

Hope Mennonite Church
August 18, 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

Words for Worship 2

L: Maker of the universe, and of the hairs of our heads,
our beginning and our end, you come to us in Jesus Christ
and you fill everything with your Spirit.

N: We come because we need you.

S: We come because we love you as much as we are able.

**All: We come because we choose to trust you to lead us
on our life journey.**

N: Challenge and correct us.

S: Heal and encourage us.

**All: Help us to believe your welcome and accept your call
on our lives.**

N: Teach us.

S: Guide us.

**All: Renew us and refresh us. May our faithfulness mature
in some small way during this hour of worship. AMEN.**

*Songs of Gathering

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

#126

“Could It Be That God is Singing”

#42

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:10-17

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

#156

Message

“Ever Evolving Faith”

Jill Schmidt Weaver

Responding to God's Word

*"New Earth, Heavens New"

#377

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Installation of Sara Dick, interim pastor

Kathy Neufeld Dunn

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

*"Heart with Loving Heart United"

#813

*Benediction

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*Stand as you are able

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom. A special welcome to our guest speaker today, Jill Schmidt Weaver. Jill is the chaplain of Independent Living at Schowalter Villa in Hesston. She has worked there for 7 years. She and her husband Rick live in North Newton. Jill took courses through the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Great Plains Extension, and has a certificate in Spiritual Direction from Souljourners, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters in Atchison, KS. Rick and Jill have two adult children: Kendrick, who lives in Seattle, WA, and Ally, who lives in Tucson, AZ. In her free time, Jill loves traveling with Rick, reading, being in nature, and tending to her many house plants.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Natalie Hand

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Jim Voth

Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton

Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
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.

August 11

Attendance-81 (Hope 69; zoom 12)

Offering \$5,474

Year to date \$134,728

Spending plan year to date \$160,000

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.

Upcoming Worship Services

August 25: Sara Dick's first Sunday in the pulpit

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (August 18-24)

Today -Congregational lunch following worship
-Noon – 3 Vacation Bible School

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Mike & Kim Voth



Mower this week: Randy Pinkerton



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Donna Heide, Lily Harder

Next Sunday: Lori Regier, Amy Bellar

September 1: Val & Mike Mayta

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 25-31)

Sunday -Family Promise hosting week begins

Monday -7:00 pm Music Committee

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Rita Gritmacker; Nancy Parker; Mike & Ann Fetters

The August issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. This issue features interfaith experiences and relationships. Pick up your copy today.

The fall issue (September-November) of the devotional *Rejoice!* is available on the front table. Pick your copy today.

To celebrate the installation of our new interim pastor, Sara Dick, and in coordination with Bible school weekend, there will be lunch for the Hope congregation following worship this morning. All are invited to stay.

The Sign-up Genius for Family Promise is active. Sign up for your slots. Our week is August 25-September 1. Let's keep the Wesley-Simons Aware Plaque at Hope for another cycle.

The new choir year begins on August 28. There are 3 rehearsals a month and the choir sings one Sunday a month. Trae Gehring is back as our director. Come when you are able and we invite all interested to join. If you have questions, talk to Cynthia Loganbill.

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.

Prayers for the Wider Church:

...Give thanks for Western District Conference church communities observing the 150th anniversary of Mennonites coming to Kansas and Nebraska. Pray for God's wisdom, both as we celebrate the gifts of the past and as we pursue paths for healing the harm and injustice that is also part of our story as Mennonites.

...The SOOP program is in need of a host or hosting couple for Phoenix, Arizona, January-March 2025. Pray that people with gifts in coordination and house maintenance will respond to this opportunity to share God's love in tangible ways.

...Pray for the faithful witness of the 37 Portuguese-speaking congregations of the Brazil Mennonite Church. May God empower the church, as its members share the good news of Jesus' love.

Installation of Interim Pastor Sara Dick

Conference Minister opening

Moderator: We are the Body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We worship, nurture faith, care for one another, welcome and serve others, and proclaim God's good news in the world. We call pastors to guide us in becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus who become the hands and feet of Christ in the world. We are grateful that Sara has heard the call to serve in an interim pastor role during this transitional time.

Conference Minister: Sara, seeing that the grace of God has called you into pastoral leadership in this church, I now ask you: Do

you promise, to the best of your ability, to carry out your role and responsibilities as the Interim Pastor of Hope Mennonite Church?

Sara: I do.

Conference Minister: Will you seek to be faithful in prayer, in setting forth the scriptures and in seeking the good of this congregation? And will you seek to live honestly, openly and justly with your siblings in Christ in this congregation?

Sara: I will.

Conference Minister: Will you exercise the authority that has been entrusted to you in the loving spirit of Christ; and will you build up and equip members and seekers for a deeper walk with Jesus, a stronger relationship with God, a greater reliance on the Holy Spirit and a deeper love for all people?

Sara: I will.

Conference Minister (to congregation): Followers of Jesus, you have heard the commitments that Sara has made in accepting the call to serve as Interim Pastor here with you. Do you receive her as sent by God to provide pastoral leadership with Hope Mennonite Church during this in-between time, and do you offer your support and prayers for her ministry among you? If so, please respond, "We do."

Congregation: We do.

Sara's response

Conference Minister: Now let us join in a spirit of prayer as we ask God's blessing on Sara. Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, we bless you for the gifts you give and call forth through your Spirit for the sake of the kingdom. Bless the covenant made this day between this pastor and this congregation. Grant Sara a gentle, discerning heart, confidence in your call, strength and joy in the tasks of ministry now set before her. Make us each partners in ministry with her--constant in support, gentle in critique, prayerful in all things. And now, O God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Savior Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make us complete

in everything good, so that we may do your will, working among us that which is pleasing in your sight. Through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.