

Hope Mennonite Church
July 27, 2025
Hopeful Blues

Prelude

Far Above the Noise of Life – VT 625

Gathering

Welcome

Rod Kremer

Call to Worship

Prepare a way for the Lord! Clear a straight path for the Lord comes to us – to walk with us, to teach us, to guide us, to love us. There is much to celebrate in the coming of the Lord!

Lord, we are gathered here at this time, unique in all of history, at this place to be present with You and with one another. Great and loving God, we ask that your Holy Spirit bless our time together and refresh us with your presence. In the midst of a world with conflict and difficulties, we thank you for being with us. Help us to enter your presence today joyfully and reverently, with love for You and love for our neighbors.

*Congregational Hymn: Mountain of God – VT 11
Mercy, Mercy Lord – VT 169

Celebrating Unity

Leader: May Your Spirit inhabit our time together, making of it a sanctuary where our hearts and lives are knit together, where bonds of love are strengthened and where mercy is received and given.

All: May this place of worship be a harbor and refuge where we are nourished to do Your work in the world. Help us to appreciate and celebrate our differences and bind us together in our common love for You. May the world know us as your followers because of our love for each other and for the world.

Congregational Hymn: Together – VT 389
My Love Colors Outside the Lines – VT 582

Time with Children

Ryan Henneberg

Embracing Transitions

Leader: Seasons of life come and go. Lord, help us trust the creation of Your seasons as chapters close and new ones begin. In the ebb and flow of comings and goings may we look for the divine in the mystery of it all.

South: Blessed are we who take a minute to look over our shoulder at all we learned from what was, the people we became, and the peace that came from familiarity.

North: Blessed are we, now turning our eyes ahead toward a new path. Remind us that you have gone before and around, and are with us now.

All: Surprise us with who we might become and how we might serve You because of who we have been and who we will be. Where two or more of us are gathered You have promised to be in our midst. Welcome Holy Spirit.

Congregational Hymn: In the Bulb There is a Flower – VT 670

Trusting God's Faithfulness

Thankful (insert)

Leader: Come Lord -
come walk with your people
for you alone are our strength and glory.
And we put our trust in You.

North: Come walk behind us, beside us, before us
for you alone are our shelter and direction.
And we put our trust in you.

South: Come seek us and find us
for you alone are the light in our darkness
And we put our trust in you for You do not change.

*Congregational Hymn: God of the Bible – VT 420

Offertory

All: Lord, please bless the gifts we bring this morning – whether they be time, talent, or treasure. May all be used for Your glory and kingdom purposes. Amen.

Come Thou Fount – VT 563

Prayer of Thankfulness

Resting in God's Presence

Leader: Lord, some of us come to you today with joy and gratitude. Some of us seek you today from a place of grief, doubt, or worry.

North: In all places You are here with us as our source of hope. Bless us and give us the strength and wisdom to choose justice, kindness, and humility – and to know Your everlasting, unconditional love.

South: Fill our empty places with Your living water in the deserts of our lives. Be our light in the wilderness. Wash away pain and sorrow with the waves of Your mercy. Come Lord Jesus come.

All Who are Thirsty – VT 49
Satisfied (insert)

Seeing and Seeking God

Greeting Guests
Work of the Church
Sharing
Prayers of God's People

All: God of grace, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the timing and the future which rests in your care. Confirm in us treasured memories of our past, even as we move with openness and joy in new directions toward new hope as You walk with us. Fill us, O God, with the peace that passes all understanding, as we seek to be Your hands and feet in the world.

Hope for our Journey

Just a Closer Walk with Thee – VT 743

Benediction

Postlude

Build My Life – VT 92

*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 own Hopeful Blues is leading us in worship this morning.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Connie Luty

Song Leader: Treva Greaser

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

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom hosts: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

Upcoming Worship Services

August 3 Ruth Harder's installation

August 10 Ruth Harder's first Sunday in the pulpit

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (July 27-August 2)

Monday -7 pm Music Committee



Mower this week – Travis Cox

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Mike & Kim Voth



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Brenda Henneberg, Amy Bellar

Next Sunday: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

August 10: Jordon & Emily Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 3-9)

Friday -8:30 am Coffee with Friends-see announcement

Saturday -9 am-noon Vacation Bible School
and Sunday Noon- 3 pm

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Guests & visitors last week: 85 guests and visitors last Sunday

The next Women's Coffee with Friends session will be on Friday,
August 8, 8:30 a.m. at Cocoa Dulce, 2441 N. Maize Road (in
New Market Square).

In preparation for our annual Craft Bazaar on November 8, we more
than welcome others who would enjoy being part of the planning
committee. If you are interested please contact Laurie Regehr or
Connie Luty.

“Thank you to our Hope Church family for the gift of \$75 to Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) in memory of our mom, Loveda M. Liechty. She and Dad were very involved in the diversity of the worldwide church and never wavered from that. This is a perfect gift...” Shirlyn & Randy Graber

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is doing a 25,000-school kit challenge. The notebooks and pencils that devoted supporters like you lovingly pack into MCC school kits help kids write their own success stories, and rulers provide hope beyond measure. School kits provide these and other essential supplies that families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles would not be able to buy otherwise. Please get a list off the bulletin board & return your items by **August 10**.

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. 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.

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 WDC's emerging congregations and ministries during this time of political turmoil: for courage, wisdom, and a faithful witness to Christ's peace. -WDC Church Planting Commission

... Youth-Hope of Africa was founded in Ivory Coast to help child-soldiers find a healthier way of life. Pray for this organization, which has expanded to help disadvantaged youth learn life skills and vocational training, as well as nurturing their spiritual development.

Sharing Prayers & Praise

July 20, 2025

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Work of the Church

- * Michelle Jantz shared that there was a 98% positive vote to move forward with the costs involved with remodeling the front of the sanctuary.

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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 the first and best of that we are given.

July 20

Attendance 189 (Hope 165, Zoom 24)

Offering last Sunday \$2,265

Year to date \$121,885

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$156,154

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.

Thankful – David Foster, Carole Bayer Sager & Richard James

Somedays, we forget to look around us
Somedays, we can't see the joy that surrounds us
So caught up inside ourselves
We take when we should give

So for tonight we pray for
What we know can be
And on this day we hope for
What we still can't see
It's up to us, to be the change
And even though we all can still do more
There's so much to be thankful for

Look beyond ourselves
There's so much sorrow
It's way too late to say, I'll cry tomorrow
Each of us must find our truth
It's so long overdue

So for tonight we pray for
What we know can be
And every day, we hope for
What we still can't see

It's up to us, to be the change
And even though we all can still do more
There's so much to be thankful for
Even with our differences
There is a place we're all connected
Each of us can find each other's light

So for tonight, we pray for
What we know can be
And on this day, we hope for
What we still can't see
It's up to us, to be the change
And even though this world needs so much more
There's so much to be thankful for

Satisfied – Ronnie Freeman

You satisfy my soul
And I stand amazed at the blessings I've known
And still to this day, the mercies you show
Make it clear to see that you love me

And you give each breath I breath
You color the skies with beautiful leaves
You've proven that you will provide for my needs
The way you fill me Lord, how could I ask for more

And I'm satisfied, satisfied
I've been cared for so faithfully
But Lord hear my plea
May it be that you're satisfied with me

And you give me grace without end
And you have forever removed all my sin
And now the makers of heaven and earth call me friend
And from the joy that brings, oh how my spirit sings