



Trees of Living Water (Psalm 1)

MATTHEW REGIER

Hope Mennonite Church
February 2, 2025
9:30 am Worship
Renewal through Trust & Yieldedness

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

based on Proverbs 3:5–8

Gathered siblings,
may we learn to trust in the Lord with our whole hearts!

No more will we rely solely on our intelligence.

We will trust in the Lord!

***With wholehearted resolve, we will employ our minds
and our intelligence in the service of the Lord.***

Brothers and sisters,

may we come to know the Lord in all our paths;

for it is the Lord who will keep our ways straight.

Trusting the Lord will mean we're not puffed up with our wisdom.

**We will trust in the Lord. We will not be puffed up with our
rightness or wisdom, but in fear and awe of the Lord, we
will turn away from evil.**

***Then our bodies will be healthy, and our bones will be
strengthened. Thanks be to God.***

*Songs of Gathering

"Jesus Calls Us"

#30

"Abide With Me"

#502

Hearing God's Word

Responsive Scripture reading

Jeremiah 17:5–8

The Lord proclaims:

Cursed are those who trust in mere humans,
who depend on human strength
and turn their hearts from the Lord.

**They will be like a desert shrub
that doesn't know when relief comes.**

**They will live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in a barren land where no one survives.**

Happy are those who trust in the Lord,
who rely on the Lord.

**They will be like trees planted by the streams,
whose roots reach down to the water.**

**They won't fear drought when it comes;
their leaves will remain green.**

**They won't be stressed in the time of drought
or fail to bear fruit.**

Time with the Children

Katie Chlumsky

Scripture reading

Matthew 18:1-5

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

#56

Message

"Like This Little Child"

Sara Dick

Responding to God's Word

*"Seed, Scattered and Sown"

#477

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

*"Go Ye Now in Peace/Go, My Friends, in Peace"

#839

*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. We continue with our worship series on the theme of renewal as we commemorate the five hundred years of Anabaptism.



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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Tuesday 9-4 pm; Thursday 9-4 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.

January 26

Attendance 121 (Hope 111 Zoom 10)

Offering last Sunday \$1,380

Year to date \$7,107

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.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lori Miller
Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill
Song leader: Adam Kroeker
Scripture reader: Wendy Wiens
Worship tech: Scott Luty
Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

February 9 Anabaptism at 500 #4
Ruth Harder – pastoral candidate
February 16 Guest speaker – Cleo Koop

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (February 2-8)

Today -Noon Library reserved
Tuesday -1:00 pm Deacons
Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir
Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study: Jesus takes a side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel
Friday/Sat -Ruth Harder candidating weekend

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Eldon & Annette Chlumsky



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Jared & Natalie Regehr
Next Sunday: Jared Regehr, Clinton Chlumsky
February 16: Donna Heide, Lily Harder



*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Adults in the sanctuary: Caring for the Climate: Moving from Anxiety to Action led by Kendal Warkentine. We will be using materials from the Anabaptist Climate Collaborative. The next two Sundays will be focused on what steps we, as individuals, can take to care for ourselves and God's creation.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (February 9-15)

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir
Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study: Jesus takes a side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel

Visitors & guests last Sunday: Debbie Gazaway; Linda Nye; Polly Carlson; Joshua & Marleah Pokorny

Star Words - If you were unable to pick up a Star Word for 2025, they are available on the front table. You are encouraged to pick one up without looking at it first.

The February issue of *Anabaptist World* is available to you on the front table. The series of articles this month inspires hope and action as we see what others are doing and imagine what might be possible with our own hands in our own communities.

The Great Winter Warm-Up is back! Spread warmth around the world this winter by helping MCC reach a goal of 7000 comforters by the end of March. You can sponsor, donate one (or more!) comforters, or attend a comforter event to tie in community with others! If you host an event in your home, church or community please let tinascrag@mcc.org know about it (we've got some small gifts for those who host events!). Check mcc.org/great-winter-warm-up for instructions, coloring pages for kids and more!

Prayers for the Wider Church:

... Pray for Western District Conference congregations supporting immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees, as they seek justice and safety in the face of threat and fear.

...Pray for Emily Keefer and Josh Kennell and their Mennonite Voluntary Service assignments in Alamosa, CO related to restorative justice initiatives and for their host congregation, Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa, as they minister in some of Colorado's most vulnerable communities, addressing food and housing insecurity, immigrant justice, restorative justice, and working for the well-being of the natural environment.

...Tuesday is Rosa Park's birthday. She was an outspoken activist, who fought against racial injustice and is best known for leading the boycott that ended legal segregation on buses. Pray that each of us will have the faith and courage to speak out against injustice, trusting God to guide and sustain us.

Join us **today** at 2pm at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, 1 mile north of Goessel for the annual meeting of the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum. Following a short business meeting Dale Schrag will present a program about the 500th anniversary Anabaptist movement followed by *faspa* including zwieback, cheese, cold cuts and cake. This event is free & open to the public.

Sharing Prayers & Praise
January 26, 2024

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Work of the Church

- * Clinton Chlumsky, our coordinator for the CROP Walk was presented a certificate of participation, a banner and quilt that recognized Hope as the top fundraiser for the 2nd year in a row.
- * Leslie James & Joanna Pinkerton gave a history on our Life of Christ mural which was painted in 2010 in anticipation of Hope's 25th anniversary.
- * Eldon Chlumsky invited the congregation to participate in our annual Dessert Auction on February 9. If you donate a dessert, please bring it in a disposable container by 9 am that morning. All proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund to support our students attending one of our Mennonite colleges/universities.

We are excited to welcome Ruth Harder as a pastor candidate at Hope. She and her husband Jesse will be here next weekend for a candidating weekend. Please see the schedule below. Please note the specific time slots for certain groups as well as opportunities for the entire congregation to participate. The Pastor Search Committee and Vision Council Hope that you can join us.

Friday Feb 7th:

- 4:30 –5:30 pm Meet office staff
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm Pastor Search Committee (welcome to stay for dinner)
- 6:30 – 8:00 pm Dinner with Vision Council (Jesse invited)

Saturday Feb 8th: Open House - specific meeting times with groups

- 8:30 – 9:30 am Worship Commission
- 9:30 - 10:30 am Deacons and PCRC
- 10:30 – 10:45 am Break
- 10:45 – 11:45 am Stewardship and Witness and Outreach
- 11:45 am - 1 pm Lunch break on own
- 1- 2 pm Discipleship and Care & Nurture
- 2- 3 pm Young Adults (provide childcare)
- 3 – 3:45 pm Tour the facility (tour offered by children)
- 3:45– 4 pm Break
- 4 – 6 pm Open Reception Coffee hour With Cuppa Hope (Jesse Invited)

Sunday February 9th

- Ruth will provide a sermon during worship
- Final dessert auction – Cuppa Hope
- Sunday School Hour (virtual option available)
 - Discipleship Studio for Ruth and Jesse

Monday February 10th

- Send any additional or follow up questions to Moderator
- Encourage Small groups to meet
- Absentee ballot distributed – due by 5 pm Friday, February 14th

Sunday February 16th

- Congregational meeting to vote on calling Ruth to ministry