



*Lent 5*

Hope Mennonite Church  
March 17, 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”

#304B

Reconciling with God and One Another

Prayer of Confession

O God, we gather before you seeking your mercy.

Hear us, we pray.

**We confess that we sin against you.**

O God, wash us, make us clean, create in us a new spirit.

**Stay close to us, restore us to your truth.**

**So that we can all cry out with joy,  
cleansed in your abundant mercy.**

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

\*Acts of Reconciliation

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

\*Songs of Praise

“My Hope Is Built”

#621

“God of Our Strength”

#47

Hearing God’s Word

Time with Children

Randy Quinn

Scripture reading

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

“God Is Here among Us”

#62

Message

“An Invitation to Watch”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

\*“My Soul Cries Out”

#412

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Invitation Song

“Sign Us with Ashes, Merciful God”

#304C

Celebration of Communion

Communion Invitation Song

“Sign Us with Ashes, Merciful God”

#304C

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

\*“O Lord My God/How Great Thou Art”

#436

\*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.

#### March 10

Attendance-84(Hope 77; zoom 7)

Offering last Sunday \$2,971

Year to date - \$33,375

Spending plan year to date - \$50,000

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: Jim Voth  
Pianist: Ruthie Goering  
Song leader: Galen Fast  
Scripture Reader: Connie Luty  
Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton  
Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

## Upcoming Worship Services

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 16:1-8

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 17-23)

Today -Noon Congregational meal  
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 Sanctury reserved  
Saturday -Reserved event all day



\*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs  
\*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs  
\*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs  
\*Adult Sunday: Western District Conference Learning  
Tour led by three representatives with WDC. Come  
and share your stories about Hope.

Coffee preparation next Sunday- Randy & Joanna Pinkerton



NURSERY (birth through age 4)  
Today: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman  
Next Sunday: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman  
March 31: No staffed nursery

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 24-30)

Sunday -Noon Pastor Congregation Relations Committee  
Tuesday -10 am Women's Bible Study-Psalm 27:1-14  
-7:00 pm Vision Council  
Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir  
Thursday -6:30 pm Maundy Thursday meal and service

Guest & visitors last Sunday – Rose Haury; Drama Ministries Ensemble – Molly Wiebe Faber, Marissa Lerass, Raquel Yoder, Emily Espinoza, Ruthie Zimmerman, Mackenna Thurman, Lexi Squier, Lydia Cavanaugh, AJ Zinn, Jess McCubbin

Like the first chalice and plate I shared, this one is quite dear to me. The first was dear because it represents the affirmation of this community. This one is far more ancestral in its dearness. I found it at Glendalough, a beautiful valley in the Wicklow mountains of Ireland and a site of spiritual transformation since the early 7th century. There is a woodland path just at the edge of the valley that leads a couple of miles into the tiny village where there is a working woolen mill. I took the path with the idea of getting a small woolen throw that would slip neatly into my one carry one suitcase. I returned along that path with this chalice and plate. That it survived the trip home intact is nothing short of miraculous. It speaks to me of that dear valley and of ancestors who once called Ireland home. Leslie James

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

We will conclude Easter worship with our traditional Easter feast. You are invited to bring either breads or fruit to share. The bread should be cut; the fruit should be washed and both should be ready to serve.

Women & Girls Save the Date! “Edimental Gardening for Every Growing Space,” featuring Renata Goossen will be sponsored by Western District Women in Mission at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton KS on Friday, **April 19**. The schedule is: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Browse and purchase plants from Renata's Plant Bus. Bring a salad to share for supper to start at 6 p.m. The evening program, 6:30 - 7:30, will feature music by Prairie Highway and Renata speaking on her topic of edimental gardening, plants that are both edible and ornamental. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details about the evening schedule and our other WDWM activities.

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).

### Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for representatives from Western District Conferences traveling to attend Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council meetings this week, as they join with others from across the church to listen, learn and discern together.

... Today, youth from northern Indiana are gathering to hear about service options that Mission Network offers them to grow in their spiritual lives and test career directions. Pray for the youth as they plan for their next steps. Pray also for Eric Frey Martin, as he leads the event and as he makes connections in Mennonite high schools and colleges.

... This week Kathy Howell and Barbara West are beginning a five-week SOOP assignment at Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France. Pray for them as they join Joseph and Rachel Givens (our Mission Partners) and other volunteers in offering shelter and hope to people, who are 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

- \* 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.
- \* Volunteer at Hope’s T-shirt booth; sign up via SignUp Genius.
- \* 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.

