



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 A.M. Worship
August 29, 2021
Baptism Sunday

“O God, center my heart solely on reverence to you.” Psalm 86:11

Gathering to Worship

*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.
Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship “Jesus’ Invitation” based on John 4:13-14, 7:37-39

Sisters and brothers, Jesus gives his invitation to you and me:
**“Everyone who drinks from this water will be thirsty again.
But whoever drinks from the water I give will never be
thirsty. The water I give will become in them a spring of
water welling up to eternal life.”**

Jesus gives his invitation to you and me: “If anyone is thirsty,
let them come to me and drink! Whoever places their trust in
me, as the Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow
from the deepest part of them.”

**Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to us and to all who place their
trust in him.**

Opening Prayer

* Songs of Gathering

“New earth, heavens new”

Hymnal 299

“God of grace and God of glory”

Hymnal 366

Sharing Testimonies of Faith

Confessions of Faith & Mentor Responses

Isaac Epp with Donovan Regehr

Kyle Kasitz with Scott Luty

Elisha Miller with Amy Bellar

“Obey my voice”

Hymnal 163

Hearing God's Word

Scripture

Acts 1:1-8

Message

"The Non-Achievement of Baptism"

Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

*"Will You Come and Follow Me"

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The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

Greeting our Guests

Prayer of God's People

Celebration of Christian Baptism

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(Song response after each baptism "I have decided to follow Jesus")

Reception into Membership

Michelle Jantz

Isaac, Kyle, Elisha

we welcome you into the family of faith.

**We join together as companions following Jesus together,
bearing one another's burdens,
and bringing Christ's love and peace to the world.**

Stone of Remembrance

Laying on of Hands and Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sending

* "Praise God from whom"

Hymnal 118

*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. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today as we celebrate the baptism of three of our high school youth. The service is available on Zoom recordings Monday-Thursday as well as YouTube.

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

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Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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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.

August 22

Attendance 80

(Hope 55; Zoom 25; Zoom recorded 0)

Offering \$4,018

Year-to-date \$133,336

Spending plan year-to-date \$166,462

Working Men of Christ - \$200

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: Lowell Birkey

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Travis Cox

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Marvin Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Events

September 26 Voices Together dedication

October 3 Re-dedication Sunday

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (August 29-September 4)

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (see announcement)



Mower this week: Clinton Chlumsky

Coffee preparation next week: Marvin Schmucker

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 5-11)

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible Study

The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today

Wednesday -6-6:30 pm Hope Friends meal (sign up)

-??Youth group

-7:00 pm Choir

Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study via Zoom

Dear White Peacemaker: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace

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Sandwich Saturday: We are looking for a coordinator/group on September 4 & October 2. We need 4 dozen cookies for the 4th.

The song selections during communion are from our new hymnal *Voices Together*.

Vision Council information We will conduct a ballot process related to whether or not we move forward with a welcome statement. The voting period will be open from Sunday, September 12th through Sunday, September 19th and throughout the week with paper ballots. An electronic ballot will be distributed via email. Members and regular attendees, including youth are invited to complete the ballot. We ask for one ballot per person. Contact Michelle Jantz at moderator@hopemennonite.org or 703-344-8822 if you have questions.

New address: Dave Schmidt – 11216 W. Maple, Wichita, KS 67209

Hope Friends to resume this fall. After a long hiatus, our regular Wednesday evening programming will return starting September 8. Hope Friends meets the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month beginning with a meal served from 6-6:30 pm. If you plan on eating on a regular basis, please sign up on the bulletin board. We need a minimum amount of people for the meals. Choir and the youth group will meet following the meal. There are more details in the September newsletter.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME to join the Tuesday Morning Bible Study. We will meet **September 7-November 30** (no class November 23) at 10:00 concurrently in the church library and on Zoom. We will be studying, *The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today* by Meghan Larissa Good. Many people, Christians and non-Christians alike, have questions about the Bible that they are too afraid to ask. In the book, *The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today*, Meghan Larissa Good helps readers consider why the Bible matters. Good invites readers to faithful reading, communal discernment, and deep and transformative wonder about Scripture. Please contact Brenda Glanzer Lilliston at 316-644-7690 if you have any questions.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME to join the Thursday evening Bible Study. We will meet Thursday, **September 9-December 9** (no class November 25) at 7 pm on Zoom. This fall we will be discussing the book, *Dear White Peacemaker: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace* by Osheta Moore. Race is one of the hardest topics to discuss in America. Many white Christians avoid talking about it all together. Rooted in the life, ministry and teachings of Jesus, this book is a challenging call to transform white shame, fragility, saviorism, and privilege in order to work together to build the Beloved Community as anti-racism peacemaking. Please contact Brenda Glanzer Lilliston at 316-644-7690 with your questions.

The fall issue of the devotional “Rejoice” is available on the front entrance table as well as the August 27 issue of *Anabaptist World* with lead articles about Afghanistan. Pick up your copy today.



A huge thank you to all who have made contributions to Working Men of Christ which help with returning citizen. To date, \$11,010 has been collected toward our goal of \$12,000.

The Kansas Department of Corrections will be hosting a training for their Mentoring for Success program. Mentoring for Success (M4S) works with inmates who are scheduled to be released from prison or jail and assists them with their transition back to society. If you are interested in helping returning inmates this would be a great opportunity. Prior to training, you must fill out an application and several forms. A training will take place on two evenings in September. Please see Marcus Loganbill for information.

Prayers for the wider churches

...Pray for God's wisdom and joy for Western District Conference staff members as they seek to encourage congregations and leaders in ministry.

...Pray for Kate Widmer serving in Montbeliard, France since 2019. Kate serves alongside *Eglise La Prairie Montebeliard* in their community outreach programs which include the church's café, bookstore and children's ministries. Her home congregations are Sermon on the Mount, Sioux Falls, SD and Pleasant View Mennonite Church, Mount Pleasant, IA.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's partners in England – Anabaptist Mennonite Trust, Kreider House, Peaceful Borders and Urban Expression.

Sharing Praises and Prayers August 22, 2021

- * Sabrina Bellar shared about her experiences during her year of voluntary service at the St. Joseph's House in Washington, DC. She thanked the congregation for their support and especially the Panera gift card.
- * Dawn Epp thanked Sabrina Bellar for her sharing. She is truly an inspiration for all of us.
- * Pastor Dave continues to recover from his retina reattachment surgery.

39 Will you come and follow me

KELVINGROVE 76. 76. 77. 76

System 1: Chords: F, C7, Dm. Lyrics: 1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but; 2 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but; 3 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but

System 2: Chords: Gm7, Csus, C7, F, C7. Lyrics: call your name? Will you go where you don't; call your name? Will you quell the fear in -; call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

System 3: Chords: Dm, Gm7, Bb/C, F. Lyrics: know and nev - er be the same? Will you; side and nev - er be the same? Will you; you and nev - er be the same. In your

System 4: Chords: Bb/D, Cm7, Bbmaj7, Gm/Bb, Am7. Lyrics: let my love be shown, will you let my; use the faith you've found to re - shape the; com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

System 5: Chords: G7/D, Csus, C, F, C#dim. Lyrics: name be known, will you let my life be; world a - round, through my sight and touch and; foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

System 6: Chords: Dm, Gm7, Bb/C, F. Lyrics: grown in you and you in me?; sound in you and you in me?; grow in you and you in me.

Optional verses:

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

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The Meaning of Baptism in the Anabaptist Tradition

Anabaptists are Christians who emerged in Europe during the 1520's. "Anabaptist" (literally "re-baptizer") was a derogatory term applied to them by their opponents. They called themselves "brothers and sisters." Mennonites are one branch of the Anabaptist tradition, which today includes the Brethren in Christ, the Church of the Brethren, the Amish, and the Hutterites, among other groups. The name "Mennonite" derives from Menno Simons, an early Dutch leader.

Anabaptists, from their origins until today, have been in agreement on at least these three aspects of Christian baptism:

(1) It is ***believer's baptism***; that is, baptism is only for those old enough to make a conscious and voluntary decision. Various Anabaptist groups have practiced different *modes* of baptism (like pouring or immersion) but all agree that ***baptism is for believers***.

(2) It is ***symbolic of salvation***; it does not constitute it. In other words, baptism is not a sacrament; the act itself does not change one's spiritual status. Rather, in baptism an individual *dramatizes* the on-going salvation which God has already initiated by the gift of faith, and *claims* that faith as her/his own. Baptism is also a symbolic *identification* with Jesus himself: Just as he died and was raised to new life by God, so our former life is "washed away" in baptism and we "rise" to walk in newness of life (**Romans 6:1-4**). The baptized are not made sinless, but are empowered by the Holy Spirit to follow Christ in life.

(3) Christians are ***baptized into a community*** to which they are accountable and by which they are treasured (**1 Corinthians 12:12-13**; see also **Matthew 18:15-20**). To Anabaptists, baptism is not merely an individual pledge to follow ethical and moral life principles. Neither is baptism the recognition of a private spiritual experience. Rather, the baptized join the people of God, the body of Christ, to blend their gifts together in mission. They also accept the privilege and responsibility of discipling one another (including "giving and receiving counsel"). Early Anabaptists emphasized that they considered baptism a symbol of their deep bond with Christ and also with one another. They spoke of a three-fold baptism of Spirit, water, and *blood* (that is, mutual commitment even to the point of giving their lives for one another; see **1 John 5:6-8**).