



*Loving Your Neighbor* (Luke 10:25-27)

DONA PARK

Hope Mennonite Church

April 6 2025

9:30 am Worship

Fifth Sunday of Lent: *Christ Collides with Our Blinders*

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 blinders.

**Many: We want to know you and follow you, O Christ.**

One: Will you cry to God? Will you climb a tree?

**Many: We will journey, scanning the horizon for signs of the kingdom. So much is hidden, and at times we do not grasp what God is saying.**

One: Jesus, show us mercy.

**Many: Seek and save us.**

**All: Jesus, show us mercy.**

\*Songs of Gathering

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

#9

“As We Rise, O God, to Meet You”

#39

Hearing God’s Word

Time with the Children

Jared & Natalie Regehr

“Breathe on Me Breath of God”

#737

Confession and words of assurance

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

North: We have not loved you

with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

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

North: We have not fully accepted your love for us.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**South: We walk through our days with blinders on, unable to see or understand clearly.**

***All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us walk with open eyes and hearts 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 18:31-19:10

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

#540

Message

"To Seek and Save The Lost"

Sara Dick

Responding to God's Word
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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
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\*"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

### Stay in Touch with Hope

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#### Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Tuesday & 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](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.

March 30

Attendance 121 (Hope 106; Zoom 15)

Offering last Sunday \$7,611

Year to date \$50,638

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$70,000

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.

## Upcoming Worship Services

April 13 Palm Sunday  
April 17 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service  
April 20 Easter

## Worship Participants

Worship leader: Connie Luty  
Pianist: Amy Bellar  
Song leader: Galen Fast  
Scripture reader: Leah Shelly-Unruh  
Worship tech: Scott Luty  
Zoom host: Barb Voth

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK (April 6-12)

Sunday -during Sunday School-Inquiry class  
Tuesday -11:00 am 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee  
-2:00 pm OR 7 pm (zoom only) 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 Hopeful Blues rehearsal  
Fri/Sat MCC Sale in Hutchinson



Mower this week – Jerold Heide

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Jerold Heide



NURSERY (birth through age 4)  
Today: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky  
Next Sunday: Jared & Natalie Regehr  
April 20: Mike & Val Mayta

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Monday -7:00pm Music Committee  
Tuesday -2:00 pm OR 7 pm (zoom only) Women's Bible study: PRONE TO WANDER: A Lenten Journey with Women in the Wilderness by Joanna Harader.  
Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir  
Thursday -6:30 Maundy Thursday light meal, service at 7:00



\*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

\*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

\*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

\*Adults in the sanctuary: The topic for adult Sunday School (April 6 and 13) will be God's justice. We will name specific injustices in our society and discuss how Jesus would require us to respond. We will brainstorm and plan how we as a community of Faith and as the hands and feet of Christ can bring justice to marginalized people in our community and at the same time provide our neighbors and friends with alternative solutions to perceived problems and unwarranted fears. All adults (including "young adults") are encouraged to attend. Marcus Loganbill will be leading these two sessions.

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Visitors & guests last Sunday: Isabella Roberson; Bianca; Samuel Agoitia via zoom, Kate Cherven & Colton Brennan; Randall & Amy Zenger; Jeff & Deb Krockner; Kurt & Susie Jantz; Stephanie & Jay Gehring

Holy Week: **Maundy Thursday is April 17** starting with a light meal at 6:30, then followed by the service in the sanctuary at 7 pm. Please bring sandwiches to share. Sign up is on the bulletin board. **Easter is then April 20.** Please bring breads & fruit ready to serve for our traditional Easter Feast immediately following the service. Both services will be available via zoom.

My Coins Count: Thank you to everyone who participated in this Kansas Relief Sale project. We collected \$865 in coins/bills. This more than doubled our total from last years.

All Women: Care and Nurture has invited Pastor Kay Schroeder to be the guest speaker at our Women's Spring Salad Luncheon. Kay will speak on the topic of joy and will also minister to us with music. The date is Saturday, **April 26.** Lunch will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by Kay's presentation. Please bring a salad to share and think about inviting a friend, neighbor, or relative to join us. Please R.S. V.P. by Wednesday, April 23 either by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, or contacting the church office. Let's celebrate a joyous spring together! You Shall Go Out With Joy!" Isaiah 55:12

WDC copies of *How to Have an Enemy* are due back to church on Easter Sunday, **April 20**.

The April issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. This issue's lead articles are on "Grief and Hope." Though the theme is linked to Easter, its main purpose is to give voice to people's journeys through grief and loss.

Calling all worship leaders, parents with young children, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and anyone who values passing faith values on to the next generation! Join us on Saturday, **May 3**, from 11am-3pm at First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS (in-person or virtually) for a FREE launch event about the new grant-funded worship initiative Kids Meet Christ. Participants will enjoy a free catered lunch and be the first to receive a kit of ready-to-use materials for children in worship! Register online at the WDC website or see recent church emails for the link.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus Concerts: The 120-member chorus includes members from our church (Marvin Schmucker and Lowell Birkey). The concerts are free with an offering benefiting the global mission support work of Mennonite Central Committee.

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

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](https://KANSAS.MCCSALE.ORG/VOLUNTEER) or click on the QR Code printed on the poster on the bulletin board.

This Thursday, April 10, the Solutions Rally for Justice Together Network members takes place at First United Methodist Church (330 North Broadway). Please arrive between 5:30-6:00 where you will sign in and be directed to a room where Hope's Justice Together Network members meet. A quick congregational caucus meeting will take place and then we will proceed to the larger gathering at around 6:50. The Homelessness and Affordable Housing Research Teams plan to give updates on what they've learned and possible solutions to be presented to local officials at the May 8 Nehemiah Assembly. Plus each congregational caucus reports its results. Let's keep justice in Wichita moving forward!

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. Our theme is "For the Beauty of the Earth." After the meal and meditation, 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. An RSVP is required by April 15 at <https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/events-1> . 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 to share; a kitchen or garden shear if you have one. An offering will be taken to help cover expenses. Questions: Email [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com)

Public Witness: Saturday, April 26, 11:30 am the WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force with [Mennonite Action](#) are hosting a "God's Love Knows No Borders" gathering at the Harvey County Courthouse, 800 N Main St, Newton, KS. Please join us at 10:30 am at Military Park, 200 E Broadway, if at all possible, to prepare for the event. More info-email [robertleatchison@gmail.com](mailto:robertleatchison@gmail.com).

Sharing Prayers & Praise  
March 23, 2025

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Work of the Church

- \* Michelle Jantz thanked Barb Voth, Lee Schmucker, and Renetta Gooden who have volunteered to be Hope delegates at MennoCon 25 this summer in North Carolina.
- \* We have reached a Memo of Understanding with Ruth Harder. She will begin July 21, and her first message will be August 10.
- \* Lori Miller invited all to participate in the Maundy Thursday service April 17, and Easter April 20. More info in bulletin announcement.
- \* Margaret Wiebe with MCC sale update: Hopeful Blues will perform Saturday at 11 am; all pie tins taken, still need 15 doz. zwieback. If you're not going to sale, but want to help bake, Renetta will be picking up items to take to Hutch. Still need volunteers in general for the sale. Signup via the MCC sale website.