

Hope Mennonite Church
September 25, 2022
9:30 am Worship

Gathering to Worship

*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

Even while we weep

In the God of love and justice, we will still trust

Though the world can be a mean and lonely place

In the God of love and justice, we will still trust

Even while sickness and devastation prowl the earth

In the God of love and justice, we will still trust

Though loved ones may fail us

In the God of love and justice, we will still trust

For God is our shelter, our refuge, and our fortress

We will trust in God!

*Songs of Gathering

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Voices Together 29

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Voices Together 419

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

“Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled” Bob Burroughs

Choir

Message

God’s Got This!

Michelle Armster

Responding to God’s Word

* “Lead Me, Guide Me”

Voices Together 601

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Offering response

“You Are All We Have”

Voices Together 701

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

“Rain Come Down” Shawn L. Kirchner

Choir

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

* “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Voices Together 421

* Benediction

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom. The Zoom recording is available Monday-Thursday.

A special welcome to Michelle E. Armster who is filling the pulpit for us this morning. Michelle the Executive Director for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Central States in North Newton, KS. She worked for MCC in the US Peace and Justice program in urban peacemaking, as Director of Conciliation Services and Co-Director for the Office on Justice and Peacebuilding. She attended Lancaster Theological Seminary where she received an M.Div. She pastored for seven years. She served as a co-pastor at St. Andrew UCC Church and the Outreach pastor at Blossom Hill Mennonite church. Michelle is also a trainer, educator, and practitioner in the areas of Conflict Transformation, Mediation, Intercultural Competency, Anti-racism/Anti-oppression, OVM, Restorative Justice/Practices, and Crimes of Severe Violence.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lowell Birkey

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Song Leader & Choir Direction: Trae Gehring

Scripture reader: Lori Miller

Worship tech: Galen Fast

Upcoming Worship

October 2 Jim Voth; World Communion Sunday

October 9 TBA

October 16 Dawn Yoder Harms

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Church Office Hours

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Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-1:30 pm

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Staff meeting Mondays

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 18

Attendance 82

(Hope 62; Zoom 18; Recording 2)

Offering \$5,261

Year-to-date \$151,362

Spending plan year-to-date \$186,346

Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithely**.
Contact the church office for instructions.

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

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (September 25-October 1)

- Tuesday -10:00 am Women’s Bible Study
“The Grit and Glory of the Early Church in Acts”
-7:00 pm Worship Commission
- Wednesday -3:30 pm Discipleship Commission
- Thursday -7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study “Unsettling Truths:
The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery”
- Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (only short 3 dozen cookies)

Coffee preparation next week: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Lee Schmucker, Lori Regier

Next Sunday: Val & Mike Mayta

October 9: Jordon & Emily Regehr



Prek-1st: Room 8/9 downstairs

Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

Adults: Join Vision Council in a time of transition conversations and feedback about the next steps in our congregational life as we move forward following the loss of Pastor Dave.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (October 2-8)

- Tuesday -10:00 am Women’s Bible Study
“The Grit and Glory of the Early Church in Acts”
- Wednesday -6:30 pm Library reserved
-7:00 pm Choir
- Thursday -7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study “Unsettling Truths:
The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery”



Mower this week: Grant Bellar

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Guests last Sunday: Janelle Miller; Ana Lucia Mendonza-Zarling; Peter Goerzen; Chris and Dan Owens; Conrad and Jan Graber; Cynthia and Les Goerzen

Words of Kindness – Posted on the bulletin board are numerous messages & cards that have arrived at Hope over the last three weeks. Please take time to read them.

The September 23 issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the literature table. The lead article is on the Bible Project, a project seeking 500 study groups to interpret all of Scripture in the light of Jesus. This issue also has an article on Pastor Dave.

This is the last day for you to be re-united with your 'lost' items.

You are invited to the 6th annual Hog Roast at Grace Hill Mennonite Church, 10218 SE 12th St, Whitewater, KS, this evening **September 25**, from 5-7 pm (entertainment until 8 pm). Free will donation accepted for area food banks. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

Bethel College Women's Association will appreciate donations of homemade baked goods for Market-in-the-Round and Pie-By-the-Slice at Fall Festival. Zwieback, cinnamon rolls, fruit pies and poppyseed rolls are especially needed. Please bring to Room 141 in Luyken Fine Arts Center 2-5pm on Friday **October 7**, or 7-9am on Saturday Oct 8. Pies may be delivered to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center. Email bcwa@bethelks.edu with questions.

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) invites healthcare providers in all disciplines, including allied health, and all interested in the intersection of health and faith to our Annual Gathering at MCC's Welcoming Place in Akron, PA, October 14th-16th, 2022. The theme is: Coming Together at the Well - Renewal Through Exploring the Five Life Standards. Participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss the Five Life Standards from More-With-Less and how they apply to health and healing as well as hear from keynote speaker Malinda Elizabeth Berry, PhD, professor at AMBS. Commuter registration is available for local participants. Registration information at mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2022/.

The Crop Walk is fast approaching! CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. The Wichita walk starts at 2:00pm on October 2nd at Sedgwick County Park, Horseshoe Shelter. Come early to register, beginning at 1:00 pm. Any age can walk and pets are welcome. You are also welcome to participate in a virtual walk. If you choose to do so, please send me a quick email or text just so I know how many people are involved. If you or your family are not able to walk and still want to donate to Crop Hunger Walk, my family and I will be participating and we will happily walk on your behalf. Please feel free to contact me at cwchlumsky@gmail.com or 316-558-7707 to coordinate donations or for general questions.

Prayers for the wider church

... Please pray for Summit Street Church, our church replant in Beatrice, NE, as we come up to our 1-year anniversary of replanting. May we continue to prayerfully re-imagine what it means for us to follow Jesus' call to become something new. We are especially thankful for the 10 people who participated in our new members class this summer. -Pastor Tim Amor

...Pray for C. Paul & Hildi Amstutz serving in Asuncion, Paraguay since 1985. C. Paul supports a business chaplaincy program and Hildi serves as the program directory of Querit Association, which invites people into deeper communion with God. Their home congregation is Iglesia Evangelica Menonita Concordia, Asuncion, Paraguay.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Spain partners: Association of Anabaptists, Mennonites, and Brethren in Christ-Spain; Koinonia Theological Center; United Community of Anabaptists.

CHOIR TEXTS

“Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled”

Let not your heart be troubled.
You believe in God. Believe also in Me.
In my Father's house are many mansions.
If it were not so, I would have told you!
I go to prepare a place for you,
and if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again.
I will come again and receive you unto Myself,
that where I am, there you may be also.

“Rain Come Down”

Come, rain, comedown, heaven's tears of mercy,
come a-run-nin' down.
Say no words, it is too soon, say no words out loud.
But wrap your quiet arms around, hide us in your cloud.
Come wash away this grief and pain, and let all hearts be clean.
And bring the fairest flow'rs to meet the sorrow we have seen.
A little lower than the angels we were born to be.
Yet which of all the creatures, knows this misery?
Come, rain, comedown, heaven's tears of mercy,
come a-run-nin' down.