

Hope Mennonite Church
November 19, 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

Psalm 104 (excerpts)

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

**You set the earth on its foundation,
so that it shall never be shaken.**

You make springs gush forth in the valleys,
giving drink to every wild animal.

**You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use.**

You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.

Oh Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your creatures; they all look to you
to give them their food in due season.

**When you send forth your Spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.**

*Songs of Gathering

“To God Be the Glory”

#84

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven!”

#75

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-10

Time with Children

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

#216

Message “Mixing Metaphors: Gardens and Zoos” Randy Quinn

Responding to God's Word

"Let there Be Peace on Earth" arr. Hawley Ades

Choir

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

*"Here I Am, Lord"

#545

"The Lord Bless You And Keep You" John Rutter

Choir

Benediction

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*Please stand if you are able

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

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader & choir director: Trae Gehring

Scripture Reader: Ruthie Goering

Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

November 26 Adam Voth Unruh, guest speaker

December 3 1st Sunday of Advent

December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent

Children & Youth Christmas Presentation

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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.

November 12

Attendance 83 (Hope-68; Zoom-15)
Offering last Sunday \$4,675 Year to date - \$195,712
Spending plan year to date - \$230,000

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 (November 19-25)

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible study – hospitality
Thur/Friday -Office closed



*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Adults: Inside the Disciples Studio - Travis & Charity Cox

Coffee preparation next Sunday-no coffee due to holiday weekend



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Jordon & Emily Regehr

Next Sunday: Val & Mike Mayta

December 3: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (November 26-December 2)

Tuesday -10:00 am Fellowship Hall Christmas decorating
followed by lunch

Wednesday -5:30 pm Deacons
-7:00 pm Choir

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need 8 dozen cookies)
-1-9:00 pm Reserved event-fellowship hall

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Guests and visitors last Sunday: Jeff Becker; Sharon Stucky

Spending plan update: 2023 spending plan \$260,000; to date, \$195,712; still needed \$64,288 with 7 Sundays left in the year.

The December-February issue of the *Rejoice* devotional is available on the front table. Pick up a copy today – they go fast.

There are note pads available on the front table. If you are interested, please help yourself. Donation optional.

As per our Christmas tradition: You are invited to purchase a poinsettia that will adorn our sanctuary from December 10-through Christmas Eve, at which time you can take it home. The poinsettia can be purchased in memory/honor of, or to celebrate a person/ event. Deadline for purchasing is **December 4**. Contact the church office with your request. Cost is \$10 per poinsettia.

Please look ahead and mark your calendars for Hope's next Family Promise hosting week. We will be hosting families from **December 31 through January 7.**

Story behind the song. One summer evening in 1955, a group of 180 teenagers of all races and religions, meeting at a workshop high in the California mountains locked arms, formed a circle and sang a song of peace. They felt that singing the song, with its simple basic sentiment helped to create a climate for world peace and understanding. This simple thought, *Let There Be Peace on Earth, and Let It Begin with Me*, first born on a mountain top in the voices of youth, continues to travel heart to heart – gathering in people everywhere who wish to become a note in a song of understanding and peace – peace for all mankind.

Operation Holiday 2023 It is time to fill up our Operation Holiday boxes! Operation Holiday is an assistance program through HumanKind Ministries. This is Wichita's largest holiday assistance program and helps those in need by providing coats, food, and toys for the family. Return your donations by noon on **December 3.** Accepted donations include **new or like-new kid's coats (2T-youth 16/18) and winter accessories; new or handmade blankets;** non-perishable foods (soup, proteins, peanut butter, cereal); Bath & Body Works matching body wash and lotion (men & women); monetary gifts for bulk item purchasing. **Highlighted items denote items most in need.** The list can also be found on the boxes.

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas on Saturday, **December 2,** at Goerz House, Bethel College. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. Your home-baked cookies, zwiebacks, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts and poppyseed rolls are always great sellers. This year we are especially asking for homemade candies such as peanut clusters, peanut butter balls, peanut brittle or fudge. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 1, from 1:00-4:00 pm or on Saturday from 9:00-10:00 am. Thank you for your support of Bethel College.

M&M Project Update: We did it, friends! Working together, we have raised more than \$100,000 for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! We've been able to match the generous gift that started this challenge back in the Spring!

So, what's next? That's a good question! One thing is for sure: We don't want to stop the ball now that it is rolling! Camp is still in need of money for maintenance. We need to make sure we have the facilities working well so we can continue to be a place where people of all ages come to renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God. We still need maintenance to do the mission.

Please consider giving to Camp Mennoscah and/or the M&M Project on **Giving Tuesday** - this year on **November 28** - or as part of your end-of-the-year giving. It's not that we aren't thankful for all you've done - but there is a lot to be done at Camp, and we already know that God has touched your heart and called you to be part of Camp's mission. Let's not just finish the M&M Project strong - let's finish the year strong! And who knows? Maybe - just maybe - someone may step up to match what we've contributed over and above our goal. Maybe that someone is someone you know. Maybe that someone is you!

Thank you for being a part of Camp Mennoscah!
75 years - There is still so much ahead!

Prayers for the wider church

... Give thanks for changing seasons, and pray that Western District Conference congregations may discern God's presence and guidance in the midst of the opportunities and challenges that they face

...As the United States celebrates Thanksgiving, remember that many Indigenous people are mourning this holiday, as a stark reminder of 500 years of betrayal, land theft and genocide. Pray that God's spirit will show those celebrating this holiday how to balance gratitude with repentance, lament and openness to repair the harm done.

... Barb Thuma completes her seven-week assignment at La Casa Grande, a children's home in Benin. Pray that the love she shared with the children, through teaching English and working with them on the agricultural program, will bear fruit in the lives of each person she learned to know.

Thirsty? During fellowship time, there is always coffee, tea and juice for the kids. Did you also know there is a large variety of carbonated beverages in the kitchen fridge? Help yourself at a \$1 a can/bottle.