



*Lent 3*

Hope Mennonite Church  
March 3, 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” #304 B  
(congregation-chorus; choir-verses)

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading Mark 12:1-12

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone” #4

Message “An Invitation to Confess” Randy Quinn

Reconciling with God and One Another

Prayer of Confession #901

Words of Assurance

Praise to God who has given us life.

**Blessed be God for the gift of love.**

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

**Blessed be God who sets us free.**

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

**Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.**

\*Acts of Reconciliation

**You are beloved.**

Responding to God’s Word

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” Allen Pote Choir

“Set me as a seal upon your heart” David N. Childs  
(trombone-Chris Strecker)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Invitation Song

“Sign Us with Ashes, Merciful God”

#304 C

Celebration of Communion

Communion Invitation Song

“Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”

#485 verse 5

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

\*“Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”

#485

\*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.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lori Miller

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader & choir director: Trae Gehring

Scripture Reader: Lee Schmucker

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

## 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 25

Attendance-102 (Hope 91; zoom 11)

Offering last Sunday \$1,645

Year to date - \$25,418

Spending plan year to date - \$40,000

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.

## Upcoming Worship Services

March 10	Lent 4 Mark 12:28-44
March 17	Lent 4 Mark 13:1-8, 24-37
March 24	Palm Sunday Mark 11:1-11, 14:3-9
March 28	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Mark 14:22-42
March 31	Easter Sunday Mark 16:1-8s

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 3-9)

Sun-Sunday -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)



\*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

\*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

\*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

\*Adult Sunday: Come and enjoy singing both old and new songs out of "Voices Together." You also won't want to miss the children leading us in several songs at the beginning of the class.

Coffee preparation next Sunday-Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill

### MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 10-16)

No meetings scheduled



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Donna Heide & Lily Harder

Next Sunday: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

March 17: Tyler & Shelby Kaufman

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Guest & visitors last Sunday- Joanna Harader; Joel, Steve & Dallas

The communion set on the worship center today really doesn't have much of a back story beyond calling my name as I looked around the sales room at a pottery store in Newton. I was drawn to its glazing and restrained pops of color. I could see it being used in a worship setting, so it came home with me. Leslie James

The Kidron Bethel Village Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (D.E.I.) Group will host Brad Richards for a special presentation on civil rights at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, **March 7**, in Kidron Hall, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. The presentation is free and open to the public. Richards is Education Manager and Community Outreach Coordinator at The Kansas African American Museum in Wichita. His presentation, "March Toward Civil Rights," correlates with the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther King Junior's historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

**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 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.

Next Sunday, a drama group (8 students) from Northwestern College in Orange City, IA, under the direction of Molly Faber Wiebe (Margaret Wiebe's niece) will be sharing with us during Sunday School. We have been asked to provide lodging on Saturday evening and breakfast before bringing them to church. The Care and Nurture Commission will be providing lunch for them. I have two hosts but need two more. Would you consider opening up your home for 2 students?

Want to visit someone in prison? OVM (Offender/Victim Ministries) has been visiting inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility for 50 years, and we are looking for new volunteers. M-2 is a visitation program for inmates with few outside visits; volunteers are paired with an inmate and visit one evening a month for conversation and encouragement. Apply for M-2 at [www.ovmks.org/m2](http://www.ovmks.org/m2) and mark your calendar for one of the upcoming volunteer trainings: March 18, May 20, or July 15, 12:30-4pm. Contact Kenzie Brister to learn more ([prison@ovmks.org](mailto:prison@ovmks.org) or 316-281-4721).

REMINDER: Spring Cleaning at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) will be held on Saturday, **March 23** from 10 am – 4 p.m. Come for part or all of the time. Women, men, kids, youth groups, Sunday school groups are all invited. If children younger than high school attend, they need to be supervised by their parents (no child care or children's activities will be provided). Projects will include cleaning staff houses, shower houses, cabins, t-shirt inventory, and other jobs. Dress warm, bring a full water bottle, \$5 to cover the cost of lunch (pizza), and the following cleaning supplies if you have them: rakes, long handled brooms for cobweb reaching. Other cleaning supplies will be provided. Register at [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com) by **March 18**. Space is capped at this event to manage the jobs.

### Prayers for the wider church

...Give thanks for those who serve on Western District Conference's four commissions; pray for the commissions as they each meet this week to nurture church planting, sustain healthy ministerial leadership, resource congregations, and guide stewardship of the financial, staff and office resources that support these conference ministries.

...Tomorrow, members of the Central Plains Mennonite Conference are beginning a week-long Just Peace Pilgrimage. Pray for open minds and hearts as they focus on the struggle for civil rights in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, and how Jesus is calling his followers to respond.

... Our Mission Partners, Joseph and Rachel Givens accompany volunteers at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France. Pray for them as they offer shelter and hope to people passing through France on their journeys from Africa and the Middle East to the United Kingdom.

Mid-Kansas Relief Sale April 12-13  
"Sowing seeds of hope, sowing seed of love"

I Corinthians 13:13

State Fair grounds, Hutchinson, KS

- \* Comforter Blitz, March 4-6
- \* My Coins Count: We will be collecting coins (and bills) during our regular offerings during the month of March.
- \* 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 zwieback.
- \* 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.

Sharing Prayers & Praise  
February 25, 2024

Work of the Church

- \* The Dessert Auction raised \$4,010 for our church scholarship fund. Thanks to all who participated in either donating an item and/or purchasing.
- \* The Pastor Search Committee had been conducting interviews for a viable candidate when they withdrew from consideration due to personal reasons. They continue to look a Ministerial Leadership Forms (MIF) and are still open to name suggestions.
- \* Michelle Jantz gave an update on the last Vision Council. Items to highlight: the volunteer survey will soon be available so prayerfully consider how you might serve at Hope; the top ranked priority for Pastor Dave's Memorial is a new playground; reviewed the Memorial Garden policy and guidelines; and next month will revise our bylaws/constitution as per the results of our annual meeting. Questions? Email Michelle at [moderator@hopemennonite.org](mailto:moderator@hopemennonite.org)