



**WORLD COMMUNION**



Hope Mennonite Church  
9:30 A.M. Worship  
October 10, 2021  
Sermon on the Mount series

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

Adapted from Sing The Journey 153

Sisters and brothers, we gather as God's people who are blessed to be a blessing. So, we scatter God's blessings as freely as Jesus. We say ...

**Blessed are those who dance in the corridors of death and sing in the hallways of terror.**

Blessed are those who laugh in the prisons of fear, and shout across the silencing walls.

**Blessed are those who love beyond the borders of hatred and live to welcome home freedom.**

And blessed are we, even when reviled and persecuted, and when people speak evil against us for Jesus' sake.

**Brothers and sisters, blessed are we, for we belong to the reign of God.**

Opening Prayer

\* Songs of Gathering

"What Is This Place

Voices Together 22

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Voices Together 25

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

Matthew 4:23-5:12

"There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"

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Sermon

"Showers of Blessings"

Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

\*"Beauty for Brokenness"

Voices Together 712

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

Celebrating the Lord's Supper
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Passing the Peace

\* "I Come with Joy"

Voices Together 478

Words of Institution

Luke 22:14-20

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Sending
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\* "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Voices Together 812

\*Benediction

Adapted from Voices Together 942

Blessed are you, Eternal God. Through this communion you have joined us to yourself and to one another.

**Blessed are you, Incarnate God. You have put life into our hands. Now we put our lives into yours.**

Blessed are you, Breath of God. As we go forth, set us free to follow where you lead. Amen.

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Welcome to worship at Hope Mennonite Church. Today we celebrate World Communion. In person, we will have no-touch juice and wafer packets to distribute. At home, you are welcome to participate with whatever "bread" and "juice" items you have on hand. The service is available on Zoom recordings Monday-Thursday and/or YouTube.



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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](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.

October 3

Attendance 64

(Hope 55; Zoom 7; Zoom recorded 2 )

Offering \$2,340

Year-to-date \$159,592

Spending plan year-to-date \$192,308

*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: Amy Bellar

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Donna Bradbury

Worship tech: Galen Fast

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Communion servers: Wendy Wiens, Dianne Birkey, Leona Adrian, Renetta Gooden

## Upcoming Worship Events

October 24

Worship at Camp Mennoscah

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK (October 10-16)

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom  
*The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today*

Wednesday -Hope Friends meal (spaghetti casserole and more)  
-6:30 pm Youth group  
-7:00 pm Choir

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*Dear White Peacemaker: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace*



\*Pre-1<sup>st</sup>: Room 8/9

\*Elementary: Room 7

\*Youth: No class October 10 or 17.

\*Adults: 2021 Family Promise refresher training

Coffee preparation next week:



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Guests and visitors last Sunday: Carmen & Andy Shelly; Nate Kroeker and Kaci Wilson

Please place your hymnal in the rack with the spine up so you can read the words “Voices Together.”

Pastor Dave will be on vacation October 11-18. He'll be back in the office on October 19. Please contact a deacon or the church office for pastoral concerns.

The October 8 Issue of Anabaptist World is available on the front table. Several articles focus on creation care and resources. Pick up a copy.

New Worship Series begins today. “The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7): Jesus’ Program for Living” will be our focus for Sundays in October and November. For Anabaptist Christians, this is the heart of Jesus’ teaching and guidance on how to live as people of God’s reign.

Art for Sermon on the Mount Series: The Sermon on the Mount is an important text among Mennonites. It is central to Mennonite theology. It is also extremely familiar to our ears. That’s both good and bad. Because it is central to our understanding of following Jesus, it is important to have it well in mind. But, words, words that we know so well, sometimes are harder to really hear. This is where we found ourselves when we were asked to create art for a fall series on the Sermon on the Mount.

How to do justice to a key text? How to do something visual with a text, the power of which is carried in the words themselves? How to visually format three chapters in a way that will be a threshold into hearing, seeing, in new and faithful ways?

The design of what you see this morning is based on the Mark carpet page from the Lindisfarne Gospels, an illuminated manuscript from the early 700s in the north of Britain. The words and phrases you see were chosen (after considerable study and prayer) to succinctly, and faithfully, convey Jesus’ words of instruction and encouragement to live the reign of God. Our hope is that over the weeks of the series, different words or phrases will stand out, allowing you to hear, to consider, to see, to live more deeply into this text so core to our understanding of the reign of God. Joanna Pinkerton and Leslie James.

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**. All current small group members, please return a form.

Our annual church retreat has been confirmed for the Retreat Center at Camp Mennoscah on October 23(afternoon)-October 24(brunch). You now have until Sunday, **October 17** to RSVP. Please fill out the form & payment and return to the church office or email your reservation. Forms are available on the front literature table. The worship service on Sunday will begin at 10 am and be followed by a brunch.

Save the DATE!! Working Men of Christ will be observing its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, **November 6** at 7:00 pm at Grace Revolution Church, 812 S. Oliver. Reverend Spencer Lindsay, founder of Working Men of Christ, will be our keynote speaker. Thank you for your past support of Working Men of Christ; we hope you can join us for dessert, a silent auction and good fellowship. Baskets for our auction are needed if you would like to contribute. Tickets will be \$25. Consider making a donation, even if you can't attend. Further details for purchasing and ordering tickets will be forthcoming.

#### Prayers for the wider churches

... Pray for Western District Conference congregations and pastors in the midst of pastoral transition, as they seek God's guidance for healthy endings and new beginnings.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network partners in Spain: Association of Anabaptists Mennonite and Brethren in Christ-Spain, a network of nine congregations; and Koinonia Theological Center.

The Craft Bazaar committee has been diligently considering options for our 2021 bazaar. Because of the yet unsettled situation with Covid cases, we believe it is in everyone's best interest to offer an alternative to our usual bazaar format this year. We are SO looking forward to next year when we *believe, hope, pray, and plan* on returning to our typical bazaar to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup>!

So...we are offering a couple of alternative opportunities this year.

1. Like last year, there will again be pre-rolled peppernut dough rolls available for purchase. More details will be coming later.

2. Our new option for this year will be pre-ordered meals available for pick-up either on Saturday late afternoon, November 13 from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. or Sunday, November 14 after worship (10:45?) until 1 p.m. The meal will consist of a bowl of chicken noodle soup, a sausage sandwich, chips, and a piece of pie (**cherry, dutch apple, or pecan**). The meals will be packaged as whole meals – so the only choice you have to make is what kind of pie you prefer.

There will be a sign-up sheet for you to order the number of meals you want on Sunday, October 10 and Sunday, October 17. You can also email the church with your order. **The deadline for ordering will be Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.** **The meals will be “sold” by donation only. All proceeds will be donated to Camp Mennoscah and Family Promise.**

Please talk to any committee member if you have questions: Leona Adrian, Katie Chlumsky, Renetta Gooden, Emily Regehr, Tiffany Regehr, Connie Luty, or Laurie Regehr.



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



# There Shall Be Showers of Blessing 249

*There shall be showers of blessing . . . Ezek. 34:26*

SHOWERS OF BLESSING 8 7 8 7 Ref.

Daniel W. Whittle, 1883

James McGranahan, 1883



1. There shall be show-ers of bless - ing: This is the prom - ise of love;
2. There shall be show-ers of bless - ing — Pre - cious re - viv - ing a - gain;
3. There shall be show-ers of bless - ing: Send them up - on us, O Lord;
4. There shall be show-ers of bless - ing: O, that to - day they might fall,



There shall be sea - sons re - fresh - ing, Sent from the Sav - ior a - bove.  
O - ver the hills and the val - leys, Sound of a - bun - dance of rain.  
Grant to us now a re - fresh - ing, Come, and now hon - or Thy Word.  
Now as to God we're con - fess - ing, Now, as on Je - sus we call!



Show - ers of bless - ing, Show - ers of bless - ing we need:  
Show - ers, show - ers of bless - ing,



Mer - cy - drops 'round us are fall - ing, But for the show - ers we plead.

