



One Body in Christ (Colossians 3:1-17)

RANDY HORST

Hope Mennonite Church
April 20, 2025
9:30 am Worship
Easter Sunday: *Christ Collides with Death*

Remembering the Cross

*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.
Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.*

Prelude

Welcome

“All In The April Evening” Hugh S. Robertson

Choir

Silence

Celebrating the Resurrection

Scripture reading

Luke 24:1-3

*“Low in the Grave He Lay”

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*Affirmation

One: The stone is rolled away!

Many: Why look for the living among the dead?

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: No nonsense here! Christ collides with death, affecting the universe.

Many: Christ collides with death, affecting each of us.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer

*“Thine Is the Glory”

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Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

Lori Miller

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 linger in the shadows of fear and death, afraid to fully embrace the love you showed us through the resurrection.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us fully live in the love you showed us in Jesus' death and resurrection so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

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 24:1-12

Message

"Nonsense and Wonder"

Sara Dick

Responding to God's Word

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

"When You Believe" Stephen Schwartz

Choir

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*Hallelujah Chorus"

Choir & guests

*Benediction

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*stand as you are able

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this Easter Sunday morning in person or on Zoom. Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Tuesday 11-9 pm

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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 13

Attendance 140 (Hope 125; Zoom 15)

Offering last Sunday \$3,917

Year to date \$61,015

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$80,769

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: Mike Voth, Hudson & Logan Regehr

Hopeful Blues musicians: Laurie Regehr, Galen Fast, Eldon Chlumsky, Leon Greaser, Rod Kremer

Song leader & choir director: Trae Gehring

Scripture reader: Vicki Howard

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

Upcoming Worship Services

April 27 Sermon on The Mount series begins

May 11 Choir finale Sunday

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (April 20-27)

Tuesday -7 pm (zoom 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 Luncheon



Mower this week – Travis Cox

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Clinton & Katie Chlumsky



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

Next Sunday: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

May 4: Val & Mike Mayta

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (April 27-May 2)

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



No Sunday School is scheduled today. All classes will resume next Sunday.

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Visitors & guests last Sunday: Sabrina G; Kaila, Alec & Raylan Rice; Jodi & Malachi Ihaza; Landon Birkey; Amy & Andre Koop; Wes & Elaine Kroeker; Calen Boller; Corbin, Tonya, Andrew Graber; Marvin & Jeannie Zehr (Zoom)

New mailboxes: Randall & Amy Zerger; Joshua & Martie Pokorny

If you have sung the "Hallelujah Chorus" in the past, you are invited to come forward and join the choir at the end of the service. Copies will be available for you.

You are invited to sign cards for welcome for the new members we received last Sunday: Ben & Grace Parker Sutter, Adam Kroeker, Natalie Regehr

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

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

... Give thanks for all Western District Conference congregations, as they embody the presence of the risen Christ, and live out resurrection hope through ministries of compassion, peacemaking, and justice.

... Alex Mace has assumed responsibilities for Mennonite Voluntary Service, in addition to his role as facilitator for training and resources. Pray for Alex as he leads this formative youth learning and service program.

... On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network's 74 workers and 183 partner organizations throughout the United States and 45 other countries around the world in proclaiming the message of Jesus' resurrection power and love to those we encounter.

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.

Sharing Prayers & Praise April 13, 2025

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Work of the Church

- * Margaret Wiebe shared the initial financial report from the MCC Sale-\$666,000+. The vehicle auction alone raised \$149,400.
- * All women/girls are invited to the spring salad lunch on April 25. Please sign up on the bulletin board and bring guests.

“All In the April Evening”

All in the April ev'ning, April airs were abroad;
The sheep with their little lambs pass'd me by on the road.
All in the April ev'ning I thought on the Lamb of God.
The lambs were weary and crying with a weak human cry.
I thought on the Lamb of God going meekly to die.
Up in the blue blue mountains, dewy pastures are sweet.

Rest of the little bodies, rest for the little feet.
But for the Lamb, the Lamb of God, up on the hilltop green,
Only a cross, a cross of shame, two stark crosses between.
All in the April ev'ning, April airs were abroad.
I saw the sheep with their lambs, and thought on the Lamb of God.

“When You Believe”

Many nights we prayed with no proof anyone could hear.
In our hearts a hopeful song we barely understood.
Now we are not afraid, although there's much to fear.
We were moving mountains long before we knew we could.
There can be miracles, when you believe,
Though hope is frail, it's hard to kill.
Who knows what miracles you can achieve?
When you believe, somehow you will; you will when you believe.
In this time of fear, when prayer so often proved in vain,
Hope seemed like the summer birds, too swiftly flown away.
Yet now I'm standing here, with heart so full I can't explain,
Seeking faith and speaking words I never thought I'd say.

Ashira, L'Adonai ki gaoh gah.
(I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously.)
Michamocha baelim Adonai.
(Who is like You, oh Lord, among the celestial.
Michamocha ne darbakodesh.
(Who is like You, majestic in holiness.)
Nachitah v'chasd'cha am zu gaalta.
(In Your love, You lead the people You redeemed.)
Ashira.
(I will sing.)