



Lent 2

Hope Mennonite Church
March 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

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

When God says, "Go!" without telling us the destination,

Show us, Christ, how to go forward in faith.

When re-birth is the impossible way forward,

**Christ, be our midwife as we accept God's call
to be reborn.**

When we find ourselves in the in-between of
where we've been and where we're going,

Christ, meet us on the way and bless us in the going.

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

**We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out!
Amen.**

*Songs of Gathering

"You Are Holy, You Are Whole"

Voices Together 61

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Voices Together 419

Confession of Sin and Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

Assurance

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal
life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn
the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. **Glory to God. Amen.**

“Here I Am, Lord”

Voices Together 545

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Children’s Story

Ruthie Goering

Message

“Covenant of Land”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

*“Touch the Earth Lightly”

Voices Together 145

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

*“The Lord Lift You Up”

Voices Together 832

* Benediction

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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 & updates on church life.

First Fruits Giving

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

February 26

Attendance-79 (Hope-65; Zoom-14)

Offering last Sunday \$3,000 Year to date - \$33,340

Spending plan year to date - \$45,000

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.

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: Natalie Hand

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: David Schmidt

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

March 12 Lent 3

April 6 Maundy Thursday service 6:30 pm

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 5-11)

Monday -3-9 pm Sanctuary reserved

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible Study (library and zoom)
"Fight Like Jesus: How Jesus Waged Peace Throughout Holy Week"

-7:30-8:45 pm Sanctuary reserved

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (zoom only)
"Fight Like Jesus: How Jesus Waged Peace Throughout Holy Week"

-3:15-8:30 pm Sanctuary reserved

-7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee (library)

Friday -5:15-6:30 pm Sanctuary reserved

Saturday -Reserved event all day

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Greg & Dawn Epp



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: TBD

Next Sunday: Alison, Kloie, Hailey Boese

March 19: Justin & Tiffany Regehr



*Prek-1st: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Young adults: “Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws” led by Pastor Randy. Room 3 downstairs

*Adults: Congregational review process for everyone who hasn’t participated yet.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 12-18)

Monday -2:30-4:30 pm Library reserved

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Saturday -3-7 pm

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New mailbox: Taylor & Kevin Sechrist (Hudson, Riley)

Membership transfer: Adam Voth Unruh to Washington (IA) Mennonite Church, February 12, 2023

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 March 3 issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the literature table. The lead article looks at Mennonite Central Committee’s aid in Ukraine. Pick up your copy (and past copies) today.

Next Sunday, March 12, the Witness and Outreach will host Sunday School. We will be highlighting ministries which are NOT in our budget, but which many of our members support in one way or another. Currently we have individuals who will be representing Kairos Prison Ministry, a school reading program for kids, IRC, ICT Street Ministry, Camp Mennoscah, MDS, cabinet-making in Goessel, Hats by Hawk, mentoring returning citizens, and more. If you are a volunteer for an organization, please see Marcus and he will add your five-minute presentation to the agenda.

The Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) is conducting a congregational survey. Kathy Goering Reid has agreed to continue advising us through this process and will prepare the final report. Kathy is a retired Mennonite pastor living in Waco, Texas. The process used for the review is called, "The Appreciative Way." **Today's session (and last one)**-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.

Check out the article on the bulletin board. Former attendee Denice (Bruce) Bradbury is featured in the March issue of *the active age*.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for the four Western District Conference Commissions as they work to resource congregations, equip ministers and congregational leaders, nurture emerging congregations, and encourage generous giving and stewardship to support WDC's mission.

...Pray for the San Francisco voluntary service unit: Eli Reimer, Anna Lubbers, Cassidy Bush, Rachel Miller. Their host congregation is First Mennonite Church of San Francisco.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Benin Partners: Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission; Benin Bible Institute; United Community of Anabaptist; La Casa Grande, Benin.