



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

DONA PARK

Hope Mennonite Church
May 18, 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 adapted from Psalm 119:1-8

Those who stay on course, walking steadily on the road revealed by God, are blessed.

We are blessed by following God's instructions, doing our best to seek God with all our hearts.

God has prescribed the right way to live, the way that leads to health and happiness.

Help us, Lord, to keep to the course you set, walking with steady steps all the way.

Then we will not be looking back over our lives with regrets.

Instead, we will have the comfort and joy of God's companionship all our days.

*Songs of Gathering

“Jesus Calls Us”	#30
“God Is Here among Us”	#62

Hearing God’s Word

Time with Children	Annette Chlumsky
Scripture (Common English)	Matthew 5:21-37
“My Hope Is Built”	#621
Scripture (New Revised Standard)	Matthew 5:21-37
Message “Beyond the Law”	Norma Duerksen

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

*"Longing for Light"

#715

*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 welcome Norma Duerksen to the pulpit. Norma is retired after 30 years of pastoring 3 different churches. She and her husband Phil live in Marion. She fills her days as "Care Coordinator" for First Mennonite Church in Hillsboro and is also on the preaching team there. She reaches out to those in poverty through the CORE Communities of Marion County as the facilitator and is the director of the Summer Food 4 Kids program in Hillsboro for low-income families. Gardening and crafts are her hobbies.

<h3>Worship Participants</h3>

Worship leader: Natalie Hand

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Joanna Pinkerton

Worship tech: Grant Bellar

Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

<h3>Upcoming Worship Services</h3>

May 25	Sermon on the Mount series
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June 1	Guest speaker
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June 8	Pentecost Sunday
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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Tuesday 11-9 pm; 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.

May 4

Attendance 119(Hope 109; Zoom 10)

Offering last Sunday \$6,230

Year to date \$82,348

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$102,308

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 18-24)

Tuesday -6:30 pm Vision Council



Mower this week – Scott Luty

Coffee preparation next Sunday – We need a volunteer



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

Next Sunday: Jordon & Emily Regehr

June 1: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 25-31)

Tuesday -7 pm Worship Commission



*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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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Guillermo & Wanda Mejia; Doug Luginbill; Lisa & Blair Loganbill; Patrick Loganbill & Joselyne Hernandez; Chris Strecker; Polly Carlson

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

Friends: On behalf of Mennonite Mission Network, I want to express heartfelt gratitude for your generous gift! Your support is a powerful encouragement to our mission of sharing Christ's peace and love across cultures and communities. We are deeply moved by your commitment to God's work and humbled by your trust in our ministry. Thank you for standing with us. Jason Ault, MMN

The May issue of *Anbaptist World* has arrived and copies are available on the front table. The theme is “Tender Words for Fearful Skeptics.”

Our next Family Promise hosting will be June 8-15. The Signup will be available on Sunday, May 25. Please look at your calendars and make plans to assist with hosting our families next month. If you have been involved with Family Promise in the past or if you would like to join us as a new volunteer, please see Marcus, Travis, or Vicki for information and links to on-line training. Volunteers are needed to provide meals, drive the van, prepare rooms, stay overnight, and spend time with the families over the supper hour.

The May 2025 Nehemiah Assembly was powerful! It brought together 1,250 of Sedgwick County's faithful and with that show of unity, real commitments for justice were won! Thanks to the 40 Hope people that showed up! Here's what was accomplished:

- Four members of the Wichita City Council committed to monthly meetings with Justice Together to improve and expand the Affordable Housing Fund—with the goal of reaching \$10 million in ongoing funding.
- County Commissioner Ryan Baty committed to ensuring that every Sedgwick County resident will have access to a low-barrier photo ID by the end of this year.
- Unfortunately, County Commissioner Baty could not commit to introducing a line item in the FY26 budget for a minimum of \$500,000 cash, annually, for the operating budget at the Multi-Agency Center. But the Commissioner did emphasize that the County Commission is in the process of working with the MAC Board to provide funding for medical services at the Center.

The MCC Lunch & Learn is back! Join us on Tuesday, **June 17** from 12-1 p.m. at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St.). Becky Teiwes, MCC Central State's Borderlands Program Coordinator will share about courage, compassion, and faithfulness as MCC continues to work with partners and churches at the U.S./Mexico border. Lunch will be provided for a suggested donation of \$10-\$15. **Please RSVP by June 9** at mcc.org/events/lunch-learn-mcc-partners-usmexico-border or by calling the office at 316.283.2720.

There is firewood available to anyone who can use it. You will find a stack on the south of our property. Help yourself!

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Western District Conference members graduating from high school, college, or higher education programs this spring, that God would bless their continuing journeys of life and faith.

...This week a Youth Venture team of 11 young adults and two leaders embarks on a 10-day trip to Germany and Switzerland to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism by visiting important sites and attending Mennonite World Conference's Young Anabaptist Global Youth Summit. Pray that their faith would grow as they better understand the historical foundations of the church and build global relationships.

...Pray that God will provide all the resources necessary for the fruitful ministry of the Brazil Mennonite Church, which is comprised of 40 Portuguese-speaking congregations in six regions.