



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 am Worship
August 1, 2021
God's Music: The Psalms

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens ...

**When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have created, What are
human beings that you are mindful of them? What are
people that you care for them?**

Yet you have made us a little lower than God,
and crowned us with glory and honor. You have given us
dominion over the works of your hands. You have put all things
under our feet: All sheep and oxen, the beasts of the field, the
birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along
the paths of the seas.

**O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Opening prayer

*Songs of Gathering

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic"

Hymnal 112

"Great is the Lord"

Hymnal 87

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 22 Selected Verses with STS 82

"How long, O Lord" verse 1

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My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from delivering me,
from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I have no respite.

Yet you, O LORD, are the Holy One, the enthroned One, the object of our praise. Our ancestors placed their trust in you. They trusted and you rescued them.

They set their hope on you and were not put to shame.

But I am a maggot and not a human being, the object of people's scorn, despised by others. All who see me deride me. They act aghast and shake their heads. They say, "Rely on the LORD; let God deliver him! Let the LORD save him, since he delights in him!"

Yet it was you who took me from my mother's body.

You set me securely upon her. I was cast upon you from my birth, and from birth, you have been my God.

"How long, O Lord," verse 2

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O LORD, do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no helper. Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan hem me in. They open their mouths at me, like a tearing and roaring lion. Dogs surround me; a gang of evildoers encircles me. They divide my garments and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, do not be far away!

O my Strength, come quickly to my aid!

I will tell of your name to my kindred. I will praise you in the congregation. For God does not hide his face from the afflicted, but whenever they cry for help, the LORD hears.

Let the whole world consider and turn to the LORD. Let all the families of the nations bow down in worship before you. For the kingdom belongs to the LORD. God is ruler over the nations. Those who serve him will come and declare the LORD's saving act to a people yet unborn—that God has done it.

"How long, O Lord," verse 3

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Sermon

"Psalm 22: Prayer of the Bullied"

Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

*"Healer of our every ill"

Hymnal 377

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

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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.

July 25

Attendance 56

(Hope 42; Zoom 8; Zoom recorded 6)

Offering \$3,430

Year-to-date \$106,614

Spending plan year-to-date \$134,615

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.

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Seeing and Seeking God
Work of the Church
Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

*“When peace, like a river” Hymnal 336

*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. The service is available on Zoom recordings Monday-Thursday as well as YouTube.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lori Miller
Pianist: Vicki Howard
Song leader: Kendrick Weaver
Scripture reader: Donna Heide
Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton
Zoom host: Marvin Schmucker

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (August 1-7)
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday



Mower this week: Randy Pinkerton

Coffee preparation next week: Marvin Schmucker

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 8-14)
Tuesday -10 am Women’s Bible study “Courageous Joy:
Delight in God through every Season”
-7:00 pm Worship Commission

Witness and Outreach's August project is MCC school kits. The list of items is on their bulletin board. Feel free to donate entire kits or just specific items. If you have trouble finding metal (no plastic) pencil sharpeners, MCC does have some. The deadline is August 15 following worship. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation instead.

Vision Council met on July 20th with the Deacons to discern the process and language of the decision related to the welcome statement. In addition to a review of the constitution and bylaws the group crafted the question to be put forth to the congregation and discussed congregational care as we prepare for this important decision.

In September, we will conduct a ballot process related to whether or not we move forward with a welcome statement. The ballot will be available in both paper and electronic formats. The decision period will be open from Sunday September 12th through Sunday September 19th . Paper ballots will be available after the Sunday Service on both the 12th and the 19th and available at the church office throughout the week. An electronic ballot will also be distributed via email. Members and regular attendees, including youth are invited to complete the ballot. We ask for one ballot per person.

The Vision Council and Deacons will meet the week following the ballot process to review the results. On Sunday, September 26th after the morning service a short congregational meeting will be held to announce the results.

We realize this may seem like a long time away, however the Vision Council and Deacons wanted to provide ample time for the congregation to prepare as well as comply with the church constitution and bylaws. The September date also allows for the busy summer months to pass, where many members are traveling and when we have several events planned. Additionally, this lead time offers us time for prayerful reflection and processing of this important decision and final step in this portion of a journey at Hope.

As a congregation we have been discerning the inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community (non-heterosexuals) for the last two years, some would say it has been even longer. This decision will center around whether or not Hope will be fully inclusive of the LGBTQ+ (non-heterosexual) community including same sex marriage.

We know that this is an emotional topic. Pastor Dave and the Deacons are available for conversation, processing and prayer. We also encourage you to lean on your regular support groups. You may also see some additional congregation care activities to help us all hold this body of Christians close as we come to the end of a long and challenging process.

Thank you for your ongoing engagement and conversation.

Vision Council: Eldon Chlumsky, Cindy Fast, Renetta Gooden, Lori Regier, Todd Kasitz, Shelby Kaufman, Tyler Kaufman, Chris Teufel, Karen Zumwalt **Deacons:** Leona Adrian, Dianne Birkey, Marcus Loganbill, Wendy Wiens **Pastor:** Dave Stevens **Moderator:** Michelle Jantz

Prayers for the wider churches

...Pray for SOOP (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) participants as retirees, adults 25+ and families, serve in more than 70 locations in North America, Puerto Rico, Colombia and Japan.

...Pray for David & Sophie Lapp Jost who began serving in Bammental, Germany in 2019. David works with the German Mennonite Peace Committee and Sophie serves in a pastoral position at a location congregation. Their home congregations are College Mennonite, Goshen, IN and Community Mennonite in Harrisonburg, VA.

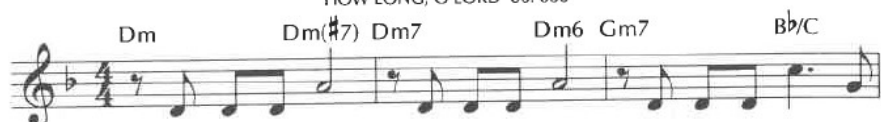


A huge thank you to all who made contributions to Working Men of Christ during Second Chance Month. Thank you also to those who donated items for the garage sale also benefitting WMOC. These “above-budget” donations are greatly appreciated as WMOC continues to help returning citizens. To date, \$10,810 has been collected toward our goal of \$12,000.

Have you ever considered becoming a mentor to an inmate or WMOC student? 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

How long, O Lord

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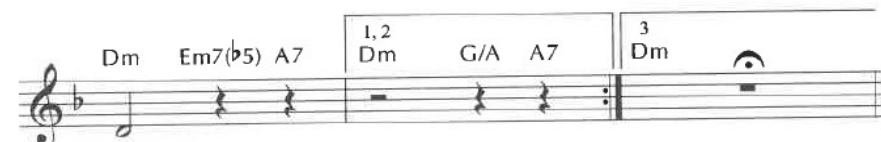
1 How long, O Lord, will you for-get an an-swer to my
 2 How long, O Lord, will you for-sake and leave me in this
 3 How long, O Lord? But you for-give with mer-cy from a -



prayer? No to-ken of your love I see,
 way? When will you come to my re-lief?
 bove. I find that all your ways are just,



your face is turned a - way from me; I wres-tle with de -
 My heart is o - ver-whelmed with grief, by e - vil night and
 I learn to praise you and to trust in your un - fail - ing



spair.
 day.
 love.

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