Hope Mennonite Church November 20, 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 Ephesians 2:19-21

You are no longer foreigners and outsiders but citizens together with God's people and members of God's family.

You are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

Jesus Christ is the cornerstone.

In Christ all the parts of the building fit together and grow into a holy temple in God.

*Songs of Gathering

"God of Our Strength"

"Sing to the God of Harvest"

Voices Together 47 Voices Together 122

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

Genesis 12:1-3; Mark 4:26-32

"We Give Thanks unto You"

Voices Together 117

Message "Tiny Signs of Abundant Blessing" Tonya Ramer Wenger

Responding to God's Word

"Amazing Grace" arr. Norma Luboff

Choir

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pad)

Seeing and Seeking God
Work of the Church
Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

"Lamb of God, Grant us Peace" Z. Randall Stroope

Choir

Service of Communion

Sending

* "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Voices Together 120

* Benediction

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. We want to especially welcome Tonya Ramer Wenger who had been invited by Pastor Dave to speak on this Sunday. Tonya has been pastor at First Mennonite in Hutchinson since 2010. Previously she served nearly 11 years as pastor of Madison Mennonite in Madison WI. She is a graduate of Bethel College (North Newton) and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. While in seminary she met her husband, Jonathan Wenger, and they are proud parents of Magdalena (21), Micah (18), Reuben (15) and Joanna (9). Their family also includes Annika (their current exchange student from Italy), Penelope (the cat), and the chickens.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lowell Birkey

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song Leader & Choir Director: Trae Gehring

Scripture reader: Margaret Wiebe

Leona Adrian, Dianne Birkey, Marcus Communion Servers:

Loganbill, Wendy Wiens

Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton Zoom host: Michelle Jantz

	Upcoming Worship Services
November 27	First Sunday of Advent

Longest Night of the Year service December 21

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 13

Attendance-91

(Hope-81; Zoom-9; Recorded 1)

Offering \$3,147

Year-to-date \$187,055

Spending plan commitment 2022 \$255,000

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 20-26)

Tuesday -6:30 Vision Council/Zoom with Melissa Hofstetter

Thur/Friday -Offices closed for Thanksgiving

Coffee preparation next Sunday: no coffee next Sunday



NURSERY (birth through age 4) Today: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

Next Sunday: Donovan & Laurie Regehr December 4: Donna Heide, Lori Regier

sundayschool

Prek-1st: Room 8/9 downstairs Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

Adults: "What's in a name?" Is 'Mennonite' a barrier or a conversation starter? Discussion led by Cynthia Loganbill

NO Sunday School classes next Sunday, November 27.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (November 27-December 3)

Tuesday -7:00 pm All congregation Zoom with Melissa

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need 25 dozen cookies)

Guests and visitors last week: Julia Geer

<u>The Youth Group</u> is selling 2023 God's Creation calendars for \$10. Calendars, as well as note pads for \$4, 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.

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.

<u>The December-February issue</u> of our devotional *Rejoice* is available on front table. 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, transition advisor, 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: **Vision Council**

<u>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.</u>

Prayers for the wider church

...In this Thanksgiving week, offer a prayer of gratitude for members of Western District Conference congregations and communities who care for the land, grow and harvest food, prepare meals, and share generously with a hungry world.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Ecuador Global Mission Partnership which is involved with refugee and other ministries; Brazil partner, Brazil Mennonite Church, an alliance of 37 Portuguese-speaking churches in six regions; and Chile partner, Chile Mennonite Church, a conference of 10 congregations, most in or near Santiago.

Choir text – "Lamb of God, Grant us Peace"

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Grant us peace. Dona nobis, pacem.

We pray for unity, pray for purity, Pray for your strength and your blessing. Lord, forgive our sin as we forgive those of others; save us from the time of trail, and deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, thine is the power, thine is the glory forever and ever.