

Hope Mennonite Church
June 30, 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

“Hope”

We are called to plant ourselves at the gates of Hope —
not the prudent gates of Optimism, which are somewhat narrower; nor the stalwart, boring gates of Common Sense; nor the strident gates of Self-Righteousness; nor the cheerful, flimsy garden gate of “Everything is gonna be all right.”

But a different, sometimes lonely place,
the place of truth-telling, about our own soul first of all and its condition, the place of resistance and defiance, the piece of ground from which we see the world both as it is and as it could be, as it will be; the place from which we glimpse not only struggle, but joy in the struggle.

And we stand here, beckoning and calling,

telling others what we see:

the gates of Hope and the faithfulness of God.

*Songs of Gathering

“Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing”

#7

“Summoned by the God Who Make Us”

#1

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Time

Randy Quinn

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

#156

Message

“No Regrets, No Laments”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God's Word

*"For We Are Strangers No More"

#409

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Release of Pastor

Litany of Release

Insert

Responses to Release

Prayers of God's People

"An Expression of Gratitude" David Schwoebel

Choir

Sending

*"Praise God"

#70

*Benediction

Kathy Neufeld Dunn

Postlude

Hopeful Blues

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*Stand as you are able

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with this morning in person or on Zoom. Today we celebrate Randy Quinn's ministry at Hope and release him to full retirement. The YouTube recording will go out on Monday.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lori Miller

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Trae Gehring

Scripture reader: Jerold Heide

Hopeful Blues: Laurie Regehr, Galen Fast, Rod Kremer, Leon Greaser, Eldon Chlumsky

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Renetta Gooden

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.

June 23

Attendance-75(Hope 65; zoom 10)

Offering \$2,270

Year to date \$102,824

Spending plan year to date \$125,000

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.

Litany of Release

Moderator: In saying goodbye to Pastor Randy, we release him from responsibilities as pastor at Hope Mennonite Church. Will you join me in this release?

Congregation: With God's help, we release Pastor Randy from his responsibilities as our pastor.

Moderator: Now I ask you, Randy, do you release this congregation from its loyalty to you as a pastor? Do you release us from turning to you and depending on you to provide the pastoral ministries we seek?

Pastor: I do, with God's help, release you. I thank you, Hope, for the love and support you have shown me while I ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God and I pray God's blessing on each person's spiritual journey and God's blessing on Hope in its continuing ministry.

Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to retire. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.

Associate Conference Minister: Randy, may God bless you and keep you on the next steps of your journey. May you ultimately return to caring relationships in your home congregation. In retirement, may God continue to allow you to use your spiritual gifts in healthy ways. May God bless and guide this congregation into a hopeful future as it continues kingdom work and seeks new leadership. May God bless and guide each of us in the new relationship that we share now. Amen.

Upcoming Worship Services

July 7 Guest speaker: Michelle Jantz
July 14 Guest speaker: Trent Voth
July 21 Guest speaker: Louise Goseland

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (June 30-July 6)

Today -Extended fellowship time and brunch
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Mike & Kim Voth



Mower this week: Randy Pinkerton



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Ben & Grace Parker Sutter

Next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

July 14: Jordon & Emily Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (July 7-13)

Tuesday -2 pm Deacons

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Heidi K Greenwood Doell & Jon Doell

Now we are desperate! Are you free to help with Sandwich Saturday this coming Saturday. We need a coordinator.

LAST DAY FOR LOST AND FOUND Please check out the items on the lost and found table. You might not even know you lost something. All items not 'found' will be donated after today.

Our annual Western District Conference Assembly will be held **August 2-4** at First Mennonite in Beatrice, NE. The theme is "In Community We Transform"/ "Nos Transformamos en Comunidad." We are entitled to send 9 delegates and the church will cover expenses. If you are interested, please contact the church office.
<https://mennowdc.org/2024-annual-assembly/>.

Opportunities for fellowship for Hope's Women in July. Join us for one or both! The TUESDAY MORNING Women's BIBLE STUDY invites all women to join us on Tuesday, **July 9**, for lunch at noon at Jan Worley's home, 1642 N. Blackstone Ct. Wichita, KS 67235 Jan will provide pulled pork or brisket and something to drink. *Please bring a salad or a dessert.* Please RSVP to Jan Worley by Friday, **July 5**. **** The THURSDAY EVENING Women's GROUP invites all women to join us on Saturday morning, **July 13**, at 9:30 am for brunch at Lee Schmucker's home, 9404 Wyncroft, Wichita, KS 67205. Lee will let us know what to bring closer to the date. Please RSVP to Lee Schmucker by Wednesday, **July 10**.

The MCC Sale Quilter's Corner is looking for donations of quilts, quilt tops, fabric, books, magazines and vintage linens for our next sale-we hope in October. Donations can be dropped off at the MCC Center in North Newton labeled for Quilter's Corner or at Stitches Quilt Shop in McPherson. If you have questions, please contact Ann Yoder Smith at 919-604-3282.

Choir Text – “An Expression of Gratitude”

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.
Always with joy in ev'ry prayer for you.
I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.
In ev'ry prayer with joy.

I thank my God for your fellowship in the gospel
from the very first day 'til now. I thank my God for you.
And I am sure that he, who began a good work in you,
will bring it to completion at the day of Christ.

And this I pray that your love may abound more and more.
Abound in knowledge, in judgement, that you may approve
what is excellent to the glory of God.

That you may be pure and blameless filled with the
fruits of righteousness which comes through Christ Jesus.
distances to share the good news of Jesus' love and transforming
power.