



The world is charged with  
the grandeur of God . . .

Hope Mennonite Church

July 28, 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

“Litany for Creation”

Leader: We give you thanks and praise, O God of creation, for the grandeur of all that you have made, saying

**North: We thank you, God**

Leader: For the healing waters of creation, which brings pleasure and health, purity and life

**North: We thank you, God**

Leader: For the richness of the Good Earth that brings forth fruits and flowers, a pleasure to taste and a joy to behold

**North: We thank you, God**

Leader: For the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the Earth, the gliding fish in the seas, for all creatures great and small with whom we share the precious web of life,

**North: We thank you, God**

Leader: From heedless misuse and dishonoring of the wonders of your hand,

**South: Good Lord, deliver us**

Leader: From squandering resources, abusing our companion species, and polluting the habitat we all share,

**South: Good Lord, deliver us**

Leader: From the folly of imagining ourselves free from the fate of your whole creation

**South: Good Lord, deliver us**

Leader: For the courage and wisdom to confess how little we have cared for your gifts,

**South: Strengthen us, O Spirit**

Leader: For the conviction that you have called us to love and restore the Earth,

**All: Strengthen us, O Spirit**

Leader: For repentance and the determination to begin our stewardship anew.

**All: Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

(St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Medina, Washington)

\*Songs of Gathering

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High”

#81

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

#145

Hearing God’s Word

Genesis 1:20-31

“Day 5 & 6”

Reader’s Theatre

Children’s Story

Kendal Warkentine

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament

“Come, Thou Fount”

#563

Message

“The World She Deserves”

Kendal Warkentine

Responding to God’s Word

\*“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

#182

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

\*“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

#846

\*Benediction

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\*Stand as you are able

## Stay in Touch with Hope

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### Interim Pastor

Sara Dick will begin August 5.

### Secretaries

Cynthia Loganbill	721-8807	<a href="mailto:secretary@hopemennonite.org">secretary@hopemennonite.org</a>
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### Church Office Hours

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.

July 21

Attendance-76(Hope 66; zoom 10)

Offering \$1,380

Year to date \$122,396

Spending plan year to date \$145,000

Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithe.ly**.  
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 this morning in person or on Zoom. Thanks to our own Kendal Warkentine for speaking this morning and coordinating the worship service.

### Worship Participants

Worship leader: Linda Headings

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: David Schmidt

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Barb Voth

### Upcoming Worship Services

August 4      Guest speaker: Steve Pankratz

August 11:    Guest speaker: Ben Parker Sutter

August 18:    Guest speaker: Jill Weaver

### A note on today's scripture text

Today's texts were from a Bible paraphrase and translation that we don't often hear read in worship. I chose The Message paraphrase for the Old Testament reading because of its unique sense of joy and exhilaration as the 5th and 6th days of creation are presented with enthusiasm and directness. I selected The First Nations Version of today's New Testament text because in its somewhat simple and direct language, I could sense a reverence and peace in the words that I didn't find in other translations. For those of you not familiar with the First Nations Version, this is a translation of the New Testament created by widely scattered representatives from various Native American groups who came together to put the New Testament into language, rhythm and idioms that would resonate more fully with Native American groups and reflect Native culture. For more information about this translation there was an article highlighting the development of this translation in the June issue of Anabaptist World. I look forward to the publication of the Psalms & Proverbs in The First Nations Version slated to be published by IVP in late Spring/Summer 2025.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (July 28-August 3)

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday: need 3 dozen cookies

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Jerold Heide



Mower this week: Jim Blakely



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

Next Sunday: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman

August 11: Donna Heide & Lily Harder

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 4-10)

No meetings scheduled

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Lois Birkey; Carrie Moser

Kendal Warkentine will be Hope's delegate to the annual Western District Conference assembly August 2-4 in Beatrice, NE.

The Discipleship Commission is organizing a pre-order (20% discount) through Hope for people interested in in the Anabaptist Community Bible which will be available in 2025. Please sign up on the bulletin board and also indicate the cover style you want. You may also contact the church office to place your order The deadline is **July 28**.

We are happy to announce Hope's Mini-Bible School will be held Saturday, **August 17**, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm, and Sunday **August 18**, 12:00-3:00 pm preceded by a congregational lunch. Participation for ages 3-8 and will include story time & Bible verses, service projects, music, crafts, snacks, recreation. We will plan for approximately 15 children and invite other grandparents to help with the activities. Cost- \$5 per child on Saturday. The following Sunday the children will share what they learned. Please register with the church office. We anticipate great fun & blessings with the children as they learn about Serving God and Serving Others. Laurie Regehr, Connie Luty, Shirlyn Graber, Annette Chlumsky

On Saturday, **August 3rd**, at 3:00 PM at Faith Mennonite Church (Newton, KS) we will be holding our annual Camp Mennoscah Sing event. All are welcome to join us to sing camp songs led by the Summer Staff, enjoy a recap of the summer, and hear testimony to the great work camp is doing. There will be a donation raffle for baked goods, camp merch, and more! Following the singing we will have popcorn and generic pop together! See you there!

The Family Promise Gala is **October 10th**, but "early-bird" tickets go on sale beginning Monday, **July 15**. Last year we had a sizable group from Hope Mennonite. It is a fun evening to help raise money for Family Promise. Consider signing up to enjoy a delicious catered meal, great fellowship, bidding on numerous sponsor baskets or artwork, and the auction. Beginning on July 15, tickets will be \$100 each for a limited time after which the price increases to \$125. See Marcus Loganbill for more information or to sign up for the event.

Colorado Peaches are coming! The Palisade peaches on the Western Slope are looking to be a good crop once again. Peaches will be available to order from **July 1-31**. Orders can be made by contacting the MCC Central States Office at [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org) or calling 316-283-2720. Two sizes are available: **9 lbs. for \$30 and 18 lbs. for \$41**. Payment for peaches in the form of cash or checks is **due by August 1** to MCC. **Checks should be made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church** with "peaches" in the memo line. Peaches will be available for pickup from the MCC Office, 121 East 30<sup>th</sup>, North Newton, on Monday, August 19 (**tentative date**). This is a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale held in Castle Rock, Colorado, October 18-19. See Witness & Outreach bulletin board for information as well.

Women & Girls! Western District Women in Mission invites you to our annual retreat **September 7-8** at Camp Mennoscah! Bring a friend! Theme: Peaceful Practices with Kristine Regehr as our keynote speaker. Girls' Programming for 5th grade - high school with Janna Duerksen. Find a brochure and registration form at <https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/register>. Deadline is August 30. Come early at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning to tie Camp Mennoscah t-shirt comforters! They will also be available to tie throughout retreat. We hope to get 6 comforters tied and give them to Camp to sell as fundraisers.