



Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150)

RANDY HORST

Hope Mennonite Church
April 13, 2025
9:30 am Worship
Palm Sunday: *Christ Collides with Our Expectations*

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 this Palm Sunday,
Christ collides with our expectations.

Many: Have we not collided enough?

One: In deep compassion, our Lord sets out a mission of full life.

Many: Form us fully, Jesus.

One: "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Many: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

**All: Our Lord, it is time for you to work in and with us as we
worship you!**

Scripture reading

"Hosanna!"

*Song of Procession

"Jesus Is Coming"

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Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

Ruthie Goering

Presentation of Bibles

To Second and Third Graders

Laurie Regehr

To Families with Young Children

Margaret Wiebe

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

#313

Scripture reading

Luke 19:29-40

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

#315

Scripture reading

Luke 19: 41-44

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 cling to what we have and trust in material things, ignoring the needs of those around us.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us let go of our narrow expectations 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.

Reflections on Expectations

Sara Dick

Membership Celebration

Sharing by prospective members

Welcome of new members

#960 & 961

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

#316

Responding to God's Word

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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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Tuesday 11-9 pm & Thursday 1-9 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 that we are given.

April 6

Attendance 105 (Hope 84; Zoom 21)

Offering last Sunday \$6,460

Year to date \$57,098

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$75,385

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.

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

Upcoming Worship Services

April 17 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday meal & service
April 20 Easter

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Sara Dick
Pianist: Ruthie Goering
Song leader: Galen Fast
Scripture reader: Connie Luty
Worship tech: Mike Voth
Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (April 13-19)

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



Mower this week – Randy Graber

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Annette Chlumsky



NURSERY (birth through age 4)
Today: Jared & Natalie Regehr
Next Sunday: Mike & Val Mayta
April 27: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (April 20-26)

Tuesday -7 pm (zoon only) Women's Bible study: PRONE TO
WANDER: A Lenten Journey with Women in the
Wilderness by Joanna Harader.
-7 pm Worship Commission
Wednesday -7 pm Choir
Saturday -11 am Women's Salad lunch



*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Adults in the sanctuary: “God’s justice” led by Marcus Loganbill. 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.

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Visitors & guests last Sunday: Cheryl Babcock; Zach Henneberg; Kurt & Susie Jantz

Today four people will become members of Hope Mennonite. You are invited to sign their cards as a way of welcoming them.

*Natalie Regehr – reaffirmation of faith

*Adam Kroeker – letter of transfer from Ridgepoint Church, Wichita

*Ben & Grace Parker Sutter – letter of transfer from Rainbow Mennonite, Kansas City

This morning the Discipleship Commission is presenting our 2nd and 3rd graders a Bible from their Hope church family. Amelia, daughter of Jeremy and Victoria Koop, Hudson, son of Jordon and Emily Regehr, and Tavian Graber, son of Alex and Ashley Graber will receive their Bibles. They are also receiving a short list of a few scriptures they can look up to become more familiar with their Bible, as well as a bookmark with the books of the Bible listed in order to help them locate the verses.

One of Hope’s new traditions is to present a Peace Table Bible to families who have children. Today during worship, a copy of the Bible will be presented to both the Shelby and Tyler Kaufman family and the Jessica and Samuel Agoitia family.

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. The zoom link will be sent early this week. 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.

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

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, Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton

Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) invites women and girls to their annual salad supper on Monday, **April 28** 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. take 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 to share; a kitchen or garden shear if you have one. An offering will be taken to help cover expenses. Email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com if you have questions.

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.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for Western District Conference staff as they gather tomorrow for a retreat for fellowship, planning, prayer and discernment together.

...On this Palm Sunday, pray for courage to follow Jesus in the ways of love and solidarity with those on the margins of society.

...The children of migrants have experienced many traumas of violence, rejection and physical pain. Pray for all children who don't have a stable home life, especially the children at the Maria Skobtsova House, in Calais, France, where Joseph and Rachel Givens minister. Pray also for Elijah and Micaiah Givens, who have to say frequent good-byes to their friends, when those friends leave to cross the English Channel.

Sharing Prayers & Praise

April 6, 2025

Work of the Church

- * Grace Parker Sutter highlighted the announcement about the May 3 launch of Western District's new children's initiative.
- * There will no sharing/work of the church on Easter Sunday. If you have something that is time sensitive, please send the information to the church office and it will go out on Monday, April 21.

Natalie Graber-Regehr

I am grateful for the many experiences throughout my life that contributed to my ever-growing faith! With growing up at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp and attending Camp Mennoscah from 4th grade on, I attribute the origins of my faith journey to my experiences at camp. This led me to being baptized in the frigid pond in Colorado during our church's fall retreat at Rocky Mountain. From there, I attended Bethel College where through experiences in Chapel, Bible studies, serving as a student chaplain, and religion courses like Vocation seminar with Patty Shelly, and basic issues of faith and life (BIFL) had a tremendous impact on my life and faith. I landed here at Hope Mennonite thanks to my lifelong best friend (Kendra Gooden) and now husband (Jared Regehr). Now in my last rotation for Physical Therapy school, I am eager to find ways to integrate my faith into my future practice as a PT. I am excited to discover what is next in my faith journey by being involved here at Hope and to continue to be challenged to live Jesus' message forward in our world.

Grace and Ben Parker Sutter

We moved to Wichita almost two years ago from Kansas City where we attended Rainbow Mennonite Church. When we moved, multiple people suggested we visit Hope. We're grateful for the many ways Hope has shown us such hospitality and welcomed us so fully. We're excited to continue to grow with this congregation and to raise our children in this community.

Adam Kroeker

I grew up attending First Mennonite Brethren Church in Wichita, where I was active in youth group and baptized in 2015. I later attended Bethel College, serving as a student chaplain and grew in my faith under the mentorship of Peter Goerzen and Patty Shelly. For the past two years, I've attended Hope and am excited to take this next step in my faith journey with the congregation!