



Lent 4

Hope Mennonite Church
March 10, 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

Reconciling with God and One Another

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Give thanks to God, for God is good!

God’s love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story.

God’s love endures forever.

We may make careless choices and lose our way.

God’s love endures forever.

We call out to God when we are in trouble.

God’s love endures forever.

God rescues us from our anxieties and fears.

God’s love endures forever.

God’s word set us free to walk in the newness of life.

God’s love endures forever.

*Acts of Reconciliation

**God loves you, and I love you,
and there's nothing you can do about it**

*Songs of Praise

“How Can I Say”

#388

“Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”

#131

Hearing God's Word

Time with Children

Randy Quinn

Scripture reading

Mark 12:28-44

“Move in Our Midst”

#827

Message

“An Invitation to Love”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God's Word

*“O God, We Read the Holy Law”

#571

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

“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

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

#831

*Benediction

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*Please stand if you are able

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 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.

March 3

Attendance-112 (Hope 96; zoom 16)

Offering last Sunday \$4,987

Year to date - \$30,404

Spending plan year to date - \$45,000

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.

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: Linda Headings
Pianist: Laurie Regehr
Song leader: Treva Greaser
Scripture Reader: Greg Shelly-Unruh
Worship tech: Mike Voth
Zoom host: Barb Voth

Upcoming Worship Services

March 17	Lent 4 Mark 13:1-8, 24-37
March 24	Palm Sunday Mark s11:1-11,14:3-9
March 28	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Mark 14:22-42
March 31	Easter Sunday Mark 16:1-8s

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 10-16)

No meetings scheduled



- *Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs
- *Elementary: Room 2 downstairs
- *Middle School: Room 7 downstairs
- *Adult Sunday: "Stories of Faith" Northwestern College drama group.

Coffee preparation next Sunday- ????



NURSERY (birth through age 4)
Today: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist
Next Sunday: Tyler & Shelby Kaufman
March 24: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 17-23)

Sunday -Noon Congregational meat
Monday -3-9 pm Sanctuary reserved
-7 pm Worship Commission
Tuesday -3-9 pm Sanctuary reserved
Wednesday -5:30 pm Deacons
-7:00 pm Choir
Thursday -3:30-8:30 Sanctuary reserved
Saturday -Reserved event all day

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Guest & visitors last Sunday- Brian Kinney; Maxwell Franklin; Cruz & Tavian Graber; Moe Brown; Chris Strecker; Jodi & Malachi Ihaza; Stephanie & Jay Gehring

The chalice on the worship center today is a rescue. It was discovered on a thrift store shelf, all alone. There was no plate anywhere to be found. The chalice was liberated and given a good home. In time, a plate with a somewhat complimentary glaze was found, creating, once again, a communion set that could be used in worship.

The March issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. Lead articles includes “Jesus’ resurrection and ours,” “Is service dying?,” and “Seeing needs, sharing assets.” Pick up your copy today (and past issues as well).

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 by **March 18**. Space is capped at this event to manage the jobs.

You are invited to our Maundy Thursday service, **March 28**, 6:30 pm. We will begin with a simple meal. Please bring sandwiches to share. Sign up so that the appropriate tables and chairs can be set up.

A huge thank you to all who volunteered for Family Promise this past week. The meals were delicious. The fellowship and care for our guests were greatly appreciated. Hope filled 33 slots with 22 volunteers and Aldersgate filled 39 slots with 18 volunteers and a youth group. The Wesley-Simon Volunteer Award will be displayed at Aldersgate until the next rotation. Our next turn at hosting Family Promise will be **May 28 - June 2**. Sign up will begin on **May 11**.

Western District Conference Listening Tour: On Sunday **March 17th** 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 with us. The purpose of the 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. 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 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 the Holy Spirit's guidance for pastors, worship planners, and musicians in WDC congregations, as they give special attention to shaping the church's journey through the season of Lent and Easter.

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.
- * 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.
- * April 6: Verenike making in Hillsboro; bohne berrogi making in Moundridge.
- * If you are interested in any kind of volunteering, please visit <https://kansas.mccsale.org/volunteer/>

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

Sharing Prayers & Praise
March 3, 2024

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Work of the Church
- * The Care & Nurture Commission will be hosting a congregational meal following Sunday School on March 17. They will serve pulled pork sandwiches and invite you to bring a side and/or dessert.
- * The MCC Center in North Newton is critically low in specific items for their different kits. Please see the list on the bulletin board. Your donations can be placed in the MCC Sale basket.
- * The Worship Commission invites you to our Holy Week services: March 24 Palm Sunday; March 28 Maundy Thursday; and March 31 Easter Sunday.