



Easter 7

Hope Mennonite Church
May 21, 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 from Sing the Journey 125

God of all kindness, we thank you
for the many ways your love enters our lives.

**You have filled our mouths with laughter
and our tongues with singing.**

Accept our sacrifice of song in your church on earth,
**and grant us a part in the music of your church in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Songs of Gathering

“Come, Thou Fount”

Voices Together 563

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Voices Together 133

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

“For the Beauty of the Earth” John Rutter

Choir

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” arr. Roy Ringwald

Message

“A Solid Anchor”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

* “Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord”

Voices Together 616

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

“Prelude To Peace” Z. Randall Stroope

Choir

“Then Sings My Soul” arr. Mary McDonald

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

"Ain'-A That Good News!" William L. Dawson

Choir

*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: Mike Voth

Pianists: Laurie Regehr & Ruthie Goering

Song leader & choir director: Trae Gehring

Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton

Zoom host: Marvin Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

May 28

Pentecost; Preaching text Acts 2:1-21

June 4

Preaching text 2 Corinthians 13:11-13



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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 14

Attendance-71 (Hope-61; Zoom-10)

Offering last Sunday \$1,997 Year to date - \$84,088

Spending plan year to date - \$100,000

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 21-27)

Wednesday -7:00 pm Worship Commission

Saturday -Reserved event 1-5



Mower this week: Randy Pinkerton

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Memorial weekend – no coffee



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Justin & Tiffany Regher

Next Sunday: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

June 4: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman



*Prek-1st: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Middle School: No class today

*All Adults: Processing the congregation review and discussing a new set of priorities in Hope's future.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 28-June 3)

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need a coordinator)

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Guests and visitors last week: Elbert Holly

Congregational Meeting today 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.

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.

Can you help today? In preparation for the cleaning of all of the carpets, the Stewardship Commission requests your help today. All of the rooms, minus the youth room, need to be cleared. If you are able give a little bit of time following Sunday school, it will be greatly appreciated.

Hope Mennonite – Thank you for your gift to Alzheimer's Association in my dad's memory. Helping toward its research was one of my dad's last wishes, as he looked forward to seeing my mom again, in her new form. Thanks for your thoughtfulness, Blessings, Joan Stambaugh and family.

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 a baby bottle; take it to coworkers, neighbors, small group, family, and fill the bottle with coins or bills, and return it on Father's Day (June 18). Thank you in advance for your participation in this ministry.

Sandwich Saturday – Would you consider gathering a group – family, friends, neighbors, small groups – to coordinate Sandwich Saturday on June 3. We now put together 100-110 sack lunches. We need 12 dozen cookies as well.

Help yourself! If you are interested in canning supplies, pressure cookers, canning lids and more, please take a look at the items available in the kitchen. There are also some lighted angels and some dark red rose bouquets. Take what you want for yourself or someone else. All items leftover will be donated to Et Cetera.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for members of boards, councils, deacons and other leadership teams in Western District Conference congregations, as they offer vision and care for the church.

...Pray for Akiko Aratani & Ray Epp serving in Naganuma, Japan since 2007. They are the directors of Menno Village, an organic farm near Sapporo and hold seminars & trainings in sustainable agriculture and creation care.

Choir Texts

Prelude to Peace

Poem by Sara Teasdale

When I think of you, I am at rest.
My thoughts seek you as waves that seek the shore.
Lover of beauty knight-li-est and best;
When I think of you, I am at rest.

I have remember'd, I have remember'd
Beauty in the night and music in the dark,
Water singing on rocks, in English wood I once heard a lark.

But all remember'd beauty is no more, is no more
Than a vague prelude to the thought of you.

Ain'-a that good news!

I got a crown up in-a Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' to lay down this world;goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross,
Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' to lay down this world;goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross,
Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' to lay down this world;goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross,
Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

I got a Saviour in-a the Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' to lay down this world;goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross,
Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!