



Easter

Hope Mennonite Church

April 9, 2023

9:30 am Worship

Remembering the Cross

*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.
Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.*

Prelude

Welcome

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. Gilbert M. Martin Choir

Silence

Celebrating the Resurrection

*“Low in the Grave He Lay” Voices Together 333

*Affirmation

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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Alleluia!

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*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” Voices Together 346

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-10

“Lord of the Dance” Sydney Carter/arr. Don Hart Choir

Message “I Will Be a Witness” Shana Chivon Green

Responding to God’s Word

*“The Lord Is Risen Indeed!” Voices Together 357

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

“Then Sings My Soul” Stuart K. Hine/arr. Mary McDonald Choir

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*"Lift Your Glad Voices"

Voices Together 340

*Benediction

First Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his great mercy, God has given to us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*Easter Feast and Hopeful Blues

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us on this Easter Sunday in person or on Zoom. The Zoom recording is available Monday-Thursday. A special welcome to Shana Chivon Green, a licensed and ordained Christian minister, who labors with love at the intersections of ministry, trauma-informed community care, and creating thriving, inclusive, divine spaces.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader & Choir director: Trae Gehring

Scripture reader: Lori Miller

Hopeful Blues: Laurie Regehr, Rod Kremer, Galen Fast, Leon Greaser, Eldon Chlumsky

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Upcoming Worship Services

April 16

Preaching text - 1 Peter 1:3-9

April 23

Preaching text - I Peter 1:17-23



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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 2

Attendance-102 (Hope-84; Zoom-18)

Offering last Sunday \$6,830 Year to date - \$61,721

Spending plan year to date - \$70,000

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 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"



Mower this week: Randy Graber

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Randy & Joanna Pinkerton



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Jordon & Emily Regehr
Next Sunday: Val & Mike Mayta
April 23: Donna Heide, Lori Regier



*Prek-1st: 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 today. Classes resume April 16.

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- Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir
-7:00 pm Vision Council, PCRC, Pastor Search
- Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (zoom only)
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Guests and visitors last week: Braelynn Turner; Connie Schrag; Denise Schuett; Cheree Tilton

Pastor Randy is on vacation. He'll be back in the office this Wednesday, April 12.

My Coins Count – Thanks to everyone who participated in this project. We raised \$598 for the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale and surpassed last year's total by \$2.

We still need volunteer help at the MCC sale for the t-shirt booth. Specifically: Saturday morning 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Saturday afternoon 12:00 - 2:30 pm. Signup at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a4ab2ca5fece9-newtshirt#/> or contact Michelle Jantz.

Next Sunday, Witness and Outreach will host their last Sunday highlighting Hope's ministries. This session will include information on a few other ministries, and evaluate our "Witness and Outreach" at Hope. We would like your feedback on the presentations these past few Sundays. The Witness and Outreach Commission is responsible for over 20% of "expenditures" of our annual budget. We value your input this Sunday regarding those ministries and agencies we support as well as suggestions for the future of missions at Hope Mennonite Church.

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.

We are putting the spring - fall calendar together for help with the Memorial Garden and other beds around the church. Work consists of watering potted plants, weeding, dead-heading, and other gardening chores. Please see Marcus Loganbill if you would be willing to be on our rotation (two weeks at a time). If weeding and digging in the dirt is your therapy, then Hope Gardens have enough to put you in a state of Heavenly Bliss all summer long!

There is additional information about the **April 20** workshop at College Hill United Methodist on "Rethinking Justice". Please pick up a flier and information and consider signing up. For more information, see Marcus Loganbill, Brenda Glanzer Lilliston or visit <https://thedartcenter.org/wichita>.

Two ministry opportunities: Two work projects are being scheduled this spring and you are invited to participate. On Saturday, April 22, Marcus Loganbill will organize grounds/landscaping projects with multiple tasks. On Saturday, May 6, join a Hope and Working Men of Christ group to work at Camp Mennoscah in preparing the facility for the summer camping season. Contact Marcus for further information.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus has two singers from Hope this year - Lowell Birkey and Marvin Schmucker. Hear them sing either Sunday, **April 16**, at 7:00 PM, Richert Auditorium, Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas or Sunday, **April 23**, 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.

Prayers for the wider church

...Give thanks for Western District Conference congregations as they embody the good news of new life in Christ!

...Pray for the SOOP (Service Opportunities with our Partners) participants who serve short term assignments in more than 70 locations in North America, including Puerto Rico. They are flexibly designed for retirees, adults 25+, groups and families.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network partners in Ethiopia, Meserete Kristos Seminary; and Ghana, Good News Theological Seminary and Mennonite Church of Ghana with 27 congregations.

Sharing Praises and Prayers

April 2, 2023

Work of the Church

- * The Mid-Kansas Relief Sale is in two weeks. If you have items for the sale and you aren't able to attend, bring them to church no later than noon on April 14 and let Renetta Gooden know. She'll be happy to transport them.

“Lord of the Dance”

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I dance in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

I dance for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fisherman, for James and John;
they came to me and the dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be;
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on our back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in your if you live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.