



*Lent 5*

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Hope Mennonite Church  
March 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

Faithful God, we come to you with our deep despair—  
confident that, here and now, you really are present.

**Listening God, we gather together to worship you today!**

Accessible God, although we have no right to come—  
yet we still come to you seeking your supportive help.

**Helping God, we gather together to be forgiven by you.**

Covenantal God, our complete hope and trust is in you—  
from the depths of our misery, we wait and hope in you.

**Nurturing God, from the depths we gather together to be  
healed, blessed and liberated by you of all that separates  
us from the presence, worship and praise of our Holy God.  
Amen.**

\*Songs of Gathering

“Holy Spirit, Come with Power”

Voices Together 57

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Voices Together 182

Confession of Sin and Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (From Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

**Lord, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading!**

If you, O LORD, if you took our faults and wrong actions into  
account,

Lord, who could stand before you?

**But in you there is a deep well of forgiveness,  
so that you may be held in holy awe.**

I wait for you, O LORD, I wait with deep longing,  
and in your word I stand, waiting in hope.

**My deep longing for the Lord  
is more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who wait for an end to the night.**

Assurance of Pardon (from Psalm 130)

Our hope in you, O LORD!

For with you there is steadfast love,  
and great power to save.

**It is the LORD God who will save us  
from all our wrongdoing. Thanks be to God.**

Hearing God's Word
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\*Spirit of the Living God" Voices Together 740

Children's Time Connie Luty

Scripture reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

Message "Covenant of Life" Randy Quinn

Responding to God's Word
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\* Be Still and Know" Voices Together 37

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
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\*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Voices Together 831

\* 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](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.

March 19

Attendance-99 (Hope-85; Zoom-14)

Offering last Sunday \$3,895 Year to date - \$51,892

Spending plan year to date - \$60,000

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: Connie Luty  
Pianist: Laurie Regehr  
Song leader: Galen Fast  
Scripture reader: Joanna Pinkerton  
Worship tech & Zoom host: Michelle Jantz

### Upcoming Worship Services

April 2 Palm Sunday – John Martin  
April 6 Maundy Thursday service 6:30 pm  
April 9 Easter Sunday & Feast – Shana Green

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 26-April 1)

Sunday -Noon Pastoral Congregation Relations Committee  
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"  
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday



Mower this week: Jerold Heide

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Galen & Cindy Fast



### NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Tiffany & Justin Regehr  
Next Sunday: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky  
April 9: Jordon & Emily Regehr



\*Prek-1<sup>st</sup>: 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: DART – see announcement

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Guests and visitors last week: Braelynn Turner; Marcia Weaver; Lois, Dellis & Sharon Birkey; Stephanie, Jay, Tyler Gehring; Janelle & Craig Miller; Rita Schmidt; Natalie Graber; Derek, Makayla, Alyssa, Lauren Klingenberg

My Coins Count – After three Sundays, we have collected \$156 in coins (and bills) for the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale. Last year, we collected \$596. We have two more Sundays to go.

Adult Sunday School We are pleased to host Louis Goseland, director of the Wichita chapter of D.A.R.T. – Direct Action and Research Training Center. DART's mission is to engage congregations in doing justice. They train and empower leaders and professional organizers to take direct action on problems facing their communities. Their efforts throughout the nation have resulted in restoring the dignity and respect of marginalized people.

Pastor Randy will be on vacation March 29-April 11. He'll be back in the office on April 12. Please contact your deacon or the church office for any pastoral needs. On Palm Sunday, Pastor Randy has invited a colleague of his to preach. John Martin is United Methodist pastor who retired in 2020, was part of a clergy support group with Randy before they both retired. Two of the churches John served in Wichita include West Heights UMC and College Hill UMC. On Easter Sunday, Shana Chivon Green will be bringing the message. Her bio is in the April newsletter.

Everyone is invited to attend our Maundy Thursday service on April 6, 6:30 pm. There will be a light meal so please bring some sandwiches to share. Fruit and drink will be provided. In order for the Worship Commission to prepare, we ask that you sign-up through the church office, no later than Monday, April 3.

We will join together for an Easter Feast following our service on April 9. Please bring Easter breads to share.

The Central Kansas Master Chorale will perform today, March 26th, at 3pm. The concert will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson. Members of the CKMC include Kendrick Weaver (former Hope choir director), Madison Hofer-Holdeman, Nate Kroeker, and Joel Garber (former Hope choir director), among others.

Thank you notes received from: Family Promise, \$2,500 and Camp Mennoscah, \$3,000. Both expressed appreciation for our support of their organizations.

The March 24 issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front literature (along with past issues). The theme for these issues is womanist theology and Anabaptism in conjunction with Women's History Month.

HELP: Witness and Outreach would love to have one or two more people to share in coordinating Family Promise during our hosting weeks. Contact Travis Cox or Marcus Loganbill if interested.

### Prayers for the wider church

...Like Paul in the book of Romans, we ask for your prayers for believers who share the good news of Jesus with their neighbors, for the volunteers and pastors who lead our congregations, and for the planters of the Gospel seed. -WDC Church Planting Commission

...Pray for the Service Adventure unit in Colorado Springs: Micah Wenger, Travis Clarke, Shelby Clarke, Neeltje Sandersfeld, Malia Bauman. Their host congregation is Beth-El Mennonite.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's partners in Congo: African Inter-Mennonite Mission; Center for the Formation of Peace & Justice; University Center of Missiology; Congo Partnership Council.