



Hope Mennonite Church

9:30 am Worship

July 11, 2021

God's Music

## Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

*Based on Psalm 30*

Sisters and brothers, let us join our voices in praise.

**The LORD our God draws us up. The LORD does not let our enemies rejoice over us.**

When we cry out for help, the LORD hears our distress and comes to mend us.

**Weeping may be the overnight guest, but joy arrives in the morning.**

The LORD turns our mourning into dancing, removes our sackcloth, and clothes us with celebration.

**Let us sing to the LORD and give thanks to God's holy name.**

\*Opening prayer

Songs of Gathering

"God of Our Strength"

Hymnal 36

"God Is Here Among Us"

Hymnal 16

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 126

<sup>1b</sup>When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,

**We were like dreamers.**

<sup>2</sup>Then our mouths were filled with laughter,

**and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

Then people among the nations said,

"The LORD has done great things for them."

<sup>3</sup>**The LORD did indeed accomplish great things for us, and for that we rejoice.**

<sup>4</sup>O LORD, restore us, like the dry streambeds in the southland.

**<sup>5</sup>Those who sow seed with tears, will harvest  
with shouts of joy.**

**<sup>6</sup>Those who go out steadily—even weeping as they carry  
their sacks of seed—**

**will most certainly come in with shouts of joy,  
as they carry their bundles of grain.**

“Bringing in the Sheaves”

Insert

Message

“Starting Again”

Dave Stevens

Responding to God’s Word
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\*“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Hymnal 614

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

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
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\*“We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight”

Hymnal 570

\*Benediction

**I trust that the living Christ is present—in me, the  
church, and the world. I choose to live from that trust.**

**I open myself 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. 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.

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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.

July 4

Attendance

(Hope 52; Zoom live 16; Zoom recorded 0)

Offering \$5091

Year-to-date \$103,184

Spending plan year-to-date \$129,808

*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: Mike Voth  
Pianist: Ruthie Goering  
Scripture reader: Connie Luty  
Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton  
Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

## MEETINGS THIS 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



Mower this week: Randy Graber

Coffee preparation next week: Dave & Karen Zumwalt

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (July 18-24)

Monday -6:30 pm Deacons  
-6:30 pm Hopeful Blues rehearsal  
Tuesday -7:00 pm Vision Council

Visitors Last Sunday: Dale Stilt; Luke, Denise, Nicole & Samantha Miller; Leah Unruh

Vision Council met on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, and reviewed the current guidance related to COVID 19 protocol. Effective, July 4, 2021 the following changes in COVID 19 protocols are now 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](mailto:moderator@hopemennonite.org) or by phone at 703-344-8822.

The July 9 Anabaptist World is now available on table by front door in fellowship hall. M\*A\*S\*H=Mennoscah Acquires Safer Housing with a picture is on page 5.

Sharing Praises and Prayers  
July 4, 2021

- \* Please keep our youth in your prayers as they are in Oregon this week on their spiritual adventure/mission trip. There are 8 youth and 2 sponsors on the trip.

Work of the Church

- \* Next Sunday starts our new series God's Music: The Psalms
- \* Brenda Lilliston reminded zoom users they are welcomed to stay on zoom after the service for fellowship time.
- \* Michelle Jantz updated congregation on vision council news. \*\*New microphones will be purchased due to 5G that is using same frequency. \*\*An online giving platform will be coming soon. \*\*All activities will come back as we have volunteers. \*\*The welcome statement decision will be made by the congregation, after VC processes how to do this well. A solid care plan for congregation is also needed.
- \* Margaret Wiebe gave thanks to all who helped/participated and donated to the MCC sale. Top quilt went for \$5,800. Overall sale so far is \$400,000.

Prayers for the wider churches

...Pray for the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission as they meet this week, and offer support and accountability for ministerial leadership in the conference.

...Pray for Wally & Sue Fahrer as they provide an Anabaptist-Mennonite witness within new churches in the United Kingdom.

...Pray for Brian & Noelia Fox as they serve alongside the Comunidades Unidas Anabautistas in Burgos, Spain, as they nurture new leaders.



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.

# Bringing In the Sheaves

SERVICE

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KNOWLES SHAW, 1834-1878

HARVEST. 12. 11. 12. 11. with Refrain

GEORGE A. MINOR

1. Sow-ing in the morn-ing, sow-ing seeds of kind-ness, Sow-ing in the  
2. Sow-ing in the sun-shine, sow-ing in the shad-ows; Fear-ing nei-ther  
3. Go-ing forth with weep-ing, sow-ing for the Mas-ter, Tho' the loss sus-

noon - tide and the dew - y eve; Wait-ing for the har - vest,  
clouds nor win - ter's chill - ing breeze; By and by the har - vest  
tained our spir - it of - ten grieves; When our weep-ing's o - ver,

and the time of reap-ing, We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.  
and the la - bor end - ed, We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.  
He will bid us wel-come, We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.

## REFRAIN

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**Art Accompanying “God’s Music: The Psalms** The panels for “God’s Music” were first seen in 2019, our last deep dive into the Psalms.

The smaller paper panels represent the concepts (spoken of by Walter Brueggemann in *The Psalms: The Life of Faith*) of orientation (“home” as we know it), disorientation (the disruption and loss of the certainties we knew), and reorientation (the gift of a new reality that is now home). Psalms of orientation and reorientation are psalms of praise, while disorientation is expressed in the laments of the Psalms. Brueggemann explains that lament has two distinct movements. The first is descending into the depths of mourning the loss of what was, while the second is a turning in sorrow toward the not yet of what is next.

The panel on the far left is “Orientation”, the panel on the far right, “Reorientation.” Between are “Lament I: Descending” on the left and “Lament II: Turning” on the right.

Each of the four paper panels carry a medallion, illuminated in gold, with five words in Hebrew. At the center of each is the Hebrew word “You,” the word used for God throughout the Psalms. Around that are attributes of God. At the top, steadfast love, then, clockwise around; righteousness, wondrous, and faithfulness. The medallion is the through line. Though our experience of God through orientation, disorientation, and reorientation may feel different, the center and the attributes are constant and sure.

The central panel of the series (now translated into fabric) is meant to illuminate the medallion that is the through line across the panels of orientation (praise), disorientation (lament), and reorientation (praise) as though that medallion was being seen under a cosmically powerful microscope. So magnified, we can begin to discern the hand of God in all of creation.

The organizing design of the magnified panel is an equiangular spiral, *aka* a logarithmic spiral, *spira mirabilis*, or Golden Spiral. It is also known as the Golden Ratio, Golden Mean, Golden Proportion, Sacred Cut, or Divine Proportion.

The Golden Spiral appears throughout creation from the infinitesimal to the infinite, far beyond what we can see or comprehend. It is a shape, a proportion, very much in evidence in God’s design, emblematic of balance, harmony, reconciliation, mystery, and wonder as we ponder the ways of our God in creation, through orientation, through disorientation, through reorientation.