



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

DONA PARK

Hope Mennonite Church

May 4, 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

“Come, Thou Fount”

#563

“When We Walk with the Lord”

#570

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.

Scripture reading Common English Bible

Matthew 7:24-29

“We Will Follow” (2 x)

#566

“We Will Follow” (2x)

#566

Sermon

“A Wise Builder”

Sara Dick

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

*“Renew Your Church”

#717

*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 series on the Sermon on the Mount will continue until Pentecost Sunday on June 8.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Natalie Hand

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Kendal Warkentine

Worship tech: Galen Fast

Zoom host: Barb Voth

Upcoming Worship Services

May 11 Choir finale

May 18 Guest speaker

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 27

Attendance 112 (Hope 89; Zoom 23)

Offering last Sunday \$2,130

Year to date \$68,311

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$91,538s

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 (May 4-10)

Monday -Music Committee

Wednesday -7 pm Choir



Mower this week – Eldon & Clinton Chlumsky

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Clinton & Katie Chlumsky



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

Next Sunday: Donna Heide, Lily Harder

May 18: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 11-16)

Tuesday -11 am 40th anniversary committee



*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Adults in the sanctuary-Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery at Hope. For more than five centuries, the Doctrine of Discovery (and laws based on it) have legalized the theft of land, labor and resources from Indigenous Peoples across the world. But, hoo boy, that sounds super intense, doesn't it? We'll find a way to have an engaging conversation together about what this means. It's more than just legalese and we'll talk in plain terms about ways these patterns of oppression still impact people today.

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Visitors & guests last Sunday: Arie & Brittany Zehner family; Kay Sands; Carol Wilson; Carly, Adam, Mae Voth Unruh

You are invited to the most important night for justice in Sedgwick County Justice Together's 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. **Carpool will leave from church at 5:00** (extra time to allow for rush hour traffic). Carpool drivers are needed. Please let the church office know if you're interested in riding and/or driving. Let's lend our voices with other 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. Hope to see lots of Hope people there!

New mailbox: Hailey & Chase Stucky

Friends, Thank you so much for your generous support of the Givens MST! Your prayers, encouragement, and financial contributions have played an instrumental role in advancing this ministry. May God bless you abundantly for your dedication to His work. Jason Ault, Mennonite Mission Network

Dear Friends from Hope, Thank you for your generous donation. Your partnership & collaboration make a direct impact and positive impression in our new neighbors as we welcome them into their new home and community. Thank you! International Rescue Committee

Bel Canto Singers concert - "Singing Through Generations" Hesston College's Bel Canto Singers will perform in concert on Friday, **May 16**, at 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. The concert is part of commencement weekend activities at the college and is free and open to the public. Bel Canto will begin a 12-day spring tour in the Pacific Northwest following graduation weekend.

Kidron Bethel Village, in North Newton, is hosting a vintage car show on Friday, **June 6**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have a vehicle you would like to bring to show, we would love to have you share it! Register your vehicle by contacting Kelli at 316-836-4865 or KelliM@bluestemks.org. No entry fee, judging or prizes; just a rewarding day of sharing your favorite cars, trucks and tractors.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for Western District Conference representatives (Eric Buller, Moderator; Caleb Gingerich, Executive Board member; and Heidi Regier Kreider, Conference Minister) joining others to attend Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council meetings next weekend in Wichita.

...The Colorado Springs (Colorado) Service Adventure unit served with Mennonite Disaster Service in Nevada. Pray for unit participants as they help repair damaged homes.

...Praise God for Mukenge Biduaya, who lives near in the Kalonda Bible Institute in the Democratic Republic of Congo and began worshipping with friends at age 2. Now, at age 13, he leads worship each morning at 6 a.m., before heading off to school.