



Hope Mennonite Church
March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:30 am Worship

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. -Philippians 2:12-13

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>We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer</i>	34
<i>My Hope is Built</i>	621

Hearing God's Word

Time with Children

Scripture reading 1 John 2:1-6; Romans 5:6-11; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

How Can We Worship Caesar's Cross 308

Message SOS Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word

**We Read the Cross* 569

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

Sending

* *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (3rd verse unison) 323

* Benediction

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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 the refrain, "My eyes have seen God's salvation." (Luke 2:30) 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!

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Connie Luty

Pianist: Brad Anderson

Song leader: Galen Fast

Time with Children: Ruth Harder

Scripture reader: Jerold Heide

Worship tech: Grant Bellar

Zoom host: Barb Voth

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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.

March 15

Attendance 98 (Hope 85; zoom 13)

Offering - \$5630

Year to date - \$43,742

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$66,635

*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 (March 22-28)

- Sunday -Lunch at Barn'rds
Monday -7 pm Music Committee
-7 pm Child Protection work group on Zoom
Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study – Sunday scriptures
Wednesday -7 pm Choir
-April Newsletter deadline



*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): *Fight Like Jesus: How Jesus Waged Peace Throughout Holy Week* (Jason Porterfield). This March series will be led by Lori Miller.

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Cindy Fast



NURSERY (infant – age four)

Today: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

Next Sunday: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

April 5: Any Volunteers?

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (March 29-April 4)

- Sunday -Palm Sunday
Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study – Sunday scriptures
Wednesday -7:00am Men's Breakfast @ Egg Crate
8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150
-7:00pm Choir
Thursday -6:30pm Maundy Thursday light meal and service following
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need 5½ doz cookies)

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: No visitors last week.

The My Coins Count project for the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale continues today through **Palm Sunday**. 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. Total to date: \$239. Last year we collected \$865.

Another way to help with Family Promise is coming up soon. The current day house is undergoing an extensive remodeling this month and the operation will be moving back to the home owned by Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church. Moving dates will be Thursday, March 19 and March 29 - April 3. If you would be willing to help with the moving process, please see Marcus Loganbill.

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. Checks can be written to Hope Mennonite with Camp Mennoscah in the memo line. To date we have received **\$4300** with *\$700 left to go to meet the match*. The deadline is today, **March 22**.

Each spring, summer and fall, we form a team to help with the upkeep of garden beds and other areas around the church grounds. We work in two-week shifts to help with pruning, weeding, deadheading, watering, and trimming. We usually begin our work in May, although there is plenty of work to be done now, if you would like to donate some time. If you would be willing to assist, please see Marcus Loganbill, our landscape coordinator.

Holy Week: Our Maundy Thursday service will be **April 2** starting with a light meal at 6:30, followed by the service in the sanctuary at 7 pm. Please bring sandwiches to share. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. *** Easter is **April 5**. You are invited to bring Easter bread or fruit ready to serve for our traditional Easter Feast immediately following the service. Both services will be available via zoom.

Love offering for the Hope Caring Fund—now through Maundy Thursday, March 2. The Hope Caring Fund, overseen by Hope Deacons, provides short-term financial aid to persons encountering acute or emergency situations. The Caring Fund balance has fallen below our minimum balance of \$2,000. Your gifts will help us replenish this important fund during this season of Lent and beyond. Please designate contributions to the “Hope Caring Fund.”

Two important meetings are coming up for Justice Together Network members and our Hope Mennonite Church family:

(1) The **Solutions Rally this Thursday, March 26** at 6pm at First United Methodist Church located at 330 N. Broadway, Wichita — mainly for Justice Together Network members but if you're interested, please join us!

(2) The **Nehemiah Assembly on Monday, April 27** at 6:00 pm at the WSU Metroplex, 5015 East 29th St N, Wichita — a date to circle on your calendar, many more details to come.

The Kansas Repair Coalition, a subgroup of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery includes individuals from more than 12 congregations in the area. We meet each month, alternating in-person and zoom meetings. Our current focus is advocating for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP) and MMIW, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Our next meeting is Monday, March 23 at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton at 5:30 pm. See Marcus Loganbill for additional information.

The next Power of Attorney clinic will be held Saturday, April 25. The clinic will be held in conjunction with a celebration of Day of the Children - an annual festival in the Latinx community. We are in need of volunteers for morning and/or afternoon shifts. Volunteers greet clients, escort them to their attorneys, offer drinks and snacks, play games with children, and serve lunch to other volunteers. We are also thinking of providing lunch (for approximately 50 volunteers) ourselves, rather than catering. If these opportunities interest you, please see Ryan or Brenda Henneberg, Cindy Fast or Marcus Loganbill.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they listen for the leading of God's Spirit in selecting nominees for elected leadership positions in our conference and give thanks for those who say "yes" when invited to serve.

... Beginning today, a group of 11 people from Columbus (Ohio) Mennonite Church will embark on a seven-day Underground Railroad Just Peace Pilgrimage. Pray for participants as they encounter difficult realities that may shift and challenge their worldview, and pray that they are able to use the insights they gain