



*Third Sunday  
of  
Easter*

Hope Mennonite Church  
April 14, 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

\*Call to Worship

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

**God will make a way through the wilderness.**

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed

**All people shall see it together.**

The mouth of the Lord has spoken;

**God is preparing to do a new thing.**

Come, let us worship our God,

who is coming into our world in a new way. Amen.

\*Songs of Gathering

“What Is This Place”

#22

“Praise Him, Praise Him”

#100

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-9; Malachi 4:1-6

“God, Be the Love”

#43

Message “Wet Feet: Who’s really with us at the river” Trent Voth

Responding to God’s Word

\*“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

#133

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

\*"We Are People of God's Peace"

#797

\*Benediction

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with this morning in person or on Zoom. A special welcome to Trent Voth who is sharing with us this morning. Trent is in his first year as the Assistant Professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College. He grew up in the Halstead area but he and his wife, Stephanie, and their two sons, Devereaux (De-Ver-Row) and Darien moved back to the area from Ontario, where Trent completed his PhD at the University of Toronto. Trent has a particular interest in The Gospel of Mark, Anabaptist theologies, Vocational discernment, Christian Political Theologies, and Indigenous justice.

#### Worship Participants

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Song leader: Treva Greaser

Scripture Reader: Lowell Birkey

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

#### Upcoming Worship Services

April 21 Preaching text: Acts 17:1-9

April 28 Preaching text: Acts 18:1-4

May 5 Preaching text: I Corinthians 13:1-13sss

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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

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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.

April 7

Attendance-90(Hope 74; zoom 16)

Offering last Sunday \$6,123

Year to date - \$49,509

Spending plan year to date - \$70,000

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 (April 14-20)

Tuesday -10 am Women's Bible Study-Courageous Simplicity:  
Abide in the Simple Abundance of Jesus  
Wednesday -6:00 pm Mexican meal (please sign up)  
-7:00 pm Choir



\*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs  
\*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs  
\*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs  
\*Adult Sunday: The class for the month of April is a study entitled *The Parables – Why do we love stories and how did Jesus know?* Today: The Parables of Matthew; April 21: The Parables of Mark and April 28: The Parables of Luke. We will meet in the sanctuary following worship and led by Jim Voth. All are welcome!

Coffee preparation next Sunday- Chris Bellar



Mower this week: Travis Cox



NURSERY (birth through age 4)  
Today: Val & Mike Mayta  
Next Sunday: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky  
April 28: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (April 21-27)

Monday -7:00 pm Worship Commission  
Tuesday -10 am Women's Bible Study-Courageous Simplicity:  
Abide in the Simple Abundance of Jesus  
-7:00 pm Vision Council via Zoom  
Wednesday -5:30 pm Deacons  
-7:00 pm Choir  
Thursday -6:30 pm "Eating to Promote Mental & Physical  
Health" event

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Guest & visitors last Sunday – Working Men of Christ-12 men;  
Tammy Duvanel Unruh; Jeff Becker; Joselyne Hernandez

Pastor Randy is on vacation until April 16. If you have pastoral concerns, please contact your deacon or the church office.

The Easter quilt in the fellowship hall is being shared with us by Heidi Johnson-Laws during the Easter season.

Thank you to all of you who participated in the "My Coins Count" MCC sale. We collected \$336 for MCC's water projects.

Dear Hope Family ~ Although it is long overdue, we as a family want to express our deepest thanks and appreciation for all your love and support after the passing of our dad and grandad. We felt the love from your thoughts and prayers and written words. Thank you also for the donation to the Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church memorial fund, in honor of Doctor Ralph Bellar. Sincerely, Chris, Amy, Grant, Sabrina and Luke

The April issue of *Anabaptist World* is available. The feature articles address diversity and inclusion. Pick up your copy today.

### **CARE AND NURTURE EVENTS**

You asked for it, so here it is - More social and fellowship time together!! In the spirit of Easter time, we are "resurrecting" a Hope Friends evening, Wednesday, **April 17** at 6:00 pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we can plan for the meal of Mexican delights. Choir, you plan to meet that night, so come early and enjoy the meal. For those not in choir, please come for dinner and stay to visit, bring a craft to work on, or bring a game to engage with someone. We hope to see you there!

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, **April 25** at 6:30 pm. The evening will focus on "Eating to Promote Mental and Physical Health." This evening is open to the congregation and any friends and family you wish to invite. Four of our congregational members will share actions they have taken in modifying their dietary habits to improve their health. It will be educational, positive, and enlightening as we listen to ideas to minister to your health and well-being. Innovative snacks will be served for you to sample with the recipes provided. Be curious and brave! Please sign up for this event. Contact Annette Chlumsky or Treva Greaser if you have any questions.

Discernment and Volunteer Form: Please complete the Discernment and Volunteer Ministry form by **April 15**. Indicating your interest in the work of our congregation will help Vision Council fill positions and engage individuals in areas of interest. Complete the form online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WXM858D> or pick up a paper copy from the literature table and submit to the church office. All members, associate members, and regular attendees, age 12 and above are invited to fill out a form.

You are invited to the **2024 Justice Together Nehemiah Assembly on Thursday, May 9th at 6 pm at Century II Convention Hall located at 225 W. Douglas.** We want to show up with a vast number of individuals so that local officials will take notice. The goal is 2,000. We want to demonstrate that a large group of people is behind the proposals and truly do care about justice for those on the margins. We will seek commitments from local officials to act on our well-researched proposals on homelessness and mental health.

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. followed by the program. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details about the evening schedule and or other WDWM activities.

#### Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Western District Conference ministers gathering this week for a retreat sponsored by the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission.

...Alena Miller and Jake Myers, participants in the Alamosa (Colorado) Mennonite Voluntary Service unit, are preparing to move to new locations next month. Pray for them in this time of transition and for Cindi Boyer, as she continues as a health associate with the Rio Grande Hospital and prepares to apply to physician assistant's school.

...Bekah York accompanies the Colombian Mennonite Church in working for peace. Pray for protection and perseverance for her and all the social and faith leaders who are working for transformation and reconciliation in violent contexts.