

Hope Mennonite Church
November 9, 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

Jesse Graber & Friends

Welcome

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

(adapted from VT 879)

Life-giving God, may your Holy Spirit inspire our praise
and our prayers.

**Open our hearts and minds to your presence among us
and within us.**

Come alive in our words and actions as we share in worship.

**To you alone belongs all praise and honor and glory and
blessing, now and to the end of time. AMEN.**

*Songs of Gathering

In Christ There Is No East or West

#390

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

#5

Hearing God's Word

Time with children

Grace Parker Sutter

Confessing with Psalm 40

How Many Times We Start Again

#553

Message

There is a crack in everything

Ruth Harder



Responding to God's Word

**The Word of God Is Solid Ground*

#399

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jesse Graber & Friends

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the welcome registers)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Sending

**Sing a New World into Being*

#809

*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. We continue our series on Psalm 40 as we mark our 40 years as a congregation.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Ryan Henneberg

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Adam Kroeker

Scripture reader: Leslie James

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

November 16 Melissa Florer-Bixler, guest speaker

November 30 First Sunday of Advent

December 14 Children's Christmas program during worship

December 21 6:30 pm Longest Night service



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Church Office Hours

Cynthia Mon-Thurs 9-1:30pm
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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.

November 2

Attendance 96 (Hope 83; Zoom 16)

Offering - \$23,848

Hope Year to date \$198,144

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$236,923

*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.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (November 9-15)

Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday -7 pm Choir

Saturday -8:30 am-5 pm Reserved event – Kids Meet Christ



Mower this week – Randy Pinkerton



*Toddler & Preschool (ages 2-4): Room 8/9

*Younger elementary (K-1st): Room 2

*Older elementary(2nd-5th): Room 7

*Youth (middle & high school): Room 3

*Adults(sanctuary): Pastor Ruth will be leading a 3-Sunday series.

See the announcement for more information.

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Jerold Heide



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Jared & Natalie Regehr

Next Sunday: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

November 23: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (November 9-15)

Monday -7 pm Worship Commission

Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible Study

Thursday -7 pm Vision Council (Zoom)

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Coming soon: In just a few weeks, Hope will enter its season of 'holy mess.' As construction on the front remodeling project begins, the sanctuary will be reconfigured for worship.

Advent devotionals: The Worship Commission is offering an adult and a children's devotional to be used during the Advent season. If you are interested in either/both options, please reserve your copy through the church office. The deadline is next Sunday, **November 16**. They will be available on November 30, the first Sunday of Advent.



Now that Hope Mennonite Church has established some congregational goals, what are our next moves and how might we ensure that these next moves are rooted in the good news of Jesus? Pastor Ruth will facilitate three upcoming Christian Education sessions (November 9, 16, and 23)

with these questions in mind. Let's go Team Hope!

The November issue of *Anabaptist World* is available to you on the front literature table. Within this issue is also the first copy of *A Dangerous Faith*, a zine created for and by youth and young adults.

At the next meeting of the Kansas Repair Coalition (Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery), on **Tuesday, November 11**, author Laurie Dove will discuss her book, "Mask of the Deer Woman". If you would like to attend the meeting, see Marcus Loganbill for information. There is a study guide available.

Please reserve Saturday, **November 15** to help with a retreat center workday at Camp Mennoscah. All rooms have now had ac/heating units installed and sheetrock is in place. We will be finishing up rooms and painting. A more detailed job list will come out next week along with specific times. Volunteers will provide their own lunch that day. Please let Marcus know if you are able to help out all day or a partial day.

REGISTER TODAY for the Kids Meet Christ event on **November 15** in Wichita, KS here at Hope. We are excited to host Melissa Florer-Bixler and Michelle Hershberger, who will speak on what it means to integrate children more fully in worship—from understanding the scriptural foundation to practical steps for becoming more intergenerational. The event is from 10–4:00, and will include music by [Hopeful Blues](#), catered lunch from local popup [Mamacita's Taquitos](#), & free resources for children in worship. Register at <https://forms.gle/CfGRdnTFohPfUuwX6>
Note: Melissa Florer-Bixler will be our guest speaker the next day.

Invitations from our Hope Immigration Compassion Team (ICT): Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is providing regular training on how to safely and lawfully support immigrants who might be participating in local churches. There is a session on **November 25**, 6-8 pm. More information can be found at mcc.org/protecting-our-communities We, as ICT, encourage all members to prayerfully consider attending one of these sessions. Together, we can prepare ourselves to respond with compassion, wisdom and peace. Participating in the session will equip us with knowledge and skills which we can utilize as we discuss and implement a response plan for Hope Mennonite. -ICT Members: Cindy Fast, Ryan and Brenda Henneberg & Marcus Loganbill

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for all who gather this coming Saturday at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita, KS, for *Preparing the Way for Children*, a special event sponsored by WDC's Kids Meet Christ program to learn about the scriptural foundation for including children in worship, practical steps to become more intergenerational, and the process of congregational change.

...Emily Keefer and Madison Stockner are participants in the Alamosa, Colorado, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they integrate into their host congregation, Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa, and help extend its ministry in the community.

... For 13 years, workers have been serving in an area of India where followers of Jesus are persecuted. Pray for them as they accompany men and women in various levels of church leadership.