





Hope Mennonite Church  
9:30 A.M. Worship  
November 14, 2021  
Sermon on the Mount series  
Jesus' Program for Living #4

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

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Based on Jeremiah 29:1-11

Sisters and brothers,  
our story is about walking into God's future.

**It is not a future of our own will, our own design, our own feasibility, our own preference, or even our wildest dreams.**

God's future may be off the map, off the grid, off the charts, off the beaten path, where the GPS is down.

**Like the exiles in Babylon, we sometimes feel alienated from the world around us, and God's future may be the long way home.**

God told the exiles, "Build houses and dwell in them. Plant gardens and eat their produce. Give your children in marriage and let them have families. Increase there and do not diminish." God told the alienated to persevere and "move the needle" of life.

**God also told them to widen their hearts: "Seek the well-being of the city where I have sent you into exile and pray on its behalf. For in its well-being, you will find your own."**

And God told them, "When Babylon's 70 years are up, I will fulfill my promise and bring you back."

**God's future is the way home ...**

... and walking into it means trusting God's dream.

**And this is what the LORD says: "I know the plans I have for you, to give you a future with hope."**

\* Songs of Gathering

“We Praise Thee, O God”

Voices Together 91

“The Lord Is My Light”

Voices Together 437

Hearing God's Word
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Children's Story

Ruthie Goering

Scripture reading

Matthew 5:43-48

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

Voices Together 398

Message

“Be perfect?!”

Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word
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\*“Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee”

Voices Together 573

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

Time of Remembrance with candle lighting

Sending
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\*“My Life Flows On”

Voices Together 605

\*Benediction

Based on Jeremiah 29:11

Brothers and sisters, this is what the LORD says to us: “I know the plans I have for you—plans for your well-being and not for harm—to give you a future with hope.”

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We are glad you are joining us for worship this morning, either in person or via Zoom. The recording is available Monday-Thursday. Today is Remembrance Sunday. We will remember important persons in our lives who have died. Those in person can light a candle of remembrance in the sanctuary. Those joining on Zoom are invited to prepare a candle to light at home and display at the appropriate time.

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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.

November 7

Attendance 90

(Hope 68 Zoom 21; Zoom recorded 1)

Offering \$6,355

Year-to-date \$176,051

Spending plan year-to-date \$206,731

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: Mike Voth  
Pianist: Vicki Howard  
Song leader: Galen Fast  
Scripture reader: Lowell Birkey  
Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton  
Zoom host: TBA

## Upcoming Worship Events

November 21 Christ the King Sunday; Communion  
November 28 First Sunday of Advent – “Dare to Imagine”

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK (November 14-20)

Today -10:45-noon Craft Bazaar meal pickup  
-Noon – Pastor Congregation Relations Committee  
-1-4 pm Youth group Friendsgiving  
Monday -6:30 pm Music Committee  
Tuesday -10:00 am Women’s Bible Study via Zoom  
*The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today*  
Wednesday -5:45 pm Working Men of Christ committee  
-6:00 pm Hope Friends meal  
-7:00 pm Choir  
Thursday -7:00 pm Women’s Bible study via Zoom  
*Dear White Peacemaker: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace*



- \*Pre-1<sup>st</sup>: Room 8/9
- \*Elementary: Room 7
- \*Youth: Room 3 with Marcus Loganbill
- \*Adults: “What is the Church and why does it exist?” led by Cynthia Loganbill. We will delve into the origins of the church, exploring the identity and calling of the body of Christ in Scripture and in church history, and learn about the Christian practices that shape the church and how our understanding of church might change in light of the life of the church through the centuries.

Coffee preparation next week: Mike & Kim Voth



Thank you to our 2021 mowing crew: Scott Luty, Jerold Heide, Randy Pinkerton, Travis Cox, Jim Blakely, Dave Zumwalt, Randy Graber, Clinton & Eldon Chlumsky

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (November 21-27)

Tuesday -6:30 pm Worship Commission

Thur/Friday -Office closed

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Guests and visitors last week: Rod & Velva Ellenz

Anabaptist World offer - Hope receives 8 copies of Anabaptist World. If you are interested in a \$39 yearly home subscription through the church plan, please contact the office by **November 21**.

Craft Bazaar meal: Last pick up today following worship – 1 pm. Donations will be distributed evenly between Family Promise and Camp Mennoscah, or you can designate your preference.

Hopeful Blues – There are Hopeful Blues CD's available for purchase for \$12.

Taste of Hope IV cookbooks are available for sale – only \$5.

God's Creation 2022 calendars – These calendars are sold as a fundraiser by the youth group. Cost is \$8.

Working Men of Christ – Consider making a donation and take one of the items as a thank you.

All items are in the fellowship hall. Please place your payment in the appropriately marked envelope.

Today we debut our new bulletin covers. The bulletin cover service provided Menno Media and Brethren Press no longer exists. Thanks to Leslie James for her suggestion for our new design and for the production by Direct Printers.

2021 Advent devotionals: The Worship Commission is offering an adult and a children's option for this year. Please sign up on the bulletin board by **today**.

Our youth group will be coordinating Sandwich Saturday on **December 4.** They will continue their annual tradition of distributing warm winter gloves along with the sack lunches. The major need is for men's gloves.

The December-February issue of our devotional "Rejoice" is now available. The theme for this quarter is "The Homestretch." We can help but look ahead and what will happen. How do you make sure anticipating the finish line doesn't overshadow the present but instead helps you relish the blessings along the way? Copies are available on the front literature table.

#### Prayers for the wider church

...Give thanks for Western District Conference's online book discussion this Thursday, focusing on *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*, and pray for wisdom as we reckon with the legacy that continues to have devastating effects on Indigenous Peoples around the globe.

...Pray for Colleen & Pablo Fast serving in Labrea, Brazil since 1992. They work with Project Amazon as well as pastoring a church in Labrea. Their home congregation is Trinity Church, Morton, IL.

...Pray for Jaden Hostetter who began serving in Quito, Ecuador in 2020. Jaden works with the Quito Mennonite Church in music and youth ministries, both Ecuadorian and refugee youth. His home congregation is Harrisonburg (Virginia) Mennonite Church.



A huge thank you to all who have made contributions to Working Men of Christ which help with returning citizen. To date, \$11,865 has been collected toward our goal of \$12,000. Only \$135 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.

Sharing Praises and Prayers  
November 7, 2021

- \* Cynthia Loganbill shared about the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala for Working Men of Christ and the inspiration testimonies. You are invited to make a donation to WMOC and take an item as a thank you.
- \* David Schmidt attended the Family Promise Gala and was happy to be the winner of the “pie of the month” from the Bellars.

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Work of the Church

- \* Dawn Epp shared about Family Promise and its 5 years of ministry to the homeless. The origin intent was to have 13 churches serve in their hosting rotations and Hope was #13. It is a wonderful interdenominational ministry. Their Gala raised \$110,000. Amy Bellar recognized Rod and Velva Ellenz, from Aldersgate United Methodist, our sister hosting church, were recognized as our Family Promise Volunteers of the Year.