

Hope Mennonite Church  
February 26, 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

Praise to God who has given us life.

**Blessed be God for the gift of love.**

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

**Blessed be God who sets us free.**

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

**Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.**

\*Songs of Gathering

“We Sing to You, O God”

Voices Together 80

“We Dream of a Turning”

Voices Together 209

Confession of Sin and Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

Voices Together 901

Assurance

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Voices Together 141

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7,20-21

Message

“Covenant of Provision”

Randy Quinn

## Responding to God's Word

\*"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Voices Together 517

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

## Sending

\*"Shalom, My Friends

Voices Together 842

\* 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 YouTube recording becomes permanently available on Monday.

This Lenten season we'll be focusing on covenant. A covenant can be thought of as entering into agreement or contract, making a promise or entering into a bond, one with the other. In earlier times, before computer generated documents, paper, or even parchment, covenants were often, literally, set into stone. Just such a covenant stone is represented on the worship center for the season of Lent. Recorded on the stone in Hebrew, is Ezekiel 37:27: *My dwelling place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

## Worship Participants

Worship leader: Mike Voth

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Greg Shelly-Unruh

Worship tech & zoom host: Michelle Jantz

## Upcoming Worship Services

March 5      Lent 2

April 6      Maundy Thursday service 6:30 pm

### 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](http://hopemennonite.org) and “like” Hope Mennonite Church to see pictures & updates on church life.

#### First Fruits Giving

Giving the first and best of what we are given  
as a worship response to God.

#### February 19

Attendance-87 (Hope-81; Zoom-6)

Offering last Sunday \$3,081 Year to date - \$30,340

Spending plan year to date - \$40,000

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*

#### **Hope Mennonite Church Statement of Welcome and Inclusion**

We believe all people are created in God's image and we covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we seek to follow Jesus. We gather around God's table as an open and affirming congregation, embracing all people to full participation in the life and ministry of our church regardless of age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, economic status, gender identity, citizenship, ability, ethnicity, or any other factor subject to discrimination or exclusion in our world. We recognize and give thanks for the diverse opinions among us and are united as we strive to model a community of faith offering justice, peace, love, and compassion in the name of Christ.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (February 26-March 4)

- Tuesday -10:00 am Women’s Bible Study (library and zoom)  
“Fight Like Jesus: How Jesus Waged Peace Throughout Holy Week”
- Wednesday -6:30 pm Care & Nurture Commission  
-7:00 pm Choir
- Thursday -7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study (zoom only)  
“Fight Like Jesus: How Jesus Waged Peace Throughout Holy Week”
- Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (**only 1 dozen needed**)

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Travis & Charity Cox



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman  
 Next Sunday: Annette & Eldon Chlumsky  
 March 12: Alison, Kloie, Hailey Boese



Prek-1<sup>st</sup>: Room 8/9 downstairs  
 Middle School: Room 7 downstairs – No class today  
 Young adults: Congregational review process  
 Adults: Congregational review process for Vision Council

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-7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee (library)
- Saturday -Reserved event all day

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Guests & visitors last week: Tavian & Cruz Graber; Marlene Habegger

Camp Mennoscah 2023 brochures are available on the mailbox literature table. It includes information for children, youth & adults.

Our church bank is getting very particular with checks written to Hope. Please write out our full name Hope Mennonite (Church can be optional), and if it is for something other than the offering/general fund, please put that information in the memo line and not in the 'pay to the order of' line. Thanks.

The Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) will conduct a congregational survey beginning this Sunday. 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." The groups that will meet today are the Tuesday & Thursday women's Bible study participants. **March 5-** For everyone who hasn't participated yet.

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.

#### Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Western District Conference staff members as they carry out conference ministries to support ministers, provide resources for congregations, and equip church planting partnerships.

...Pray for the Chicago Mennonite Voluntary Service unit: Gayatri Salzer, Stephanie Kniss, Adriana Martinez Diaz de Leon. Their host congregation is Chicago Community Mennonite Church.

...Pray for Christy Harrison & Peter Sensenig and their three children serving in N'Djamena, Chad since 2021. Peter teaches at the Evangelical Theological Seminary and Christy is a nurse midwife at Guinebor Hospital. Their home congregation is Oxford Circle Mennonite, Philadelphia, PA.