



An Upside-Down Kingdom (Matthew 5:3–12)

DONA PARK

Hope Mennonite Church

April 27, 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

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

Jesus calls us to worship.

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

Jesus calls us love.

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

Jesus calls us to justice.

We hear the call of Christ.

We worship together with joy.

*Songs of Gathering

“My Hope Is Built”

#621

“You Are Salt for the Earth”

#297

Hearing God’s Word

Preparing to hear God’s Word

Open our ears

to hear your word.

Open our eyes

to see your presence.

Open our arms

to the embrace of community.

Open our minds

to the beauty of truth.

Open our hearts

to the joy of new life.

Message from the Mount Matthew 5-7 Kendal Warkentine
(The congregation is invited to move to the front of the sanctuary
and sit in the first rows and on the steps of the stage.)

Responding to God's Word

*"Seek Ye First"

#417

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

*"This Joyful Eastertide"

#352

*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 will bring a series on the Sermon on the Mount that will take us to Pentecost Sunday.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Mike Voth

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Song leader: Adam Kroeker

Scripture reader: Greg Shelly-Unruh

Worship tech: Grant Bellar

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

May 3 Semon on the Mount series

May 11 Choir finale Sunday

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 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 20

Attendance 154 (Hope 142; Zoom 12)

Offering last Sunday \$5,166

Year to date \$66,181

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$86,154

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.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (April 27-May 3)

- Tuesday -1 pm Deacons
- 7 pm (zoom only) Women’s Bible study: PRONE TO WANDER: A Lenten Journey with Women in the Wilderness by Joanna Harader.
- Wednesday -7 pm Choir
- Saturday -Sandwich Saturday
- 9-1 pm Reserved event



Mower this week – Grant Bellar

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Travis Cox & Charity Kennedy



NURSERY (birth through age 4)
 Today: Mike & Val Mayta
 Next Sunday: Justin & Tiffany Regehr
 May 11: Donna Heide, Lily Harder

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 4-10)

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir



- *Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs
- *Elementary: Room 2 downstairs
- *Middle School: Room 7 downstairs
- *Adults in the sanctuary: Ben Parker Sutter will be leading the class through a series on The Doctrine of Discovery.

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Visitors & guests last Sunday: 32 visitors for Easter Sunday

For your information: An invitation for Madelyn Anderson’s graduation party, in Freeman, SD, is posted on the bulletin board.

You are invited to the most important night for justice in Sedgwick County Justice Together 2025 Nehemiah Assembly!

This event takes place on Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm) at the WSU Metroplex, 5015 E. 29th Street N. We gather with our fellow Justice Seekers to provide a powerful voice by calling on our local officials to make doable changes that help the poor and marginalized in the areas of homelessness and affordable housing. See Hope’s May Newsletter for more details.

Dear WDC followers of Jesus:

Jesus made space for little ones in his ministry. We can, too! Even if your congregation has few regularly-attending children, don't you want to make space for them when they do attend? This is a great opportunity to learn more about what's coming and what's available through the Lilly Endowment grant we recently received. The grant invites us to "elevate the communal worship experience for all, while focusing on children."

Please register soon for the FREE May 3, 11am-3 pm Kids Meet Christ Launch event at First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS or online (hybrid). Lunch is included for the in-person launch. Register at <https://mennowdc.org/kids-meet-christ-kmc/> We've been working hard to prepare for the Launch. We hope to see you on May 3! In peace, Kathy Dunn

Sandwich Saturday: We have a coordinator for May 3 but we don't have any cookies. We need 14 dozen. Sign up if you are able to help out.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray that Western District Conference congregations may be renewed by the power of Jesus's resurrection, boldly proclaiming the Good News and embodying Christ's love, reconciliation, and justice mission in their communities and beyond

... Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, and their three children, are currently in the United States for six months. Pray for them as they connect with supporting churches and share about God's work in Chad.

...The building of the Kikubya Mennonite Church in Uganda was severely damaged by floods, and 15 families lost their homes and/or crops. Bishop Simon Okoth asks for prayer and resources, as the church tries to carry on its ministries to its members, many of whom fled from violence in Rwanda generations ago. Despite their limited resources, Mennonites are also hosting people fleeing from violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Sharing Prayers & Praise

April 20, 2025

* Keep Randy & Shirlyn Graber in your prayers following the death of Shirlyn's mom.