



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 A.M. Worship
September 5, 2021
God's Music

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 Based on Psalm 119:105, 103, Hebrews 4:12, Deuteronomy 30:11-14, 1 Thessalonians 1:8

Sisters and brothers, what a joy to gather and hear God's word. The word of the LORD is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. It is sweet to the taste, like honey to the mouth.

God's word is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

word of the LORD is not too difficult for us, nor is it distant. Rather, the word is very close to us. It is in our mouth and in our heart so that we can act on it.

Let the Lord's message of Good News dwell in us and sound forth from us. We are the echo chamber of God's word.

Opening Prayer

* Songs of Gathering

"Great is the Lord"

Hymnal 87

"Morning has broken"

Hymnal 648

Confessing Our Faith

We believe in almighty God who created all things, who guided his people through exodus and exile, the God of immigrants, like Joseph and Ruth and Daniel.

We believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, born away from his people and home, who was threatened and fled his country, who suffered the oppression of

conquerors, who taught us how to live in justice, who was detained, tortured, accused, and condemned to death. But on the third day, he rose from the dead, to bring newness of life to all.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the presence of the living Christ, who empowers God's people, speaks all languages, abides in all races, lives in all countries, and is at work in the world reconciling all things to God.

We believe in the church of Jesus Christ, the community of disciples, who worship, learn, care, and serve together, and bring Christ's love and peace to our world.

We believe in the reality of sin
and the greater reality of forgiveness.

We believe in eternal life, as citizens of God's kingdom in this world, and in everlasting safety with God beyond this world, which is God's gift of grace.

"Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Hymnal 582

Hearing God's Word

Your word, O LORD, is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.
Psalm 119:105

Reflections

Russ Gooden, Natalie Hand, Ruthie Goering

Responding to God's Word

*"Thy Word"

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

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

Prayer of God's People

Sending

* "This little light of mine"

Hymnal 401

*Benediction

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Church Office Hours

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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 29

Attendance 114

(Hope 88; Zoom 25; Zoom recorded 1)

Offering \$3,448

Year-to-date \$136,784

Spending plan year-to-date \$168,269

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.

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. A special thank you to our own Russ, Natalie and Ruthie for sharing today.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Connie Luty

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Michelle Jantz

Upcoming Worship Events

September 26 Voices Together dedication

October 3 Re-dedication Sunday

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (September 5-11)

Monday -9 am – 7 pm Library reserved

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible Study

The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today

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

-6:45 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



Mower this week: Grant Bellar

Coffee preparation next week: Mike & Kim Voth

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Dear White Peacemaker: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace

Guests and visitors last Sunday: Dustin & Shannah Stadler; Daniel H.; 23 people for our baptism youth.

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 at least **20** people to serve a meal. Choir and the youth group will meet following the meal. There are more details in the September newsletter.

Next Sunday. Sunday School will resume for all ages next Sunday. Classes are the preschool-K; elementary; youth; and adults.

Women's fall Bible studies begin this week with two options. Please contact Brenda Glanzer Lilliston at 316-644-7690 with your questions. ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the church library - *The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today* by Meghan Larissa Good. *Thursday evening 7 pm on Zoom and will meet weekly until Dec. 9. (NO CLASS Nov. 25) This fall we will be discussing the book, *Dear White Peacemaker: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace* by Osheta Moore. **For the first class on September 9, please read pgs. 19-45, "Preface" and "Come to the Table." Over the course of the class, you will be given questions to journal about. It would be helpful to designate a specific notebook to journal in. If you have any questions, please text or call Brenda Glanzer Lilliston.

Vision Council information We will conduct a ballot process related to whether or not we move forward with a welcome statement. The voting will be open between Sunday, September 12 through Sunday, September 19th. There are options for paper or electronic ballots. 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.

Prayers for the wider churches

...Give thanks for God's faithfulness with Western District Conference congregation Buhler (KS) Mennonite Church, as they celebrate their centennial today and look forward to fruitful ministry in the future!

...Prayer for Mennonite Mission Network partners in France: Association of Mennonite Evangelical Churches in France, La Prairie Church of Montbeliard, Paris Mennonite Center; and Mennonite Network of French-speakers.



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. Only \$990 to go.

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.

Your word
is a
lamp
to my feet
and
light

94 Thy Word

Repeat after each verse (Fine)



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



1. When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right be-
2. I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is



side me. And noth-ing will I fear as long as You are near.
wan - der-ing. Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to your side; and

D.C.



Please be near me to the end.
I will love You to the end.

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