



*The Year of Jubilee* (Leviticus 25:35–38)

SARAH FULLER

Hope Mennonite Church  
March 2, 2025  
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

As we begin worship, let us remind ourselves of how the scriptures call us to work for justice.

This is what the Lord Almighty says to do: Administer true justice, show kindness and mercy to one another.

**Do not oppress the widow, the orphan, the alien, or the poor, and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another. Zechariah 7:9-10**

The Lord loves righteousness and justice,

**the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Psalm 33:5**

The righteous care about justice for the poor,

**but the wicked have no such concern. Proverbs 29:7**

Blessed are those who act justly,

**who do righteousness at all times. Psalm 106:3**

But as for you, return to your God, hold fast to love and justice,

**and we wait continually for our God. Hosea 12:6**

Let justice roll on like a river,

**and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream! Amos 5:24**

\*Songs of Gathering

“Here in This Place”

#10

“God of Grace and God of Glory” (1,3,4)

#716

Hearing God’s Word

Time with the Children

Ruthie Goering

Scripture reading

Nehemiah 5:1-13

“Longing for Light”

#715

Message

“Building Justice Together”

Sara Dick

## Responding to God's Word

- \*"How Can We Be Silent" (1,3,5) #790  
Justice Together Reflections Grace Parker Sutter  
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

## Celebrating Communion

- Invitation to All who Seek Christ  
Words of Institution #469

## Sending

- \*"Christ Has No Body Here but Ours" #568  
\*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. Our service focuses on our engagement and involvement with Justice Together.

## Worship Participants

Worship leader: Natalie Hand  
Pianist: Amy Bellar  
Song leader: Galen Fast  
Scripture reader: Ben Parker Sutter  
Worship tech: Scott Luty  
Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine



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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Tuesday 1-9 pm; Wednesday 1-8

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](http://hopemennonite.org) and “like” Hope Mennonite Church to see pictures & updates on church life.

First Fruits Giving

Giving the first and best of that we are given.

February 23

Attendance 99(Hope 86, Zoom 13)

.Offering last Sunday \$2,395

Year to date \$21,313

Spending Plan year to date \$43,077

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.

## Upcoming Worship Services

March 5	Ash Wednesday service 6:30 pm
March 9	First Sunday of Lent
March 16	Second Sunday of Lent

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 2-8)

Monday	-7:00 pm Music Committee
Tuesday	-1:00 pm Deacons -2:00 pm Women's Bible study: PRONE TO WANDER: A Lenten Journey with Women in the Wilderness by Joanna Harader.
Wednesday	-6:30 pm Ash Wednesday service
Thursday	-7:00 pm Women's Bible study: PRONE TO WANDER: A Lenten Journey with Women in the Wilderness by Joanna Harader.

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill



### NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

Next Sunday: Jordon & Emily Regehr

March 16: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist



\*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

\*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

\*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

\*Adults in the sanctuary: Planning meeting for current and prospective members of Justice Together Network to start thinking & organizing for the 2025 Nehemiah Assembly on May 8.

### MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 9-15)

Sunday	-Noon Congregation lunch <b>-please sign up</b> -Family Promise hosting week begins
Tuesday	-2:00 pm Women's Bible study: PRONE TO WANDER: A Lenten Journey with Women in the Wilderness by Joanna Harader.
Wednesday	-7:00 pm Choir
Thursday	-7:00 pm Women's Bible study: PRONE TO WANDER: A Lenten Journey with Women in the Wilderness by Joanna Harader.

Visitors & guests last Sunday: Mike & Emily Klassen (on zoom)

Do you LOVE Mexican food? Join us for a Tex-Mex Fiesta Lunch next Sunday, **March 9, 2025**, after Sunday School Sponsored by Care and Nurture, just for fun! Main course is provided. You may join in by bringing fruit or dessert. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

If you did not order a Lent devotional(adult and/or children's selection), there are a couple of extra copies on the table between the mailboxes. Help yourself.

If you are a Justice Together Network current or prospective member, we ask that you please plan to attend an organizational meeting during Sunday School time this morning. We will meet in the sanctuary. Justice Together hopes to gather over 1,000 people to be the "voice of the people" at May 8th's Nehemiah Assembly. Recommendations will be presented to various officials about improving the lives of marginalized citizens related to homelessness and affordable housing. We want you to be as prepared as possible so we can encourage as many people from Hope to attend as possible.

We are excited to announce the formation of a special committee to plan and organize the celebration of our church's 40th anniversary, which will take place in October 2025. This milestone is a testament to the faith, dedication, and community spirit that have defined our congregation over the past four decades. The Vision Council is seeking volunteers to join this committee. Your involvement will be crucial in ensuring that our 40th anniversary is a memorable and joyous occasion for all. The committee will be responsible for planning various events, coordinating with different church groups, and creating a celebration that honors our past while looking forward to our future. If you are interested in being a part of this important initiative, please contact Pastor Sara at [pastor@hopemennonite.org](mailto:pastor@hopemennonite.org) or the church office. We look forward to working together to make this anniversary a truly special event. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Hope Mennonite Church.

The March issue of Anabaptist World is available on the front table. The theme for this month is “Welcoming the Stranger” and reminds us that strangers come from near and far and that Christ asks us to make room for each of them.

MennoCon and Delegate Assembly Vision Council is seeking 3 people to serve as a delegate to the Delegate Assembly held during the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Greensboro, NC from July 8 - 12, 2025. The official Delegate Assembly is scheduled for July 11th. The delegate body gathers every two years at the Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention to discuss and vote on resolutions pertaining to the denominational vision, mission, and documents. The delegate body is made up of Executive Board members and representatives from congregations, conferences and constituency groups. The Delegate Assembly is your opportunity to not only speak to the establishment of general policies and the development of programs to carry out those policies, but it is also an opportunity for you to connect with and listen to the various members in our great and diverse denomination. Early bird registration is due by March 31st. Please contact Michelle at [Moderator@hopemennonite.org](mailto:Moderator@hopemennonite.org) if you are interested in serving as a delegate for Hope to this convention and delegate assembly.

#### Prayers for the Wider Church:

... Give thanks for Western District Conference members who traveled this weekend to Goshen, IN, to attend the Hope for the Future event for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) leaders and white allies celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Damascus Road anti-racism process. s

... Tomorrow three Mennonite Voluntary Service participants are traveling to Goshen (Indiana) College, to share their experiences with students throughout the week. Pray that Hannah Lehman and Patrick Webb, from the MVS unit in Tucson, Arizona, and Ana Esperanza Neufeld Weaver, from the San Francisco (California) unit, will inspire students to imagine a future of service.

... On this Ash Wednesday, March 5, we begin a journey of remembering Jesus' Walk toward his death on the cross. Grant us strength and courage, so that our lives bear witness to the true life that grows from the soil of suffering.

Sharing Prayers & Praise  
February 23, 2025

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Work of the Church

- \* We will be hosting Family Promise families March 9-16. The SignUp Genius will go live today at 5 pm. If you do not receive the email link, please contact Marcus Loganbill.