



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 A.M. Worship
September 26, 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 Psalm 100 Hymnal: A Worship Book 821

Opening Prayer

Litany of Dedication for Voices Together Lee Schmucker

Friends, today we give thanks for three able hymnals: Hymnal: A Worship Book, Sing the Journey, and Sing the Story. We are grateful for the thirty years during which they have helped tune our hearts to sing God's grace.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

Today, we also welcome into our congregational life *Voices Together*.

We are eager to get acquainted, and to sing from its pages both familiar songs and new songs, and to continue being the community of Jesus' followers in worship.

We join our voices with the music of Scripture: Miriam leading Israel with her tambourine, psalmists and prophets, Mary's song of praise, Paul and Silas singing in prison, and the heavenly choirs of Revelation.

We join our voices with our fellow Christians today, who sing in many languages, in communities large and small, urban and rural, emerging and established, in many styles and forms of expression.

We give thanks for composers, poets, visual artists, editors, and publishers. We give thanks for donors, committees, volunteers, thousands of decisions, and prayers.

We give thanks to God for *Voices Together*. We dedicate these books to the glory of God, in Jesus Christ our Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* Songs of Gathering

“Summoned by the God Who Made Us Voices Together 1
“Together” Voices Together 389

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading Psalm 150

“We, Your People, Sing Your Praises” Voices Together 849

Sermon “Praise is Us” Dave Stevens

Responding to God’s Word

*“Far Above the Noise of Life” Voices Together 625

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

Prayer of God’s People
“Shepherd Me, O God” Voices Together 744

Sending

* “Rain Down” Voices Together 703

*Benediction

No storm can shake our inmost calm,
while to that Rock, we’re clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can we keep from singing?

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Welcome to worship at Hope Mennonite Church. We are dedicating our new hymnal, *Voices Together* this morning. This service is available on Zoom recordings Monday-Thursday as well as YouTube.

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

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

September 19

Attendance 97

(Hope 84; Zoom 12; Zoom recorded 1)

Offering \$2,772

Year-to-date \$144,703

Spending plan year-to-date \$182,692

Working Men of Christ - \$100

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: Laurie Regehr
Song leader: Galen Fast
Scripture reader: Joanna Pinkerton
Worship tech: Scott Luty
Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Events

October 3 Re-dedication Sunday
October 10 World Communion Sunday
October 24 Worship at Camp Mennoscah

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (September 26-October 2)

Sunday -1:30 pm reserved event
Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible Study
The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today
Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study via Zoom
Dear White Peacemaker: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace
Saturday -Sanwich Saturday (Andale High School FCA)



*Pre-1st: Room 8/9

*Elementary: Room 7

*Youth: Room 3

*Adults: Sanctuary Come and learn about some of the history of our Mennonite hymnals and how *Voices Together* came to be. Plus, a preview of some of the songs.

Coffee preparation next week: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky



Mower this week: Scott Luty

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Guests and visitors last Sunday: Lil & Joe Peters; Arie Zehner, Brittany Rae, Emilia

You are invited to stay for a brief meeting immediately following the benediction, for the results of our Welcome Statement vote.

Thanks to Leslie James for the creative display on the worship center which includes a selection of hymnals from the history of Mennonite worship. Which song is depicted on the staff?

Hope Friend meal attendees: Would you be willing to bring one food item on Wednesdays? If we each help out, it lightens the load for Care & Nurture. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. Item(s) purchased and donated offset your cost of the meal.

Small group updates. The purpose of small groups at Hope is to gather together in a smaller setting for deeper relationships, fellowship and/or study. This is the time of year when we have 'open enrollment' for small groups. There are forms on the front literature table indicating your interest level and several options. All are invited, whether you are long time attendees or newer attendees, to fill out a form and place it in the envelope on the bulletin board no later than **October 17**.

Our annual church retreat is scheduled for the Retreat Center at Camp Mennoscah on October 23(afternoon)-October 24(brunch). It is very important to know what our numbers might be. In 2019, the retreat was cancelled due to low numbers. The deadline for your RSVP is **October 3**. Please fill out the form and return to the church office or email your reservation to the church office. Forms are available on the front literature table.

Family Promise Training – On October 10, you are invited to the yearly training which will be held during Sunday School. All people volunteering for Family Promise need a yearly training, this is one of your opportunities, if you haven't already.

Prayers for the wider churches

...Pray for God's strength for chaplains, medical providers and others in Western District Conference who serve hospitals, health-care and hospice organizations, as they minister among those most impacted by the ongoing COVID pandemic.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Northern Ireland partners: Soul Space, an organization that helps people seek peace in themselves and their neighborhoods; YWAM Rostrevor, a place where enemies- not only from Ireland, but from divided tribes and countries around the world – meet one another, have a meal and are reconciled.

Sharing Praises and Prayers September 19, 2021

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Work of the Church

- * Michelle Jantz, church moderator, expressed appreciation for the feedback she has received concerning our Welcome Statement vote. Vision Council & the deacons are meeting on Tuesday.
- * Gary Hand, Worship Commission chair, highlighted our next two Sunday services: September 26 is the dedication of our new hymnal *Voices Together*, and October 3 will be a rededication service with Marvin Zehr, founding pastor, bringing the message. Eldon Chlumsky will share as a charter member. We will have an opportunity to sign a dove to place on a newly designed banner by Leslie James and Joanna Pinkerton which will be permanently hung. On October 17, Hopeful Blues will lead our service.



A huge thank you to all who have made contributions to Working Men of Christ which help with returning citizen. To date, \$11,310 has been collected toward our goal of \$12,000. Only \$690 to go.

The Kansas Department of Corrections hosts trainings 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. Contact Marcus Loganbill for more information.