



Hope Mennonite Church
February 22, 2026
First Sunday in Lent
9:30 am Worship

Gathering to Worship

*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.
Hearing assistance devices are available from the tech booth.*

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

*Gathering Songs

<i>Sing Praise to God Who Reigns</i>	#101
<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	#761

Hearing God's Word

Time with Children

<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	#414
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Scripture reading	Luke 2:25-34
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Message	Ruth Harder
Seeing God's salvation	

Responding to God's Word

* <i>Bring Many Names</i>	#134
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The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & My Coins Count

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the welcome registers)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayer

**Shalom, My Friends*

#842

*Benediction

May God fill you with love.

May God surprise you with joy.

May God bless you with peace.

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*You are welcome to stand

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom. As Simeon held the infant Jesus, he sang, "My eyes have seen God's salvation." (Luke 2:30) The God of salvation that the psalmists sang about was seen to be fully alive in Jesus. As Jesus grew in wisdom and divine favor, more and more people joined this refrain. Eons have passed and people continue to trust in God's salvation at work in Jesus and in the church. This Lent, we will explore the seeing, experiencing, and trusting in God's salvation. May we, too, join the refrain!

The graphic on the front of the bulletin comes from The Peace Table Bible.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Musicians: Steve and Gail Goeke, Jesse Graber

Song leader: Adam Kroeker

Time with Children: Grace Parker Sutter

Scripture reader: Chris Teufel

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Barb Voth



Stay in touch with Hope

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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.

February 15

Attendance 134 (Hope 119; zoom 15)

Offering - \$3,351

Year to date - \$26,016

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$42,404

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

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 (February 22-28)

- Today -12:30-6 pm Reserved event
Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study – Sunday scriptures
Wednesday -7 pm Choir
-March Newsletter deadline
Thursday -7 pm Women's Bible study Making It Plain: Why we
NEED Anabaptism and Black Church by Dr. Drew
Hart. (Zoom only)



*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 1

*Adults(sanctuary): "Radical hospitality, future of Hope and much more" led by Marcus Loganbill. See announcement for details.

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill



NURSERY (infant up to 5th birthday)

Today: Taylor & Kevin Sechrist

Next Sunday: Jared & Natalie Regehr

March 8: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 1-7)

- Sunday -Noon Justice Together Network members
Monday -7 pm Worship Commission
Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study – Sunday scriptures
Wednesday -7 am Men's Breakfast @ Egg Crate
8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150
-7 pm Choir
Thursday -10 am Deacons
-7 pm Women's Bible study Making It Plain: Why we
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Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (we need 6 ½ dozen cookies)
-9:30 am-2 pm Leadership retreat

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Paul Zehr & Christina Hofer; Jeffrey Leach

To our Hope Church family, I want to express my sincere gratitude to you for your many acts of kindness and support over the past weeks since my dad's death: for the texts, cards, hugs, attendance at his Memorial service, and contributions to Mennonite Central Committee in his name. Even prior to his death, there were many ways we felt supported through food, coffee times, and conversations over the past 18 months. Hope church lives up to its name~ a beacon in the darkness. Peace and blessings to all, Cindy & Galen Fast family

Today's adult Sunday School will be a follow-up of last Sunday's discussion on hospitality at Hope. We will take time to discuss the concept of radical hospitality and what that means to us. We will share examples and begin looking at Hope's ministries in terms of radical hospitality. If you attended last Sunday, please bring your homework to class. If you are not able to attend Sunday School, you can still watch "reruns" during the week. If you would like documents and wish to share your input, contact Marcus Loganbill.

The My Coins Count project for the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale begins today through every Sunday until the Sale. You are invited to place your coins (or paper money) in the bucket during our offering time. Look in your purse, wallet, or pockets each Sunday and donate some or all the coins you have. My Coins Count offerings will go toward education around the world.

A Hope member has offered \$5,000 as a challenge match to benefit Camp Mennoscah! This match is good within our congregation, so you are invited to contribute to help us double that \$5,000. The deadline is March 29. Checks can be written to Hope Mennonite with Camp Mennoscah in the memo line. To date we have received **\$1,500** with \$3,400 left to go to meet the match.

You will find a cover letter and sign-up sheet from the Immigration Compassion Team in your box. Remember to put your form for the ICE response plan in Marcus Loganbill's mailbox by next Sunday, **March 1**. Note that in addition to signing up yourself, you are encouraged to nominate others who you feel would be capable of filling the various roles. If you do not have a mailbox, there are extra sign-up sheets on the literature table.

The March-May issue of the devotional *Rejoice* is available on the front table. You can pick up your copy today.

Remember, sign-up for Family Promise goes live this evening. If you are a trained volunteer, please sign up for the various duties March 8-15. If you are new to Hope and wish to know how you can volunteer or simply wish to know more about Family Promise, please see Marcus Loganbill, Vicki Howard, or Elizabeth Anderson.

Justice Together Hope's Network Members: Please save Sunday, **March 1** for lunch and a planning meeting about the upcoming Nehemiah Assembly. There will be updates on the Gun Violence Prevention and the Affordable Housing & Homelessness Committees. We will also plan our invitation strategy for the Nehemiah Assembly on April 27. Oh, and there will be LUNCH! Please RSVP by Wednesday **February 25** to Brenda Lilliston, Grace Parker Sutter or Wendy Wiens.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for strong, trusting relationships between leaders, congregations, and the communities they serve. [Western District Conference Church Planting Commission] ...

...Two Mennonite Voluntary Service participants in Tucson, Arizona, are serving with Community Home Repair of Arizona (CHRNA). Pray for these participants and CHRNA, as they provide emergency home repairs to low-income homeowners, as well as adaptive and safety modifications for people with disabilities ... OUR MISSION PARTNERS, Joseph and Rachel Givens, and their two sons, serve at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, where they help provide temporary shelter for women and children migrating from the Middle East and Africa and seeking refuge in England. Pray that the Givens find success in their fundraising efforts, so they can continue this ministry