



Easter 3

Hope Mennonite Church

April 23, 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

Grace unto you and peace from God,
who was and who is and who is to come,
**and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the first born of the dead,
ruler above all rulers of the earth.**

In love Jesus Christ suffered death to free us from our sins,
**making all who confess Christ a nation of priests
set aside for God's service.**

To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever!

*Songs of Gathering

"Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"

Voices Together 7

"Jesus Calls Us"

Voices Together 30

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

1 Peter 1:17-25

"Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"

Voices Together 138

Message

"Eyes on the Prize"

Randy Quinn

Responding to God's Word

* "Renew Your Church"

Voices Together 717

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

*"We Praise Thee, O God"

Voices Together 91

*Benediction

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us today in person or on Zoom. The Zoom recording on YouTube is available starting on Monday.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Amy Bellar

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Lowell Birkey

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Upcoming Worship Services

April 30

Preaching text – I Peter 2: 19-25

May 7

Worship service led by Working Men of Christ

Third Sunday of



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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.

April 9

Attendance-94 (Hope-83; Zoom-11)

Offering last Sunday \$4,036 Year to date - \$68,756

Spending plan year to date - \$80,000

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 23-28)

Monday -7:00 pm Worship Commission
Saturday -All day reserved event



Mower this week: Grant Bellar

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Mike & Kim Voth



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Donna Heide, Lori Regier

Next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

May 7: 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: Kathy Reid is sharing the results of our congregational review process. All are invited.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (April 30-May 6)

Sunday -Family Promise begins today

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (we need 18.5 dozen cookies)

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Guests and visitors last week: Daniel and Hannah Mendonca de Araujo; Dorothy Cloud

Children's nook: We are proud to announce that the new mural in the library is now complete. We invite you to take a look and enjoy all that Joanna Pinkerton has painted for us. We encourage you, especially the kids, to pick up a "Can you find it" checklist and see if you can discover all of the animals, reptiles, insects, bird and flowers that are there. Copies of the check list are by the mural. And while you are there, you are encouraged to take a look at what our library has to offer and check something out.

See Marcus Loganbill if you have interest in Hope's Hospitality Team - a great way to share the joy of being a part of our faith community with new faces each Sunday.

Adult Sunday School April 30 & May 7 – You are invited to the two Sunday presentation on “Suffering Church: How theatre can help us learn from those who leave.” This play is the work of Karen Robu, pastor at Plymouth Congregational Church, professor of theatre at Bethel College, and well-known actor in Wichita. The Pew Research Center reported that between 2009-19, the number of Americans identifying as Christian dropped by 12%. “I was curious about the stories behind the numbers,” Robu said, “and began interviewing people as to their reasons for leaving church. The only question I asked was: ‘What is your story in regards to leaving the church?’ People talked and I listened with the promise of no judgment and no evangelism.” Robu collected stories from 56 people. “The stories were varied but most often involved some form of suffering caused by the church,” she said. From this source material, Robu created Suffering Church, in which actors portray the reasons people leave church, often permanently. ***In preparation, check out the latest issue of *Anabaptist World* and the article by Jerrell Williams “To regain trust, the church needs to care about more than itself.” It also ties into the Sunday School sessions from Witness & Outreach. Single sheet copies are also available on the front literature table.

Please consider joining our volunteer group to help get Camp Mennoscah ready for the summer months. We’ll carpool from church at 7:45 am on Saturday, **May 6**. All men and women from Hope are welcome as we join volunteers from Working Men of Christ. See your email for further details.

Sandwich Saturday update Due to some changes to the area around St. John’s Episcopal, the number of people served on Sandwich Saturday has decreased. Beginning in May, we will only make 100-110 lunches to distribute. That also reduces the number of cookies needed from 25 dozen to 21 dozen. Please take a look at the Sandwich Saturday calendar and consider signing up for one of the many months left, as well as cookies. We especially need people/groups to take the summer months. Thanks for being a part of this continued ministry.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus has two singers from Hope this year - Lowell Birkey and Marvin Schmucker. In addition, Nate & Adam Kroeker play trombone in the brass ensemble. Hear them sing **this evening**, at 7:00 PM, Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas. The chorus motto is: "We sing that others may live!" Offerings go to support the relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee.

All Western District Conference women are invited to join a virtual event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission on Tuesday, **April 25**. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director, retreat speaker, and writer, will present on "Holy Host: the Hospitality of God." Join us in person or virtually. Our in-person gathering will be at First Mennonite Church in Newton, Kansas, beginning with a salad potluck at 6 p.m. followed by Jenny joining virtually from Pennsylvania at 6:45 p.m. There is no cost, but please register by **today** by emailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com so you can receive a Zoom link if joining virtually. Please email your RSVP if attending in person and bring a salad to share. For more information, contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for sponsors, mentors, teachers and pastors who minister with youth in Western District Conference congregations.

...Pray for church planting learning and support in the US, Latin America and Africa.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Senegal partners the Evangelical Brotherhood of Senegal and Mission Inter Senegal.