

Hope Mennonite Church
May 11, 2025
9:30 am Worship
Sing a New Song!

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

Hosanna!

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Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

**Blessed are we, for we have been created
by that same God.**

Blessed is the sound of our voices, lifted up in praise.

**Blessed are the hands that clap and strum and pluck
joining together in one glorious hosanna.**

Blessed are the bodies that move and wave and march
and dance in a tapestry of motion, embodying your love.

**Blessed is the breath that enlivens us, animates us, and
sustains us in singing our ceaseless praise to you, O God.**

*Songs of Gathering

“For the Beauty of the Earth” John Rutter

Choir

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

#28

Hearing God’s Word

Time with Children

Sara Dick

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

Hope Children

“If You’re Happy and You Know it”

Scripture (Inclusive Bible)

Psalm 98

“Let the River Run” arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Choir

“Rain Come Down” Shawn L Kirchner

Sharing

Kaci Wilson

Responding to God's Word

*"Jesus, Be the Center" #584

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

"When You Believe" arr. Audrey Snyder Choir

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

"All My Trials" Gwyneth Walker Choir

"Hear My Prayer" Moses Hogan

Prayers of God's People

Sending

"Cornerstone" Shawn Kirchner Choir

*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 is our choir finale. They are happy to bring back favorite pieces from the 2024/25 choir season.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Sara Dick

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Choir pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader & choir director: Trae Gehring

Scripture reader: Jared Regehr

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

May 18 Norma Duerksen, guest speaker

May 25 Sermon on the Mount series

June 8 Pentecost Sunday

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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Tuesday & Friday 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.

May 4

Attendance 94(Hope 84; Zoom 10)

Offering last Sunday \$7,807

Year to date \$76,118

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$96,923

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 11-16)

Tuesday -11 am 40th anniversary committee



Mower this week – Jim Blakely

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Mike & Kim Voth



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

Next Sunday: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

May 25: Jordon & Emily Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 17-24)

Tuesday -6:30 pm Vision Council



*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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Consider this: Coffee with Friends is Cheaper than Therapy! Are you discovering you now have more time for things you love? Perhaps your "to do" list now includes more time gathering with friends and friends you would like to get to know better. This invitation is for Hope women of all ages who enjoy informal conversation with no agenda, no pressure, for an opportunity to connect, unwind, and share informal conversation. Feel free to invite neighbors, relatives, and other friends! The first women's coffee and conversation time is Tuesday, **May 13** at 8:30 am at Nameless Coffee Co. at 7130 W. Maple, in Maple Ridge Center. Coffee and Friends are the perfect blend! Questions? Contact the church office.

The June-August issue of the devotional “Rejoice” is available on the front table. Copies are limited, so pick yours up today.

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.

Dear friends at Hope Mennonite: Thank you for your generous donation to Simply Hygiene! With your help, we have added two new nonprofits to our program and launched diaper distribution to our community in need. We are grateful for your help in closing the hygiene gap. Blessings, Megan

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for Western District Conference’s new Kids Meet Christ program, supporting congregations to reimagine worship in ways that fully welcome children and create space for them to meet Christ.

...On this Mother’s Day, we request prayer for all those who have lost their mothers or have never had someone to call “Mother.” May we, as the family of God, stretch our minds and enlarge our hearts to include all God’s children around the world in a strong and loving embrace.

Choir texts

Let the River Run

Coming to the edge running on the water.

Let the river run, let all the dreamers wake the nation.

Come, the new Jerusalem.

Silver cities rise; the morning lights the streets that meet them,
sirens call them on with a song.

It’s asking for the taking, trembling, shaking.

Oh, my heart is aching,

We're coming to the edge, running on the water,
Coming through fog, your sons and daughters.

Rain Come Down

Chorus: Come, rain, come down
Heavens tears of mercy, come a-runnin' down.

Say no words, it is too soon, say no words out loud.
But wrap your quiet arms around, hide us in your cloud.

Come wash away this grief and pain, and let all hearts be clean.
And bring the finest flow'rs to meet the sorrows we have seen.

A little lower than the angels we were born to be,
Yet which of all the creatures knows this misery

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.)

Cornerstone

Chorus: O the stone that the builders rejected
became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground
and suffer through the winter's cold,
only to rise right up again and bear its seed a thousandfold.

Never can our journey fail; a little child will lead the way,
whose eyes are filled with a shining light
to whom the night is bright as day.

The love that rolls the stone away gives us life that we may sing
"Grave, where is thy victory? Death, o death, where is thy sting?"