



*The Season of
Creation*

Hope Mennonite Church
October 6, 2024
9:30 am Worship
To Hope and Act with Creation: Birth

We know that the whole creation has been groaning together, in the pains of childbirth, until this present time. Not only 'them,' as if they were separate, but we ourselves, who have been awakened by Mystery, we, too, groan inwardly as we eagerly await our re-connection as kin within the whole, a full release from our collective bondage to a culture of destruction into a fully restored and embodied web of life. (translation Victoria Loorz)

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

Excerpts from Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,

and plants for people to use,

to bring forth food from the earth,

and wine to gladden the human heart,

oil to make the face shine,

and bread to strengthen the human heart.

You have made the moon to mark the seasons;

the sun knows its time for setting.

You make darkness, and it is night,

when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

The young lions roar for their prey,

seeking their food from God.

When the sun rises, they withdraw

and lie down in their dens.

People go out to their work

and to their labor until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

These all look to you

to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the ground.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD!

*Songs of Gathering

“God of the Bible”

#420

“Morning Has Broken”

#495

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

Sara Dick

Scripture Readings

Luke 6:17-26; Romans 8:22-23

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

#145

Message

“Restored & Embodied”

Sara Dick

Responding to God's Word

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

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Confession and Words of Reassurance

Invitation to All who Seek Christ

Words of Institution

#469

*“Taste and See”

#467

*Communion Outdoors

Sending

*“Praise God (Doxology)”

A: Praise God, the Source of life and birth.
Praise God, the Word who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy Flame.
All glory, honor to God’s name.

B: Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

C: Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
praise her all creatures here below;
praise her above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Mother, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

*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. Hope is joining Christians all over the world in marking the Season of Creation. The series “To Hope and Act with Creation” is a resource developed by the Climate Justice Ministry of Mennonite Church USA. During the series, our call to enter into worship will be our chimes along with bird songs.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Jim Voth

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Greg Shelly-Unruh

Reader’s theatre: Greg Shelly-Unruh, Connie Luty, Margaret Wiebe

Communion servers: Jim & Barb Voth; Leona Adrian, Sara Dick

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

October 13 Guest speaker

October 20 To Act and Hope with Creation: Hope

October 27 10:30 am Worship at Camp Mennoscah

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (October 6-12)

Today -CROP Walk
Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible study
Luke in the Land: Walking with Jesus
Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir
Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study: Jesus takes a side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Annette & Eldon Chlumsky



*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs
*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs
*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs
*Adults in the sanctuary: Peppernut baking

Mower this week: Randy Pinkerton



NURSERY (birth through age 4)
Today: Laurie & Donovan Regehr
Next Sunday: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh
October 20: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (October 13-19)

Tuesday -10:00 am Women's Bible study
Luke in the Land: Walking with Jesus
Wednesday -Care & Nurture meal followed by peppernut baking
Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study: Jesus takes a side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel

Guests & visitors last Sunday: Adam, Carly & Mae Voth Unruh

Justice Together Listening Sessions via Zoom are planned for Thursday, October 17 at 6:00 PM and Saturday, October 19 at 9:00 AM. These will be “condensed” versions of earlier listening sessions. Because the information given at these sessions has already been shared in September's bulletins and newsletters, the team feels our time is better spent sharing our stories and concerns. These Listening Sessions help build our Hope Justice Together Network and is each person's way to have “a say” in Justice

Together's focus for the coming year. A Zoom link for each session will be sent out early that week. If you'd rather be contacted for your input via text or email, please let Brenda Lilliston, Grace Parker Sutter or Wendy Wiens know.

Join Us For The 2024 Hope Mennonite Church Retreat - Set your calendars for Sunday, **October 27!** The retreat will look different this year since Camp Mennoscah is undergoing some renovations of the Retreat Center. This year the retreat is scheduled for only one day, Sunday. We will have access to the main kitchen, dining hall, and the Buffalo Room, a comfortable visiting area adjacent to the dining hall. Sunday will include a worship service at **10:30**, followed by lunch, fellowship, games, and weather permitting, a healthy dose of time outdoors in nature. This is a wonderful way to support Camp Mennoscah, its vision and focus. Our young children also become familiar with the camp facility so they will become comfortable with the thought of perhaps attending summer camp in their future. If you plan to stay for the afternoon's activities, you might bring a snack to share. Tickets are now available! The first 100 people will be admitted free!! That means no camp day fee or charge for the meal. What a deal! We are challenging the congregation to make this the best attended Retreat ever!!
~Care and Nurture

The October issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. This is the annual books issue. Other articles address Christian nationalism, questions about the Bible, and how faith shapes art.

Prayers for the Wider Church:

... Pray for the ongoing Western District Conference Listening Process. Give thanks for facilitation teams and congregations as they share stories, current ministry priorities, and hopes for the future to help shape congregational resourcing and connection.

...Schyler Entz, Zing Bawi Ken, Hannah Lehman and Patrick Webb are participants in the Tucson (Arizona) Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they extend the ministries of their host congregation, Shalom Mennonite Fellowship; bond as a household; and settle into their work assignments.

...For many religious traditions, today is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis inspires those who feel God's call to protect

Creation. Pray that we may be faithful caretakers of the Earth that God entrusted to us.

Sharing Prayers & Praise

September 29, 2024

Work of the Church

- * Lee Schmucker appreciated the sermon this morning. It ties into the book study that the Thursday evening women's Bible study is doing. What is God asking us to do during this divisive time. She recommends reading – Jesus takes a side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel.
- * Craft Bazaar T-shirts are available to order. \$16 or \$20 for a long sleeved one. Place your order on the bulletin board.
- * Kim Voth is taking pictures for our new picture directory. Update your last directory photo, or take your first one!

Craft Bazaar & Peppernut Sale

Our annual event will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at church. And, as always, we need your help! There will be lots of ways to get involved – baking for the bake sale, helping bake peppernuts, browning meat/onions for bierocks, grilling sausage, working in the kitchen the day of, helping at the kids' booth, and of course, prayer for the event to bring honor to God and assistance to those in need beyond our walls. Here are key dates with basic information. PLEASE feel free to talk with any committee member if you have questions or need more information.

- Sunday, October 6,13,20, November 3–peppernut baking during Sunday School
- October 16 – Care & Nurture meal followed by peppernut baking
- Sunday, October 20, November 3 – sign up to work on the 9th
- Friday, November 8 – Bring donated baked goods to church between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. (or bring them Saturday morning)
- Saturday, November 9 – Bring your friends and families and come have breakfast and/or lunch and enjoy the day – and enjoy A Cuppa Hope coffee!
- Sunday, November 10– Celebration Lunch at church – everyone is invited!

Fall Festival Committee: Leona Adrian, Katie Chlumsky, Renetta Gooden, Shelby Kaufman, Connie Luty, Emily Regehr, Laurie Regehr, Tiffany Regehr

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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick **This week:** Tuesday & Thursday 9 am – 4 pm

Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9 -1:30 pm

Kim Friday 9-1 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.

September 29

Attendance 76 (Hope 72; zoom 4)

Offering \$440

Year to date \$154,407

Spending plan year to date \$195,000

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.