



Easter 6

Hope Mennonite Church
May 14, 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

The Miracle of Morning

Amanda Gorman

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

Based on “Hope,” by Victoria Safford

We are called to plant ourselves at the gates of Hope —
not the prudent gates of Optimism, which are somewhat narrower; nor the stalwart, boring gates of Common Sense; nor the strident gates of Self-Righteousness; nor the cheerful, flimsy garden gate of “Everything is gonna be all right.”

But a different, sometimes lonely place,
the place of truth-telling, about our own soul first of all and its condition, the place of resistance and defiance, the piece of ground from which we see the world both as it is and as it could be, as it will be; the place from which we glimpse not only struggle, but joy in the struggle.

And we stand here, beckoning and calling,
telling others what we see:

the gates of Hope and the faithfulness of God.

*Songs of Gathering

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

Voices Together 4

“I Sought the Lord”

Voices Together 161

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

I Peter 3: 13-22

“We Walk by Faith”

Voices Together 588

Message

“Accounting for Hope”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God's Word

* "How Firm a Foundation"

Voices Together 592

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

*"Move In Our Midst"

Voices Together 827

*Benediction

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

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lowell Birkey

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Galen Fast

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

May 21 Preaching text I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Choir finale

May 28 Pentecost



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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.

May 7

Attendance-85 (Hope-67; Zoom-18)

Offering last Sunday \$4,547 Year to date - \$82,092

Spending plan year to date - \$95,000

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 com-*passion* in the name of Christ.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (May 14-20)

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir



Mower this week: Jerold Heide

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Greg & Dawn Epp



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Alison, Kloie, Hailey Boese

Next Sunday: Justin & Tiffany Regher

May 28: Donovan & Laurie 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: Anabaptism at 500 Project. See announcement.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 21-27)

Wednesday -7:00 pm Worship Commission

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Guests and visitors last week: John McIntyre; Eric Bruce; 15 from Working Men of Christ

We are called to enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship at the ringing of the chimes, followed by the prelude which is intended as a time of centering and not simply background music. You are invited to enter into a time of silence and preparation, ending your conversation when the chimes ring, which respects the pianist and those around you.

The May 5 issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front literature table. Read articles about Mennonite Disaster Service; restorative justice and Howard Zehr; green burials and natural cycles of life and death; the closing of Trinity Mennonite in Hillsboro, and much more.

Adult Sunday School, today: THE FIVE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY of Anabaptism in 2025 offers the church a unique opportunity to celebrate and dream. MennoMedia is producing a number of resources to help the church reflect on “looking back as well as dreaming on how to live forward. You are invited to learn more about the **Anabaptism at 500 project** and the vision behind The **Anabaptist Community Bible**. This Sunday School event will include an update on the project and how more than 500 scripture study groups will contribute to this unique study Bible (including the Hope evening women’s book group). Leading this discussion will be Mitch Stutzman, MennoMedia staff, and Lee Schmucker, MennoMedia board chair.

Congregational Meeting on May 21 PCRC (Pastor Congregation Relations Committee) will hold a congregational meeting to process the congregational review and establish our next set of church priorities. We will meet during the Sunday School hour on May 21.

Five years ago, we established the following priorities.

1. Build a Welcoming Statement.
2. Be intentional and proactive about church growth.
3. Establish more small groups.
4. Explore ways to use the rental house for ministry.
5. Use of more music styles during worship.

Lee Schmucker will lead the session based on information gathered from the congregational review. All are invited - please bring your ideas on our future direction. Child care will be provided.

Hope Mennonite will again be supporting Embrace of Wichita. The mission of Embrace is to demonstrate unconditional love and support to women and men facing unexpected pregnancy and crises of sexual health. Pick up an Embrace baby bottle on Mother’s Day (today) in Fellowship Hall. Take it to coworkers, neighbors, small group, family, and fill the bottle with coins or bills. Bring it back on Father’s Day (June 18). Thank you in advance for your participation in this ministry.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Western District Conference congregations seeking creative ways to meet and serve their neighbors.

...Pray for Anabaptist faith communities that they may be inspired in their witness to follow Jesus' call to biblical peacemaking and social justice.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Israel partners; Bethlehem Bible College and SERVE Nazareth which places short term volunteers to work at Nazareth Hospital and Nazareth Village.