health concerns. She is currently in the hospital.