

Hope Mennonite Church

September 7, 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

Call to Worship

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because the Lord has anointed me.

The Lord has sent me

to preach good news to the poor,

The Lord has sent me

to proclaim release to the prisoners

The Lord has sent me

to proclaim recovery of sight to the blind,

The Lord has sent me

to liberate the oppressed,

The Lord has sent me

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Gathering

"Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

#428

"Vision: Healing and Hope"

Insert

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

Ruth Harder

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-21

*"My Soul Cries Out"

#412

Mennonite Church USA reflections

Finding hope in people, places, and the exercise of power

Sharing: Ruth Harder, Barb Voth, Karen Zehr, Renetta Gooden,
and Lee Schmucker

Responding to God's Word

*"Vision: Healing and Hope"

Insert

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Child Dedication

Charlotte Kaufman

Hudson, Riley & Cason Sechrist

Emberlyn Stucky

Congregational Commitment

#970

"The Peace of the Earth Be with You"

#838

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*Congregation Benediction

The Gospel of Luke

*"Amen"

#689

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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 worship theme for the next several Sundays in on Hope.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Vicki Howard, Brad Anderson

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Ryan Henneberg

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

Stay in touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Cynthia Mon-Thurs 9-1:30pm
Kim Fri-9-1pm
Staff meeting Monday 9:30am

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.

August 24

Attendance 118 (Hope 105, Zoom 13)

Offering last Sunday \$1,737

Year to date \$139,357

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$183,077

*Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithely**.
Contact 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.

Upcoming Worship Services

September 14	Preaching text: Acts 16:11-15
October 12	40 th anniversary worship service

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (September 7-13)

Tuesday	-1 pm Deacons
Wednesday	-6 pm Witness & Outreach
	-7 pm Choir
Friday	-Reserved event all day
Saturday	-Reserved event all day



Mower this week – Scott Luty



*Open house for children and youth classes.
*All are invited to participate in the fabric project and/or help with making peppernuts for our Craft Bazaar.

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Joanna Pinkerton



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)
Today: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky
Next Sunday: Justin & Tiffany Regehr
September 21: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (September 14-20)

Sunday	-Noon Justice Together lunch & session (sign-up)
Monday	-8:30 am Coffee with Friends
	@Fairmount Coffee Shop, 3815 E. 17 th St. N
	-7:00 pm Worship Commission
Tuesday	-9:00 am 40 th anniversary committee
	-1:30 pm Women's Bible study – library
Wednesday	-7:00 pm Choir

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Alex Rome; Magdalena Wenger; Jake Myers; Dave & Janice Sutter; Tiffany Prieb; Daniel Jantz; Jos Kennell

Following worship, you are invited to a reception following the church service to honor the dedications of Charlotte Kaufman, Emberlyn Stucky, and Hudson, Riley & Cason Sechrist. Please join in the joy of celebrating their births and dedications to our Lord, and their presence in our Hope Church family!

Whether you've been attending Hope Mennonite for a couple weeks or for years, we invite you to become a member. Though membership is not required, it is one way to deepen one's faith commitment. Pastor Ruth will lead a Membership Inquiry Class this coming Fall--after all, she and her spouse want to become official members! If you are interested in learning more about this class or if you already know that you are interested, please email or call Ruth. Meeting times will be decided by the group.

Discover the Bible with Jesus Are you looking for a way to connect with other women and deepen your faith? Join us on Tuesday afternoons for a new 8-week Bible study on the book, **"The Word Fulfilled: Reading the Bible with Jesus,"** led by Brenda Glanzer Lilliston. We will explore how Jesus engaged with key scriptures and what that means for how we read our Bibles today. Join us on **September 16 at 1:30 PM** in the church library or on zoom. The \$18 book is available on Amazon. If you have questions or plan to attend, please let Brenda know by September 8.

Women's Bible Study - New Series! Join us for our new Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study beginning **September 11** at 7:00 pm on Zoom. This fall, we'll be exploring the theme of **Hope** through a six-week course from the *On Being* podcast. This series offers a "muscular, reality-based hope" by drawing on conversations with a variety of visionary thinkers. **For our first meeting**, please listen to the podcast episode: **Session 1, May 31, 2025, "Prepare Inwardly, with Krista,"** at onbeing.org/series/podcast/. If you plan to attend or have any questions, please contact **Brenda Glanzer Lilliston**. A Zoom link will be sent directly to those who register. We look forward to seeing you there!

An invitation from Pastor Ruth and her husband Jesse: As we put away the last of the moving boxes, it's time for an open house and noon lunch at our house/yard in Indian Hills. For now, save the date (with details to come soon)—noon hour Sunday, **September 28**.

Mark your calendars for one of our Hope Mennonite Listening Sessions for Justice Together! All are invited to join either a **September 14** noon lunch at Hope (please sign up for the meal) or a **September 21** zoom meeting at 8:00 pm. (**Note:** These are different dates than shared last Sunday). We will connect with each other and discuss what issues facing our local Wichita community feel most pressing to us and most important to address by the wider Justice Together network this year. Please contact Brenda Lilliston, Grace Parker Sutter or Wendy Wiens to RSVP or for more information.

Call for Nominations to Vision Council Positions We are inviting the congregation to make early nominations of members for both the Treasurer and Secretary positions 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 critical for the Treasurer position as we perform year end financials and new year budget proposals. Submit your nominations to Natalie Hand at gnjrhand@gmail.com or 316-648-2937.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop, a local thrift shop with a big heart, needs volunteers. The shop supports missions locally and globally. Have you been looking for a place to volunteer your time, talents, and treasures? Then the Newton Et Cetera Shop is the place for you! In 2024, we contributed over \$145,000 to Mennonite Central Committee and more than \$18,000 to our local non-profits. Volunteer applications can be picked up in the shop: 619 N Main, Newton, or filled out online at newtonetceterashop.com.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for Western District Conference congregation members serving on our conference Executive Board, Commissions and other committees and task forces, as they discern vision and offer counsel for WDC ministries.

... In September, Dan and Tina Beachy and Audrey Kleinsasser begin a month of volunteering through the SOOP program at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, in Colorado. Pray that they will be able to share God's love with campers and staff, as they do maintenance and help with food services and housekeeping.

... Laura (former Hope member) and Nick Sharp, and their children, support the ministries of the Colombia Mennonite church and Colegio Americano Menno (American Menno School), in La Mesa, Colombia. Pray for them as they serve in English enrichment and academic support services at the school and participate in the church's music ministries, in addition to relating to children and youth and helping with community outreach.

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Lunch • Bake Sale • Crafts

Hope Mennonite Craft Bazaar November 8 9 am- 2pm

Our annual bazaar will be here before we know it. **And as always, we need your help.** There are many ways to get involved – baking for the sale, helping bake peppernuts, browning meat/onions for bierocks, grilling sausage, working in the kitchen or at the bake sale table the day of, helping at the kid's booth and of course, prayers for the event to bring honor to God and assistance to those in need beyond our walls. Here are some key dates and basic information. Please talk to any of the committee members if you have questions.

- **September Sunday School hour** – baking peppernuts

Committee: Katie Chlumsky, Renetta Gooden, Shelby Kaufman, Connie Luty, Emily Regehr, Laurie Regehr, Natalie Regehr, Tiffany Regehr

Vision: Healing and Hope

MCUSA Vision Statement (abbr.)

Mennonite Church and General Conference

Mennonite Church's "Vision: Healing and Hope," 1995;

adapt. Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA, 2002; alt.

Melody: Patty Shelly

Transc: Joel Boettger

Arr: Galen Fast

♩ = 108
F

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The tempo is marked as 108 beats per minute. The first staff has a key signature change to Bb and then to C. The second staff starts with a key signature of Bb and then changes to F. The third staff starts with a key signature of Gm and then changes to Bb, with a 'rit.' marking. The fourth staff starts with a key signature of Bb and then changes to F, with a 'rall.' marking. The lyrics are: 'God calls us to be fol - low - ers fol - low - ers of Je - sus Christ and, by the pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - r - it - to grow as comm - u - ni - ties of grace, joy, and peace, so that God's Hea - ling and hope, God's hea - ling and hope, flo - w through us to the world.'

God calls us to be fol - low - ers fol - low - ers of Je - sus

4 **F** **Bb** **F**

Christ and, by the pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - r - it - to

7 **Gm** **rit. Bb** **C** **F**

grow as comm - u - ni - ties of grace, joy, and peace, so that God's Hea - ling and hope, God's

10 **Bb** **rall.** **F** **C** **F**

hea - ling and hope, flo - w through us to the world.