

Hope Mennonite Church  
August 27, 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

Bless the Lord, my soul;

**God's love endures forever.**

Bless the Lord, my soul;

**God's mercies are new every morning.**

Bless the Lord, my soul;

**God's faithfulness is unending.**

Bless the Lord, my soul;

**God's name be praised in song.**

Bless the Lord, my soul;

**Who leads us into life!**

\*Songs of Gathering

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#203

"The Love of God"

Connie Luty

#162

Hearing God's Word

A Time for Children

Heidi K Greenwood Doell

Scripture reading

Exodus 1:8-2:10

"Kyrie eleison"

#147

Message

"Twice Blest"

Heidi K Greenwood Doell

Responding to God's Word

\*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

#156

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

Releasing Heidi K Greenwood Doell from summer ministry

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

\*“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

#778

\*Benediction

Postlude

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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: Lori Miller

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

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture Reader: Donna Bradbury

Readers: Lori Miller, Michelle Jantz, Greg Shelly-Unruh

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Barb Voth

Upcoming Worship Services

September 2 Randy Quinn’s first Sunday back

### 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.

August 20

Attendance-100 (Hope-88; Zoom-12)  
Offering last Sunday \$4,929 Year to date - \$148,440  
Spending plan year to date - \$170,000

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 Mennonte 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 (August 27-September 2)

Sunday -6:30 pm Music and Dessert evening  
Tuesday -7:00 pm Vision Council  
Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir  
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday – we need 11 dozen cookies



Mower this week: to be determined

Coffee preparation next Sunday: holiday weekend, no coffee



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

Next Sunday: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

September 10: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 3-9)

Nothing scheduled

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Guests and visitors last week: Jason Hill; Mike & Ann Seybert; Patrick & Connie Haller; Ken, Lynette, Brooklyn Erb; Ron & Velma Fred

Calling all singers...the new choir season begins this Wednesday, August 30 under the direction of Trae Gehring. If you have never sung with the choir, or you have been taking a break, please join us. There are 3 Wednesday rehearsals prior to the one Sunday a month the choir sings. If you can't make every rehearsal, that is just fine; join us when you are able. For more information, contact Cynthia Loganbill, choir liaison.

Please join us for an evening of Music and Dessert on **tonight** 6:30 pm at Hope. Paul Austin & Jennifer Chlumsky (daughter-in-law of Eldon & Annette) of Salina, KS will be performing a variety of entertaining music including vocal, piano & guitar. There will be a freewill offering with proceeds going to Camp Mennoscah. Bring your family & friends.

The PCRC (Pastor//congregation Relations Committee) appreciates the input received so far in the Congregational process for identifying priorities for the next several years.

A new set of flipcharts is posted on the moveable walls in the Fellowship Hall. These flipcharts list the potential priorities identified in the congregational review process. During July and August, please add your personal comments to the list:

- Reflect on Hope MC "Purpose" and "Welcome & Inclusion" statements: how might the congregation continue to live into these commitments?
- Add your ideas about HOW to implement each potential priority and WHY they are important.
- Markers are in a mug on the table.

In September during the Sunday School hour, congregational discernment will continue to refine and prioritize.

Pastor/Congregation Relations Committee - Myron Regier, Bob Stolze, Lee Schmucker

Two exciting women's Bible studies will start this fall. All members, visitors and friends are invited to attend one or both groups. Women of all ages are invited to join in. Find out more below about our **Tuesday** and **Thursday** studies! **The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study begins September 12 at 10:00 am.** We will be meeting concurrently. You have the option of joining us via Zoom or in person in the church library. We will be studying the book, **A Christian View of Hospitality: Expecting Surprises (The Giving Project Series)**, by Michelle Hershberger. This book is an "oldie but a goodie." Please let the church office or Brenda Glanzer Lilliston know if you plan on attending by August 27. Since the book is out-of-print, used books will be purchased and the price will be divided among participants. The cost will not be more than \$10. **The Women's Thursday evening Bible Study will begin meeting on Sept. 14 at 7 pm on Zoom.** We will be studying Beyond Welcome: Centering Immigrants in Our Christian Response to Immigration, by Karen González. Please purchase your own book. Please let the church office or Brenda Glanzer Lilliston know if you plan on attending. More info in the August newsletter.

The August 25 issue of *Anabaptist* is now available on the front literature table. This issue explores Christian nationalism and what does it mean when “parties and politicians continue to draw people in with the illusion that political power can bring God’s will on earth.” Pick up your copy today.

Save the Date! The Women’s & Girls Retreat will be **September 9 & 10** at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. The theme this year is “Women Talking, Listening and Creating.” Come for a time of friendship, fellowship, and storytelling with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Wendy Funk Schrag and others. Watch for registration information on the WDC website, the bulletins, and emails in the coming weeks! Follow us on Facebook: Western District Women in Mission

#### Prayers for the wider church

...Please pray for emerging congregations as the Spirit draws them together to be of one mind and heart to do the will of the Lord. Western District Church Planting Commission

...Shalom Mennonite Fellowship in Tucson, Arizona, welcomes a new household of Mennonite Voluntary Service participants. Pray for this host congregation as they welcome Hannah Nuest, Ally Weaver, Magdalena Wenger and Deborah Yoder. May the participants come with open minds and hearts, ready to learn and serve.

...Praise God for the newly formed China Mennonite Association, which provides resources on how to be the church from an Anabaptist perspective.

Sharing Praises and Prayers  
August 20, 2023

- \* Ruthie Goering requested prayers for her mom. She has been hospitalized with some health concerns but they aren't sure of the causes.
- \* Amy Bellar lifted up her brother as he struggles with his faith journey.
- \* Marcus Loganbill invited us to pray for the people who stole items from our shed.

Work of the Church

- \* The shed was broken into last week and all of the mowers plus numerous other items were taken. Lots of decisions will need to be made following this break-in, especially discerning how to proceed with mowing through the next several months.
- \* Annette Chlumsky thanked Treva Greaser for sharing her favorite song and how that song impacted her life in the last number of years. She asks you to sign up if you plan to attend the music and dessert event next Sunday evening, so she can get a tentative head count for Hope people.
- \* Brenda Glanzer Lilliston invited anyone interested in the DART program to meet in the library following worship for an informational meeting. If you are not able to attend, but are interesting in hearing more, contact Brenda.
- \* Lee Schmucker, PCRC and the congregation will resume our future priorities processing in a few weeks. You are invited to read the information on the charts in the fellowship hall as well as adding your thoughts and ideas.