



Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150)

RANDY HORST

Hope Mennonite Church

July 20, 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

from Words to Worship 2

We will exalt the one who lifts us to high places.

Sing to the Lord, all you saints. Praise God's holy name.

We called to you and you healed us.

Sing to the Lord, all you saints. Praise God's holy name.

Through Jesus, you place our feet on higher ground.

Sing to the Lord, all you saints, Praise God's holy name.

*Songs of Gathering

"We Sing to You, O God"

#80

"Could It Be That God Is Singing"

#42

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

Ryan Henneberg

Scripture Reading (Common English Bible)

Psalms 150

"What a Fellowship/Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

#160

Responding to God's Word

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

Gift of Song

Girl Named Tom

*Benediction

"Praise God"

#70

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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. We are delighted to welcome Girl Named Tom, Bekah Grace Liechty, Joshua Liechty, and Caleb Liechty, who are the nephews and niece of Shirlyn & Randy Graber.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Connie Luty

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Treva Greaser

Scripture reader: Natalie Hand

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

Upcoming Worship Services

July 27 Hopeful Blues; Ruth Harder's first Sunday

August 3 Ruth Harder's installation

August 10 Ruth Harder's first Sunday in the pulpit



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Ruth Harder – beginning July 21

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Church Office Hours

Cynthia	Monday-Thursday 9-1:30 pm
Kim	Friday 9-1 pm
Staff meeting	Monday 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.

July 13

Attendance 104 (Hope 91, Zoom 13)

Offering last Sunday \$3,907

Year to date \$119,620

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$150,769

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.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (July 20-26)

Wednesday -5:30 pm Witness & Outreach

Thursday -1 pm Deacons



Mower this week – Randy Pinkerton

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Clinton & Katie Chlumsky



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Mike & Val Mayta

Next Sunday: Brenda Henneberg, Amy Bellar

August 3: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (July 27-August 2)

Monday -7 pm Music Committee

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (**need 3 ½ dozen cookies**)

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Guests & visitors last week: Becky Ruddy; Carly & Mae Voth Unruh; Anna & Luca Thary; Brenton Luty; Beth & Theo Beels; Jim & Lee Klassen

Many thanks to you, Hope Mennonite Church, for your joyful and generous send-off of me! I'm enjoying your cards and gifts, and the memories of our times of worship and fellowship together. Blessings to you! -Sara Dick

The day has finally arrived. Our permanent pastor, Ruth Harder, begins her ministry with us tomorrow. Keep her in your prayers as she settles in and gets to know us and we get to know her and Jesse.

Family Promise Coordinators for Hope/Aldersgate are hosting a "thank you" ice cream social at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm on Saturday, August 2. Please RSVP to Marcus by Saturday, July 26.

If you have contacts in a Wichita-area church that you feel would be open to hosting or supporting Family Promise families, please let Marcus know. The Family Promise recruitment team is searching for new faith communities to fill in some gaps.

Kids summer VBS is just around the corner! Vacation bible school will take place here at Hope on August 9th: 9am-12pm and August 10th: 12pm-3pm. Kids ages 3-9 can join in for music, crafts, stories, snacks, and recreation centered around the theme: Jesus is our rock! Lunch will be provided for the kids on Sunday, August 10th prior to activities. We are asking for a \$5 contribution per kid to help cover craft supplies and Sunday lunch. Please contact Natalie Regehr at nataliekgraber@gmail.com if needing assistance with attendance cost or with questions about the weekend program. To register kids for VBS, please contact the church office (secretary@hopemennonite.org) by Wednesday, August 6th with the names and age of kids for planning purposes. Looking forward to seeing all the kiddos at VBS this year! -Natalie Regehr

Call for Nominations to Vision Council Positions We are inviting the congregation to make nominations of members to serve on upcoming open Vision Council positions. While our regular discernment process will occur in the fall, the Vision Council positions often need advanced timing to help facilitate smooth transitions. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to serve our church community and help guide our mission and activities. **Positions Available:** Both the Treasurer and Secretary positions on Vision Council will be open for the two-year term beginning January 2026. We hope to identify a candidate to participate in the fall activities in preparation for the start of the term. This is most helpful and critical for the Treasurer position as we perform year end financials and new year budget proposals.

How to Nominate: Please submit your nominations to Natalie Hand at gnjrhand@gmail.com or 316-648-2937. Include the nominee's name, the position for which they are being nominated. The nominations will be reviewed by the Vision Council Committee, and candidates will be contacted for further discussion. Final selections will be voted on at the annual meeting in January 2025.

Hope is entitled to send 9 delegates (members or regular attendees) to the WDC annual assembly and all costs are covered. The delegate sessions are Saturday, August 9 from 8-10 am and 1-2pm and you can participate in person or via Zoom. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the church office. The deadline to submit our delegate list is July 27.

The annual Western District Conference Assembly will be held **August 8-9** at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. *Anabaptism@500: Faithfulness Then and Now* is this year's theme. The theme scriptures are Hebrews 12.1-2 and 1 Corinthians 3.11. We will have opportunities for all ages including a time of singing & fellowship Friday evening, Saturday evening fellowship time of music, ice cream; an intergenerational faith formation track, wonderful worship, workshops, & delegate sessions. Register at <https://mennowdc.org/2025-annual-assembly>

Online registration is open for the Womens & Girls Retreat **September 6-7** at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. Our speakers this year are Pastor Katherine Goerzen (Tabor Mennonite Church) and Pastor Laura Goerzen (First Mennonite, Newton). For a detailed schedule, to register and pay online, or print out forms to register and pay by mail, go to westerndistrictwomeninmission.org If you have additional questions go to westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com. See you there - share the news and bring a friend!

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for God's guidance and blessing for all who are preparing for Western District Conference Annual Assembly, coming up August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church.

... Today, eight participants from the Faith Mennonite Church youth group, in Goshen, Indiana, are beginning a week-long Civil Rights Just Peace Pilgrimage. Pray for them as they explore the history, significance and ongoing implications of the civil rights struggle in the United States.

... Laura and Nick Sharp, and their children, Jesse (8) and Brielle (5), are settling into a year-long assignment in La Mesa, Colombia, where they serve alongside the Colombia Mennonite Church and its kindergarten-grade 12 school. Pray for them as they adapt to new cultural patterns and immerse themselves in the Spanish language.