



Loving Your Neighbor (Luke 10:25-27)

DONA PARK

Hope Mennonite Church

March 23, 2025

9:30 am Worship

Third Sunday of Lent: *Christ Collides with Our Priorities*

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

One: As we worship, Christ collides with our priorities.

**North: We gather and pause
from the important busyness of our lives.**

One: Jesus reveals the depth of God's purposes.

South: Help us come to our senses by your Spirit.

**All: For your reign, O God,
help us celebrate being found as we worship you.**

*Songs of Gathering

"God Is Here Among Us"

#62

"Far, Far Away/I Will Arise"

#300

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

Ruthie Goering

Confession and words of assurance

**All: Loving and merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you.**

One: We have not loved you

with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

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

One: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**South: We prioritize the wrong things
and the wrong people.**

**All: We repent before each other and before you, our
loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love.**

Help us bring our priorities in line with yours 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 15:1-32
"Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God"	#653
Message	"We Have To Celebrate" Jim Voth

Responding to God's Word

*"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #347

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. Our Lenten 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. Thanks to Jim for sharing with us this morning.

Upcoming Worship Services

March 30	Fourth Sunday of Lent: Christ Collides with Our Selfishness
April 6	Fifth Sunday of Lent: Christ Collides with Our Blinders

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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: on vacation

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 that we are given.

March 16

Attendance 99 (Hope 93, Zoom 16)

Offering last Sunday \$1,658

Year to date \$39,775

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$59,231

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: Connie Luty
Pianist: Ruthie Goering
Song leader: Galen Fast
Scripture reader: Donna Heide
Worship tech: Michelle Jantz
Zoom host: Barb Voth

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 23-29)

Monday -7:00 pm Worship Commission
Tuesday -2:00 pm Women's Bible study: PRONE TO
WANDER: A Lenten Journey with Women in the
Wilderness by Joanna Harader.
-7:00 pm Sanctuary reserved
Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir
Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study: PRONE TO
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Mower this week – Scott Luty

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Cindy Fast



NURSERY (birth through age 4)
Today: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky
Next Sunday: Donovan & Laurie Regehr
April 6: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

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Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need coordinator & cookies)



*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Adults in the sanctuary: Mitch Stutzman, from Menno Media, will be guiding us in an exploration and study of the new Anabaptist Community Bible plus giving a fuller introduction to Anabaptism at 500.

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Visitors & guests last Sunday: Hank (zoom); Ellie Wintermote; Sharon Stucky; Randall & Amy Zerger; 13 from the House of Jeremiah

Cynthia Loganbill will be on vacation through April 1. Kim Voth will be in the office Monday-Thursday from 9-noon. The office will be closed on Friday.

Sandwich Saturday – We need a coordinator for Sandwich Saturday on April 5 as well as 8 dozen cookies. Please sign up if you are able to help with this ministry to the houseless.

My Coins Count: We have collected \$557 in coins (and paper money) through Sunday, March 9. Our total donation to the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale last year was \$336.

Interim pastor Sara Dick will be concluding her ministry at Hope in worship on Sunday, June 29, and her last day in the office will be Monday, June 30. We look forward to giving thanks to Pastor Sara for her service to Hope at that time! Our new pastor, Ruth Harder, will begin mid-summer and begin preaching in early August.

Progress is happening for marginalized people in Wichita because the **City of Wichita ID Card** is now a reality! Justice Together teamed up with the Homelessness Task Force and the city of Wichita to encourage this low barrier ID card. The Wichita City Council unanimously approved it on March 22. Many homeless people lose their regular form identification because of their situation. This card helps people when seeking employment, shelter and benefits. See Wednesday's Wichita Eagle for more information.

If you want to find out more about Wichita's homelessness situation through the eyes of people who have lived it, service providers and local officials then come to see **the film Hope in the Heartland: Wichita's Quest to End Homelessness**. It will be shown on Thursday, March 27 at 6:00-8:45 pm in the sanctuary of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 550 North Chapel Hill. There will be a post screening discussion of the current situation. This showing is sponsored by Justice Together.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus Concerts: You are invited to join us for an upcoming concert of the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. The 120-member chorus includes members from our church (Marvin Schmucker and Lowell Birkey). The concert will include traditional hymns and contemporary selections performed in four-part harmony. The concert at Tabor will include students in the Chamber Voices student ensemble with students in the Open Road and Woven choirs joining us at Bethel College. The concerts are free with an offering benefiting the global mission support work of Mennonite Central Committee.

- April 6, 2025, 4:00 pm, Richert Auditorium, Tabor College, Hillsboro, KS
- April 13, 2025, 4:00 pm, Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton, KS

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. 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 also an opportunity for you to connect with various members in our great and diverse denomination. **Early bird registration is due by March 31st** Contact Michelle at Moderator@hopemennonite.org if you are interested in serving.

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is right around the corner on **April 11 & 12**. There are lots of ways to volunteer during the weekend. To check out the opportunities (and hopefully sign up) you can go to KANSAS.MCCSALE.ORG/VOLUNTEER or click on the QR Code printed on the poster on the bulletin board.

Children's Auction - Consider donating new, in-the-package, items to this year's auction! You can never go wrong with Hot Wheels, Barbie, board games, Lego sets, art kits, and sports equipment. If you wish to volunteer for the auction by clerking or helping in other ways please contact Brad Kohlman bkohlman32@gmail.com

Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) invites women and girls to their annual potluck salad supper on Monday, **April 28** at 6 p.m. at the Tabor Mennonite Church: "For the Beauty of the Earth." Rebecca Schrag will lead a floral design workshop with flowers provided by Firebranch Farm and other sources. Each participant will make a small bouquet to take home. RSVP at <https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/events-1> by April 15. Please bring: a salad to share (table service will be provided), a small vessel to make a bouquet (a tea cup is ideal), several flowers from your garden if you have them, a kitchen/garden shear(if possible) Questions?- westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com

Prayers for the Wider Church:

...Pray for Western District Conference's Executive Board meeting this week, as they discern priorities, resources and vision for WDC.
...Maria Chub and Maria Santos Tiul, Kekchi Mennonite Church leaders in Guatemala, travel to all six regions of the church to teach and encourage women. Pray for good health, safety and wisdom.