

Hope Mennonite Church
November 13, 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

Based on "Hope," by Victoria Safford

We are called to plant ourselves at the gates of Hope —
**not the prudent gates of Optimism,
which are somewhat narrower;
nor the stalwart, boring gates of Common Sense;
nor the strident gates of Self-Righteousness;
nor the cheerful, flimsy garden gate of "Everything is
gonna be all right."**

But a different, sometimes lonely place,
**the place of truth-telling, about our own soul first of all
and its condition, the place of resistance and defiance,
the piece of ground from which we see the world
both as it is and as it could be, as it will be;
the place from which we glimpse not only struggle, but joy
in the struggle.**

And we stand here, beckoning and calling,
**telling others what we see:
the gates of Hope and the faithfulness of God.**

*Songs of Gathering

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer" Voices Together 34

"Holy Spirit, Come with Power" Voices Together 57

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

"Touch the Earth Lightly"

Voices Together 145

Message

"Aspirational Dreams"

Randy Quinn

Responding to God's Word

* "We Praise Thee, O God"

Voices Together 91

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

Prayers of God's People

Sending

* "Go, My Children"

Voices Together 830

* 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.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lori Miller

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Donna Bradbury

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

November 20

Tanya Ramer Wenger guest speaker

November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Randy Tuesday-Wednesday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Monday, Thursday – work from home

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

Kim Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Staff meeting Tuesday 9:30 am

Hope on Facebook: Follow the link at 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 6

Attendance-76

(Hope-65; Zoom-11; Recorded)

Offering \$5,031

Year-to-date \$183,908

Spending plan year-to-date \$220,673

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 (November 13-19)

Sunday -Noon – Fall Festival congregational lunch
-Pastor Congregation Relations Committee
Tuesday -7:00 pm Zoom with Melissa Hofstetter/leadership
Wednesday -5:30 pm Deacons
-7:00 pm Choir
Thursday -7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study “Unsettling Truths:
The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery”
Saturday 2-8 pm Reserved event

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman
Next Sunday: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky
November 27: Donovan & Laurie Regehr



Prek-1st: Room 8/9 downstairs
Middle School: Room 7 downstairs
Adults: “Dealing with personal and other people’s
grief” led by Randy Quinn.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (November 20-26)

Tuesday -6:30 Vision Council/Zoom with Melissa Hofstetter
Thurs/Friday -Offices closed for Thanksgiving

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Guests and visitors last week: Ron & Sharon Landis

The Youth Group is selling 2023 God’s Creation calendars for \$10. Calendars can be found on the literature table. Remit payment to the church office.

Randy Quinn will be out of the office November 16-22. Contact your deacon or the church office for pastoral care items.

Anabaptist World is our denominational magazine. The church receives 8 copies. Individuals can pay for their own at-home subscription with the special church rate of \$39. If you are interested, please contact the church office by **today**.

As per our tradition, you will begin receiving updates on our spending plan and where we are between now and the end of the year. Look for that information at the beginning of each week.

The December-February issue of our devotional *Rejoice* is available on front table. Pick up your copy today.

The November 4 issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the literature table. Lead articles include "The Great Resignation-from the church;" "Sunday morning Shake Up" about millennials and the church; and much more. Pick up your copy today.

The display table near the library has newly acquired donated-- Thank You!-- books in addition to books pertaining to grief and loss. Some are from our church library and some borrowed from Western District Conference Library. There are also three new volumes of the Believer's Bible series. Check any of these out using the normal procedure.



The Trinity knot is an ancient symbol representing the eternal, unbroken presence and interconnectedness of the triune God. Like a circle, there is no beginning and no end. Melissa Hofstetter, grief counselor, explained that in Hebrew the word for "hope" (Tikvah) is the same word used for "rope" or "cord" - that which holds together and brings hope. This symbol of the rope in the shape of a Trinity knot will be used in our conversations with Melissa, as God is the One in whom we find Hope. Zoom meetings with Melissa Hofstetter this week: **Leadership groups**

Advent devotionals: The Worship Commission is offering both an adult and a children's devotional for the Advent season which begins on November 27. If you are interested in a copy of one and/or both, please contact the church office by **today**.

You are invited to donate warm men's gloves for distribution by the youth on Sandwich Saturday, December 3. There is a collection box in the fellowship hall.

A big thank you to all of our mowers this past season: Jerold Heide, Randy Pinkerton, Travis Cox, Randy Graber, Jim Blakely, Grant Bellar, and Scott Luty.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for credentialed ministers in Western District Conference, as they provide leadership, guidance and care for congregations, church institutions and community ministries.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Networks Argentina partners: Argentina Mennonite Church; Argentine Bible Society; Argentina Chaco Global Mission Partnership.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Bolivia partners: Bolivia Mennonite Church with 12 congregations and church plants around and in Santa Cruz, and the Bolivia Global Mission Partnerships.