



*Lent 2*

Hope Mennonite Church  
February 25, 2024  
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

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Lenten Welcome Song

“Sign Us with Ashes, Merciful God”

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Reconciling with God and One Another

Prayer of Confession

Trustworthy God, we want to live with faith,  
yet we worry there will not be enough.

We want to believe in your promises, yet we lose hope.

We want to follow you, but sometimes the road is too hard.

**We confess before you, our unbelief, our worry,  
our hopelessness.**

Shape us into a people who will live in faith.

Strengthen us so we can deny ourselves,  
take up your cross, and follow you.

**In your grace, Lord, give us faith to believe that you will  
call into existence the things that do not exist. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Romans 5:6-8

\*Acts of Reconciliation

**You are beloved.**

\*Songs of Praise

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

#401

“God of the Bible”

#420

Hearing God’s Word

Time with Children

Randy Quinn

Scripture reading

Mark 10:32-52

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

#738

Message

“An Invitation to See”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

\*“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

#778

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Invitation Song

“Sign Us with Ashes, Merciful God”

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Celebration of Communion

Communion Invitation Song

“Sign Us with Ashes, Merciful God”

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Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

\*“Thuma Mina (Send Me, Lord)

#834

\*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. This year during Lent, we will follow Mark’s description of the journey Jesus takes toward the cross. We will experience a series of invitations Jesus makes as we learn what it means to follow him. In addition, we will be making connections with Jesus around the table each week. Each celebration of communion will offer a different focus to help us have a richer sense of the meal Jesus shares with us, leading us to Maundy Thursday where we will offer a reminder of the many meals Jesus shared throughout his life. On March 31, we will celebrate our traditional Easter feast, around the table as we celebrate the new life that is ours because of Jesus.

## 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 homes

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.

#### February 18

Attendance-98(Hope 81; zoom 17)

Offering last Sunday \$4,412

Year to date - \$23,773

Spending plan year to date - \$35,000

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.

## Worship Participants

Worship leader: Ron Headings  
Pianist: Laurie Regehr  
Song leaders: Lowell Birkey  
Scripture Reader: Donna Heide  
Worship tech: Michelle Jantz  
Zoom host: Barb Voth

## Upcoming Worship Services

March 3            Lent 3    Preaching text: Mark 12:1-12  
March 10          Lent 4    Preaching text: Mark 12:28-44

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK (February 25-March 2)

Tuesday        -10 am Women's Bible Study – The God Who Sees:  
Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong by  
Karen Gonzalez; led by Brenda Glanzer Lilliston  
-7:00 pm Vision Council  
Wednesday    -7:00 pm Choir  
Thursday       -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study - Grace Can Lead  
Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness by  
Kevin Nye; led by Brenda Glanzer Lilliston(zoom  
only)  
Saturday       -Sandwich Saturday (need 10 dozen)



\*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

\*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

\*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

\*Adult Sunday: Justice is on the move in Sedgwick County!! Please join us during Sunday School in the sanctuary to learn about the local Justice Together organization's current and future actions to help deal with our local mental health and homelessness situation. This includes an update on the research process plus your upcoming opportunities to be part of the people power force to make changes to systemic roadblocks people encounter with both mental illness and homelessness. Plus, donuts will be provided! The class will be led by Brenda Glanzer Lilliston & Wendy Wiens.

Coffee preparation next Sunday-Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 3-9)

Sunday-Sat -Family Promise Hosting week

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible Study - Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness by Kevin Nye; led by Brenda Glanzer Lilliston(zoom only)



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

Next Sunday: Donna Heide & Lily Harder

March 10: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

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Guest & visitors last Sunday- Joseph Benchama & Mariah Tribble

The communion set on the worship center today is usually at home on the buffet in Leslie James' dining room where it reminds her of Hope's unique gift of fostering, nurturing, and encouraging those exploring ministry and service. This set was Hope's gift, acknowledging Leslie's seminary internship in pastoral ministry.

The Care & Nurture Commission is hosting an evening to experience the best olive oil and balsamic vinegar in Wichita! Join them at Viva La Olive (300 N. Mead) on **February 27, 7-8:30 pm**, for a 15-20-minute tutorial followed by tasting. There is limited space so sign up on the bulletin board to reserve your spot. Contact the church office if you are interested in carpooling.

Camp Menoscah is looking for small crews of three or four people to help with various projects. The work changes from day to day, depending on what is completed and which contractor is coming in the next day. If you are interested in a particular task, call ahead to see what is needed. You can call Olivia 620-297-3290

Mid-Kansas Relief Sale  
April 12-13 State Fair grounds, Hutchinson, KS  
“Sowing seeds of hope, sowing seed of love”  
I Corinthians 13:13

- \* Comforter Blitz, March 4-6
- \* My Coins Count: We will be collecting coins (and bills) during our regular offerings beginning March 3.
- \* If you are interested in volunteering, please visit <https://kansas.mccsale.org/volunteer/>
- \* Pie tins and bread bags will be provided for Hope’s donations of pies and zweiback.
- \* Donations of cookbooks, crafts & Quilter’s Corner items can be placed in the basket in fellowship hall.

For further information on any of the above items, talk to Margaret Wiebe, our MCC contact representative.

**Western District Conference Listening Tour:** On Sunday **March 17<sup>th</sup>** during Sunday School, three representatives from Western District Conference, (Kathy Neufeld-Dunn WDC Associate Conference Minister, Mike Peters of Rainbow Mennonite, Kansas City, Wendy Funk Schrag of First Mennonite, Newton), will be visiting our congregation. The purpose of the Listening Tour is to empower the vitality of WDC congregations by hearing their stories, offering ongoing relationship, and supporting their witness and mission. All adults and youth are invited to participate in listening sessions during the Sunday School hour. This will include times of conversation in response to these questions from WDC about our ministries and hopes for the future: 1. Can you talk about a time when you've felt most alive and vibrant as a congregation, or as a participant of the congregation? 2. What is foundational and reassuring about this congregation that has helped in difficult times? 3. What activities or ministries are most important for your congregation now in fully carrying out God's work? 4. What do you hope for the future for your church and what resources from WDC would be helpful for that? Responses from our discussion will be shared back with the congregation, and at the conclusion of the listening process a summary of themes will be compiled by WDC to share with WDC constituency and used to guide ongoing resourcing for congregations in WDC.

## Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for our current church planters and for those that feel called to undertake this ministry. Also, prayer for the developing opportunity to travel to Guatemala to support and encourage our WDC church plant in that location. Prayers for resolve to continue the day-to-day challenges of planting churches.

...The ministries of the Quito Mennonite Church include an after-school program in the *Jardines del Inca* (Inca Gardens) neighborhood. Pray for Alba Silva and Delicia Bravo Aguilar as they help children succeed in school and share the good news of Jesus' love.

...Pray for Urban Expression, a mission agency that re-imagines church to meet the needs of people in European cities who are searching for the abundant life that Jesus gives.