



*Fourth Sunday
of
Easter*

Hope Mennonite Church

April 21, 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

Today, overcoming the fear in our lives,

we celebrate the power of God.

Today, overcoming indifference and all hatred in our lives today,

we celebrate the love of Christ.

Today, overcoming the excess and violence in our lives,

we celebrate the transforming presence of the Holy Spirit. For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love and a sound mind. Amen

*Songs of Gathering

“Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing”

#7

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

#421

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:1-9

“Calm Me, Lord”

#680

Message

“Bridge Over Troubled Waters”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

*“Beauty for Brokenness”

#712

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

*"For We Are Strangers No More"

#409

*Benediction

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with this morning in person or on Zoom. The YouTube recording will go out on Monday.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Connie Luty

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture Reader: Donna Bradbury

Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton

Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

Upcoming Worship Services

April 28 Preaching text: Acts 18:1-4

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

May 12 Preaching text: I Corinthians 5:1-26; 51-57

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 home

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.

April 14

Attendance-87(Hope 73; zoom 14)

Offering last Sunday \$3,648

Year to date - \$53,157

Spending plan year to date - \$75s,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 21-27)

Today -Noon reserved event (small group)
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



*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 Mark and April 28: The Parables of Luke. We will meet in the sanctuary following worship and be led by Jim Voth. All are welcome!

Coffee preparation next Sunday- Scott & Connie Luty



Mower this week: Grant Bellar



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

Next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

May 5: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

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Guest & visitors last Sunday –Brian Kinney; Ryan Edward O'Keefe;
Matthew Collins; Trent, Stephanine, Devereaux, Darien Voth

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

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

CARE AND NURTURE EVENTS

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.

Every summer, volunteers assist with watering, weeding and dead-heading, in the Memorial Garden and other beds surrounding the church. Typically, gardeners are on duty for three or four two-week periods from May - September. If you would be interested in helping, please let Marcus know.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for generous financial support for Western District Conference congregations and their ministries, and for the conference as it equips and connects with congregations and ministry leaders across the conference.

...This weekend, Mennonite Voluntary Service participants are beginning a week-long retreat at Amigo Centre in Michigan. Pray for their time of worship, fellowship, renewal and discernment, as they reflect on their time of service and learning and look forward to where God is calling them to next.

...The Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso continues to grow, despite the violence and persecution that Christians in the country encounter. Pray for the 1,000 Mennonites, across 20 congregations, who sacrificially live out Jesus' way of peace.

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.

For those who have joined us in the past or those who asked to be on our list for upcoming meetings, consider joining the Mennonite Public Educators group next week - Thursday, April 25 at 7pm Eastern on Zoom. Simple Ways to Show our Faith - How do we share who we are without overstepping? How do we show our faith in our profession - with students, with co-workers? When do we take the easy way out vs. when do we push to be more progressive? These Zoom meetings are for people who ascribe to a Mennonite faith and currently teach / work in a Public School setting. If that's you, fill out the questions below to let us know you're planning to join! Sign up here and we'll send you a link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIUydO9C52zj7tdvQk8HJCUtZmZxpT6A_KZhWITtajo1dADw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Sharing Prayers & Praise
April 14, 2024

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Work of the Church

- * Looking for a Ministry Meal Coordinator as well as more people willing to be participate in this ministry. This ministry provides food for new parents, those recovering from hospitalizations, dealing with a death and more. If you have ever been the recipient of a meal, you'll know how valuable this ministry is.
- * The preliminary total for this past weekend's MCC Relief Sale is \$510,000. If you want to see the break down by categories, please visit <https://kansas.mccsale.org/> or go to their Facebook page. A special thank you to Michelle and Jason Jantz for coordinating the T-shirt booth.