



*Palm Sunday*

Hope Mennonite Church  
April 2, 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

Call to Worship

Voices Together 885

\* Songs of Procession

Children's Palm Parade

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Voices Together 313

"Jesus Is Coming"

Voices Together 312

Confession and Assurance

**Holy God, have mercy on us. Our thoughts are not your thoughts, and our ways are not your ways. Today, we recognize the tricky matter of personal power. We confess the times we have used power to exert control over others in unhealthy ways. Forgive us.**

Silence

**Gracious God, thank you for your higher way of power-with and power-for others. Amen.**

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Voices Together 323

Message

"The Parades of Life"

John Martin

Responding to God's Word

\* "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Voices Together 315

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Sending

\*"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

Voices Together 316

\*Benediction

Adapted from Voices Together 1057

Friends, let us go forth today

empowered by the disarming power of Christ.

**We go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the power of love.**

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us on this Palm Sunday in person or on Zoom. The YouTube recording is sent out on Monday. A special welcome to John Martin, United Methodist pastor who retired in 2020, and was part of a clergy support group with Pastor Randy. Two of the churches John served in Wichita include West Heights UMC and College Hill UMC.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Djambe: Eldon Chlumsky

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Lee Schmucker

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Upcoming Worship Services

April 6 Maundy Thursday service 6:30 pm

April 9 Easter Sunday & Feast – Shana Chivon Green

April 16 Preaching text - 1 Peter 1:3-9

### 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 26

Attendance-91 (Hope-73; Zoom-18)

Offering last Sunday \$2,999 Year to date - \$54,891

Spending plan year to date - \$65,000

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 (April 2-8)

- 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 -6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service



Mower this week: Randy Pinkerton

Coffee preparation next Sunday: No coffee scheduled



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky  
Next Sunday: Jordon & Emily Regehr  
April 16: Val & Mike Mayta



\*Prek-1<sup>st</sup>: Room 8/9 downstairs

\*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

\*Young adults: Class resumes on April 16. "Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws" led by Pastor Randy. Room 3 downstairs.

\*Adults: Family Promise - see announcement

**No Sunday School next week. Classes resume April 16.**

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (April 9-15)

- 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"

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Guests and visitors last week: Janice Unruh Davidson & Radford Walker; Chris Davidson; Jacob Schwindt; Camilea Davidson; Andy & Carmen Shelly; Louis Goseland

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.

My Coins Count – After four Sundays, we have collected \$243 in coins (and bills) for the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale. Last year, we collected \$596. Today is our last Sunday. There is a flyer on all things MCC sale on the front literature table. Help yourself.

This morning we welcome Beth Schafers from Family Promise. We are all familiar with Family Promise and our hosting weeks. Beth will be sharing the many other ways in which Family Promise helps marginalized people in our community. She will also present additional opportunities for us reach out and get to know these people and make a true difference in their lives. Please join us for adult Sunday School in the sanctuary.

We have been worshipping in person for well over two years and we are seeing many new faces at our doors each Sunday. It is time for us to consider resurrecting our Hospitality Team. The team is tasked with greeting guests, orienting them to our facility, making them feel at home and introducing them if they wish. They also make sure we have their names recorded, invite them to Sunday School and introduce them to others after the service. Members of the Hospitality Team are "on duty" approximately four Sundays per quarter. If you would consider being on the team or wish to know more about the team, please see Marcus Loganbill.

You are invited to the Maundy Thursday service on April 6, 6:30 pm. After a light supper, we will experience a recreation of Jesus' conversation with his disciples. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend by tomorrow, April 3. Please bring sandwiches to share. Worship Commission will provide cut fruit and drinks.

We will have our traditional Love Feast to conclude our Easter service. You are invited to bring fresh fruit or Easter breads (sweet rolls, muffins, scones or others) to be served at the feast. Please have them in the kitchen before 9:25. Fruit should be washed and cut into individual serving pieces. Breads also should be cut into individual servings. This will allow our kitchen helpers to quickly tray up the food and still have time to participate in worship.

HELP: Witness and Outreach would love to have one or two more people to share in coordinating Family Promise during our hosting weeks. The main need is for someone to coordinate Signup Genius. Contact Travis Cox or Marcus Loganbill if interested.

MCC Sale T-shirt Booth Sign up Once again Hope will be sponsoring the T-Shirt Booth. We are looking for people to help with the booth once again. We will need help with the t-shirt pick up, booth set up, and selling shirts throughout the sale. We will also need some specific help on Saturday afternoon to close down the booth, including taking final inventory, taking leftover shirts to auction, and bringing the booth supplies back to Wichita. You can sign up for shifts via Sign-up Genius at this link: [2023 T-Shirt Booth Signup](#)

This past Sunday, Louis Goseland, director of the Wichita Justice Ministry, and the Direct Action Research Training Center (DART) presented during adult Sunday School. This new affiliate in Wichita has the mission of engaging local congregations to carry on Christ's mission and to do justice. Clergy from over 80 faith groups have already signed on to explore ways in which to address and eradicate systemic injustices in Wichita. A next step is a meeting of lay-people at College Hill Methodist Church on Thursday, April 20 at 6:00 pm. Please pick up a flier on the literature table if you are interested. If you were unable to attend Sunday School, consider listening to the recording, reading the flier, and visiting the website: <https://thedartcenter.org/wichita/>

### Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS, a Western District Conference church that has discerned to end its time as a congregation with a closing service on Easter Sunday, April 9. Give thanks to God for Trinity's faithful witness and ministry over many years.

...Pray for the Service Adventure unit in Jackson, MI: Rachel Musselman, Josia Kaempe, and Anna Millsap. Their host congregation is Open Door Mennonite, Jackson.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Ivory Coast partners: Evangelical Training Center for Communication in Africa