



Lent 4

Hope Mennonite Church
March 19, 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

North: We are a covenant people, called to God by God,
generation through generation.

South: We are a covenant people, called to Jesus by Jesus,
losing our life to gain our life.

**We are a covenant people, called to church by the church,
weaving together the strong and the weak,
the stranger and the friend.**

North: Renamed.

South: Reborn.

Renewed.

We gather ourselves in the community of believers.

We gather ourselves unto you.

*Songs of Gathering

“What Is This Place”

Voices Together 22

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

Voices Together 56

Confession of Sin and Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

**O faith God, keeper of an everlasting covenant,
we confess that we are faithless people;
again and again we turn away from you.**

**Let to ourselves, we would gain the whole world
and lose our souls.**

Forgive our sin.

Silent intercession

Assurance

Restore us in mercy, O God;
teach us to be faithful and true, to love you above all else
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Time

Ruthie Goering

Scripture reading

I Samuel 16:1-13

Message

“Covenant of Leadership”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

Precious Lord, Take My Hand” arr. Roy Ringwald

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

Sending

*“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Voices Together 846

* 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.

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.*

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 12

Attendance-68 (Hope-54; Zoom-14)

Offering last Sunday \$3,147 Year to date - \$47,997

Spending plan year to date - \$55,000

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.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Connie Luty
Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill
Song leader & Choir director: Trae Gehring
Scripture reader: Vicki Howard
Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton
Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

March 26 Lent 5
April 2 Palm Sunday
April 6 Maundy Thursday service 6:30 pm

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 19-25)

Monday -6:30 pm Music Committee
-7:00 pm Worship Commission
Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible Study (library and zoom)
"Fight Like Jesus: How Jesus Waged Peace
Throughout Holy Week"
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"

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Annette & Eldon Chlumsky
Next Sunday: Tiffany & Justin Regehr
April 2: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky



*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: Dominican Republic medical mission trip – Jared Regehr, Lowell & Dianne Birkey

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

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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.

During adult Sunday school today, Jared Regehr and Dianne and Lowell Birkey will be sharing about their latest medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Others who participated in these service opportunities may also be present to share from their perspectives. Please consider staying to learn more about how our Hope members are sharing the love of Christ to people in need around the world, and how you might also participate in these ministries.

Thank you to all who shared last Sunday, highlighting the many ministries supported by Hope members. If you would like more information about these ministries please see: Kaci Wilson (Hats by Hawks), ICT Street Team (Lowell Birkey), International Rescue Committee (Dianne Birkey), Camp Mennoscah (Mike Voth and many others who regularly volunteer), Read to Succeed (Lowell Birkey), Mennonite Disaster Service (Karin Koch), Ana Mendonca (Kairos Prison Ministry), Youth Horizons (Randy Pinkerton), and The Treehouse (Laurie Regehr). There are more handouts on the literature table, with descriptions and websites for each of these ministries.

Women - if you are interested in making a difference in the lives of marginalized people, specifically those impacted by incarceration, the next Kairos Outside weekend event is scheduled for March 24-26. Please contact Ana Lucia Mendonca-Zarling for details on how you can become involved. Information on Kairos Prison Ministries is on the literature table.

Everyone is welcome to attend our Maundy Thursday service on April 6, 6:30 pm. Look for more information next week.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for wisdom for the Western District Conference Gifts Discernment Committee as they seek suggestions and God's guidance for nominations for elected leadership roles in WDC.

...Pray for the Service Adventure team serving in Albuquerque, NM: Rylee Weishaupt, Ronja Loritz, Barry & Erika Kreider, August Barret-Fox. Their host congregation is Albuquerque Mennonite Church.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Burkina Faso partners: Burkina Faso Partnership Council; Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso; Mennonite Mission.

Choir Texts

"Set me as a Seal"

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night,
through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light.

I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land,
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring Thy child home at last,
where the strife and the pain all are past:

I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land:

Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, take Thy child unto Thee,
with my dream of a world that is free.

For that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned.

Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.