



Hope Mennonite Church  
9:30 am Worship  
August 8, 2021  
God's Music: The Psalms

## Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 91

We are God's people, who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**We say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my fortress. You are my God in whom I trust."**

The LORD delivers from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. Under God's wings we find safety.

**We do not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day.**

God commands his angels concerning us, to guard us in all our ways. On their hands they bear us up, so that we do not strike our feet against the stones.

**The LORD has promised us, "Those who love me, I will deliver. I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them. I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with long life, and show them my salvation."**

Opening prayer

\*Songs of Gathering

"And I will raise you up"

Hymnal 596

"Come, thou fount"

Hymnal 521

## Parent-Child Dedication

Dedication of Holden Regehr, son of Emily & Jordon

"Let the children come to me"

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Congregational Affirmation

Michelle Jantz

**Holden, we praise God for you. Emily and Jordon, we are grateful for your commitment as parents. As others have**

**encouraged us in our faith journey, so we will encourage you. We commit to partnering with you in the Christian nurture of Holden. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful.**

Hearing God's Word
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Scripture Reading

Mathew 5:3-10

Sermon

"Lessons from the Psalms"

Jared Regehr

Responding to God's Word
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\*"Great is thy faithfulness"

Hymnal 327

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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
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\*"Guide my feet"

Hymnal 546

\*Benediction

Friends, now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us what is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21

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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.

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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.

August 1

Attendance 81

(Hope 54; Zoom 21 ; Zoom recorded 6)

Offering \$3,175

Year-to-date \$116,523

Spending plan year-to-date \$149,038

*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: Natalie Hand  
Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill  
Song leader: Kendrick Weaver  
Scripture reader: Lori Miller  
Worship tech: Michelle Jantz  
Zoom host: Marvin Schmucker

### Upcoming Worship Events

August 29	Baptism and Communion
September 26	Voices Together dedication
October 3	Re-dedication Sunday

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK (August 8-14)

Tuesday -10 am Women's Bible study "Courageous Joy:  
Delight in God through every Season"  
-7:00 pm Worship Commission



Mower this week: Travis Cox

Coffee preparation next week: Randy & Joanna Pinkerton

### MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 15-21)

Sunday -10:45 am Pastor Congregation Relations Comm.  
-7:00 pm Vision Council

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You are invited to Holden Regehr's baby greeting followship worship today.

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.

The August 6 issue of "Anabaptist World" is available on the literature table. This issue highlights the theme of MennoCon21 "Bring the Peace!"

# 47 Let the children come to me

LET THE CHILDREN COME Irregular with refrain

Refrain

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"Let the chil-dren come to me;

"Let the chil-dren come to

G A7 D A7

let the chil-dren come. Nev-er hin-der them; nev-er

me; let them come. Nev-er hin-der; nev-er

D Em A7 D To Verses

stop them. O let the chil-dren come."

stop them. O let the chil-dren come."

Final D Em G D/A A7 D

come. O let the chil-dren come, let them come."

come. O let the chil-dren come."

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Verses

1 Peo - ple were bring - ing chil - dren  
 2 "If you seek the king - dom,  
 3 Then the Lord em - braced them,

just to see the Lord, and  
 lis - ten to what I say: Un -  
 held them in his care. With

when the dis - ci - ples stopped them,  
 less you be - come like chil - dren,  
 love he be - stowed his bless - ing; you with

this is what they heard:  
 can - not he know the way."  
 love he spoke this prayer:

To Refrain

### Prayers for the wider churches

...Give thanks for Western District Conference members who have been affirmed for conference leadership roles this coming year, and pray for God's guidance as they serve in this way.

...Pray for the participants in the various Youth Venture locations this summer which includes Colombia, Benin, Civil Rights Learning Tour, & Doctrine of Discovery Learning Tour.

...Pray for our Mission Partner, Mary Raber, who retired at the end of July and for her transition.

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