

Hope Mennonite Church
February 5, 2023
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

It is love that unites us and strengthens us

We are bound together in a covenant of peace.

It is Christ who brings a new creation

We are bound together in a covenant of peace.

It is the Prince of Peace who invites us to worship

We are bound together in celebration and service.

*Songs of Gathering

“To God Be the Glory”

Voices Together 84

“Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”

Voices Together 131

Hearing God’s Word

Samuel 25:2-35 (from *The Message*)

Reader’s Theater

“In the Rifted Rock I’m Resting”

Voices Together 619

Message

“The Wisdom of Foolishness”

Peter Goerzen

Responding to God’s Word

*“We Are People of God’s Peace”

Voices Together 797

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

*"Move in Our Midst"

Voices Together 827

* Benediction

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom. A special welcome back to Peter Goerzen. Peter was a ministry inquiry student at Hope during his college years and is currently an assistant professor of Bible & Religion at Bethel. The YouTube recording becomes permanently available on Monday.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Mike Voth

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Galen Fast

Reader's theatre: Donna Heide, Galen Fast, Mike Voth

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

February 22

Ash Wednesday service 6:30 pm

February 26

Lent 1

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.

January 29

Attendance-93

(Hope-83; Zoom-10)

Offering last Sunday \$2,594

Year to date - \$14,006

Spending plan year to date - \$25,000

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 (February 5-11)

- Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible Study (library and zoom)
"Jesus and Women in the 1st Century and Now"
- Wednesday -5:30 pm Discipleship Commission
-7:00 pm Choir
- Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (zoom only)
"Unsettled Truths" by Mark Charles

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Fall Festival Coffee Bar
(8:30-9:30 am and during the dessert auction)



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

Next Sunday: Lee Schmucker, Lori Regier

February 19: Val & Mike Mayta



Prek-1st: Room 8/9 downstairs

Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

Adults: International Rescue Committee

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (February 12-18)

- Monday -7:00 pm Worship Commission
- Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible Study (library and zoom)
"Jesus and Women in the 1st Century and Now"
- Wednesday -5:30 pm Deacons
-7:00 pm Choir
- Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (zoom only)
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Guests & visitors last week: Mark Henderson; Hannah Mendonca de Aranjó

Pastor Randy is on vacation through February 7. He'll be back in the office on February 8. Please contact the church office or a deacon for pastoral concerns.

If you are interested in the Lent devotional for this year, "Trust in the Lord," please let the church office know by **today**.

Fall Festival's "Cup of Hope" will return on February 12, the same day as the Dessert Auction. Numerous kinds of coffee, tea, and even hot chocolate will be available from 8:30-9:30 am and during our fellowship time. All proceeds go toward the 2023 Fall Festival.

The Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) will conduct a congregational survey in February and March. Kathy Goering Reid has agreed to continue advising through this process and will prepare the final report. Kathy is a retired Mennonite pastor living in Waco, Texas. The process we will use for the review is called, "The Appreciative Way" and involves surveying various groups within the church in a group setting.

Group interviews will take place during the Sunday School hour in February/March. Members of the Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) will conduct the interviews with the help of three recorders. Members of PCRC are, Bob Stolze, Lee Schmucker and Myron Regier. Recorders are Renetta Gooden, Margaret Wiebe and Delaine Stolze.

Please note the following schedule for the group surveys:

Women's Bible study groups, Tuesday & Thursday group –

February 19.

Vision Council and Young Adults (college age - under 40) –

February 26.

All others – **March 5.**

All Hope attendees are encouraged to take part in the review process. If anyone prefers to do the survey privately, feel free to do so. Those surveys can be turned in to the church secretary. If you are homebound, let Myron Regier know and your survey will be picked up at your convenience. Survey questions will be sent to all attendees via email the first week of February. Paper copies of the survey questions will also be available in the church office.

Check out the progress of Joanna Pinkerton's children's nook mural today. When completed, two small bean bags will be added.

The Witness & Outreach Commission will be coordinating several adult Sunday Schools over the next two months. The goal is to make us more aware of the organizations that Hope supports financially and be more informed about their specific ministries. We encourage you to attend these sessions. **Today**, a representative from the Wichita chapter of the International Rescue Committee (IRC) will present their programs and share ways in which Hope can become involved. The IRC works with volunteers and community partners to empower refugees to restore dignity and self-reliance, and actively participate in their new communities.

Next Sunday, February 12, Julie Brown, Outreach Coordinator for Community Peacemaker Teams will be speaking in adult Sunday School class. CPT teams are invited to work in conflicts occurring around the world. The teams work to support and amplify the voices of local peacemakers who risk injury and death by waging nonviolent direct action to confront systems of violence and oppression. Please make it a priority to attend and learn how we as individuals and as a church might continue to support CPT.

All women are welcome to join either the Tuesday morning OR Thursday evening Bible Study group during Lent. Both groups will be studying the book, *Fight Like Jesus: How Jesus Waged Peace Throughout Holy Week*, by Jason Porterfield. For the Tuesday morning group, this seven-week study will begin on Feb. 28 at 10:00 am and will be held concurrently on Zoom and in-person in the church's library. The Thursday evening group study will begin Feb. 23 at 7 pm and it will meet only on Zoom. The cost of the book is \$14. *If you are currently not attending one of the groups and plan on joining the Fight Like Jesus study, please sign up through the church office, and if you need a book ordered, please indicate that also.*

In a world where violence is spiraling out of control, the book, *Fight Like Jesus: How Jesus Waged Peace Throughout Holy Week* is an urgent call to rediscover Jesus, the Prince of Peace. For those who think 'peace' might be mild or meek, flimsy or weak, author Jason Porterfield unpacks Jesus' embrace of a radical peace. Built on a faithful biblical exposition, this book inspires and equips today's courageous peacemakers to fight like Jesus. Only as peacemakers can Christians truly be the salt and light that God intended. Dive deep into this compelling story of a week in the life of Christ and you will be changed, for good.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for God's guidance and blessing for Western District Conference youth and their sponsors, pastors and families, in their journey of growing faith and discipleship.