



Lent 3

Hope Mennonite Church
March 12, 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.

The way is long, and we are thirsty.

We seek the living waters of Jesus.

We feel the weight of scarcity warring
with hopeful whispers of abundance.

We need the living waters of Jesus.

We wonder if God will provide us with what we
need, *here and now.*

**As God gives us the living waters of Jesus,
so God calls us to quench the thirst
and meet the needs of our neighbors.**

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

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns”

Voices Together 101

“Here in This Place”

Voices Together 10

Confession of Sin and Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

**Patient and ever-faithful God,
we come to you this morning
confessing that we can be a grumpy
and unsatisfied people.**

**When things are not perfect in our eyes,
we murmur and complain, and grumble and doubt.**

**We lose hope in the people around us
and, even worse, we lose hope in you.**

We challenge instead of accept.

**We put you to the test rather than trust your caring love.
Forgive our doubts and complaining.
Forgive our loss of hope.
Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us.
Restore our souls. Amen.**

Assurance

Our hope and assurance
rest in God's unfailing love and forgiveness.
Open your hearts and minds and souls
that the healing waters
of God's never-ending love and forgiveness
may flow into and over you.
Know that in this love and forgiveness
you have encountered the living God.

"You Are All We Have"

Voices Together 701

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Message

"Covenant of Sustenance"

Randy Quinn

Responding to God's Word

***"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

Voices Together 606

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

***"Rain Down"**

Voices Together 703

*** Benediction**

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.

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 & updates on church life.

First Fruits Giving

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

March 5

Attendance-84 (Hope-75; Zoom-9)

Offering last Sunday \$11,510 Year to date - \$44,850

Spending plan year to date - \$50,000

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.

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: Amy Bellar

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Connie Luty

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

March 19 Lent 4

April 6 Maundy Thursday service 6:30 pm

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 12-18)

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

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

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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"

Saturday -3-7 pm Reserved event

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: TBA

Next Sunday: Annette & Eldon Chlumsky

March 26: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman



*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: See announcement below

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 19-25)

Monday -6:30 pm Music Committee

-7:00 pm Worship Commission

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Guests/visitors last Sunday: Adam Anschutz; Shenise, Hadley, Emlyn Weimer

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.

Today, the Witness and Outreach Commission 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.

Witness and Outreach would love to have one or two more people to share in coordinating Family Promise on our hosting weekends. Please see Travis Cox or Marcus Loganbill if you are interested or would like more information.

Hot off the press! Randy Quinn's new book *Voices Overheard Biblical Characters that Speak* has been published. The book provides dramatic portrayals of Biblical characters sharing their experiences in the form of sermons. There are copies available in the pastor's office for \$20.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for interim (our own Randy Quinn) and transitional pastors in Western District Conference, as they accompany congregations navigating change and discerning future pastoral leadership.

...Pray for the Mennonite Voluntary Service unit in Tucson, AZ: Cade Fisher, Andrea Troyer, Michaela Esau, and Jessie Landis. Their host congregation is Shalom Mennonite, Tucson.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Networks' Botswana partners: Bokgoni Sporting Club that works with at-risk youth and young adults in Francistown; Interchurch Bible Program which is an AIC (African Independent Churches) leadership training in the Francistown area.