



Loving Your Neighbor (Luke 10:25-27)

DONA PARK

Hope Mennonite Church
March 9, 2025
9:30 am Worship
First Sunday of Lent: *Christ Collides with Our Bias*

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

Christ collides with our bias. Who will follow Christ?

We will follow for sure,

but we will tell you where to bring down your fire.

Jesus says, "Follow me."

We will follow when our calculations are finished.

Christ collides with our leanings.

**For your reign, O God, help us put a hand on your plow
and not look back.**

Guide us as we worship you.

*Songs of Gathering

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

#29

"Renew Your Church"

#717

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

Katie Chlumsky

Confession and words of assurance

Loving and merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you.

We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words,
and actions.

**We have sinned through what we have chosen to do
and what we have chosen to neglect.**

We have not fully accepted your love for us.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We cling to our assumptions

and insist that our point of view is the correct one.

We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us shake free from our biases and assumptions so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen

Now hear these words of assurance: God tells us that we are created in God's image. God created us for relationship with God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break our relationship. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Scripture reading Luke 10:25-42
"Bless the Arms That Comfort" #527
Message "The Good Samaritan" Sara Dick/Eric Buller

Responding to God's Word

*"O God, Our Refuge" #434

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

*"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. Today we enter the season of Lent. The theme this year is "Christ Collides." Each week's texts offer a glimpse into how the contents of Jesus' teachings collides with us and our world.

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

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

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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 that we are given.

March 2

Attendance 99 (Hope 88, Zoom 11)

.Offering last Sunday \$13,472

Year to date \$34,784

Spending Plan year to date \$48,462

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: Kendal Warkentine

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader: Steve Pankratz

Scripture reader: Katie Chlumsky

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

March 16 Second Sunday of Lent:
Christ Collides with Our Condemnation

March 23 Third Sunday of Lent:
Christ Collides with Our Priorities

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 9-15)

Today -Noon Congregation lunch

-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
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Coffee preparation next Sunday – Scott & Connie Luty



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Jordon & Emily Regehr

Next Sunday: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

March 23: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky



*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. This is the last
Sunday in this series.

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Visitors & guests last Sunday: Jami & Ashley McQuilken; Emira Chavira Chaparro; Joel McFadden (zoom)

A special thanks to Leslie James for the worship center and banners. In addition, the artwork on the front of the bulletin is from the new *Anabaptist Community Bible*.

My Coins Count: We have collected \$229 in coins (and paper money) through Sunday, March 2. Our total donation to the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale last year was \$336. Keep it up!

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 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 if you are interested in serving as a delegate for Hope to this convention and delegate assembly.

Prayers for the Wider Church:

... Pray for Western District Conference Commissions meeting this month, as they provide ministries to support congregations and leaders in the conference.

...This month, there are 33 SOOP (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) volunteers serving in Arizona, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi. Pray that they would be filled with joy, as they extend the reach of congregations and non-profit organizations to make life a little better for some of the most vulnerable populations in the United States.

...Caleb and Stephanie Schrock-Hurst are preparing for ministry in Taiwan, where they will renew relationships between the Mennonite Christian Hospital, in Hualien, and North American churches. Pray for them as they learn the Chinese language and finish raising the necessary funding.