

Hope Mennonite Church
April 19, 2026
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

Call to Worship: inspired by John 20:24-29

One: Thomas said:

“Unless I see the mark of the nails
and put my hand in his side,
I will not believe.”

**All: We are often skeptical people,
driven by our senses,
relying on that which we can hear, see or prove.**

Our Lord asks us to see the invisible,
to trust in the spirit, to have faith.

Lord, give us faith!

**Sometimes we get carried away by our emotions,
by wishful thinking**

and by popular trends that pull us in.

**Lord, help us to be bold in our beliefs,
but also careful as Thomas was.**

**Move us beyond mere trust in ordinary things
and open our eyes for spiritual realities.**

Jesus said: “Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.”

Amen.

*Gathering Songs

Could It Be That God Is Singing
There Are Many Gifts

#42
#374

Hearing God's Word

Children are invited to the *Prayground*

Reflection

Ruth Harder

Scripture reading

John 20:19-31

Doubting Thomas
arr. Nickel Creek

Bethany Amstutz Schrag & Jesse Graber

Reflections

Jesse Graber & Ryan Henneberg

Responding to God's Word

**Ask the Complicated Questions*

#440

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

New member recognition

God of covenant, your steadfast love endures forever.

In Christ, we belong to you and your people.

Today, through the Spirit, we renew our commitment to fellowship and worship, service and witness, as partners in your mission. God, give us grace, in this place and for this time, to live this covenant.

Greeting our Guests

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Sung prayer

Lead Me Forth

#837

Sending

**Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

#812

*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.

**New
Members**
W · E · L · C · O · M · E

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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.

April 12

Attendance 137 (Hope 121; zoom 16)

Offering - \$4,566

Year to date - \$70,683

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$90,865

*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.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Ryan Henneberg
Pianist: Laurie Regehr
Song leader: Adam Kroeker
Scripture reader: Delaine Stolzle
Worship tech: Michelle Jantz
Sound tech: Galen Fast
Zoom hosts: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (April 19-25)

Today -12-4 pm reserved event
Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study – Sunday scriptures
Wednesday -7 pm Choir
-MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Saturday -10-noon Library reserved



*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): *Everyday Activism: Following 7 practices of Jesus to Create a Just World.* This April series will be led by Cynthia Loganbill



Mower this week – Travis Cox

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (April 26-May 2)

Monday -6 pm Nehemiah Assembly
@ WSU Metroplex, 50515 E. 29th St. N
Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study – Sunday scriptures
Wednesday -7 pm Choir
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need 10 dozen cookies)
-10-noon Library reserved

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

Next Sunday: Jordon & Emily Regehr

May 3: Jared & Natalie Regehr

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

Guests & visitors last Sunday: Randy & Ronda Quinn; Christopher, Jennifer, Vivienne, Oliver, Ellis, Juniper Chlumsky; Jay & Katie Weiler; Rebecca, Aria & Nikki Moncado; Andrew Graber (Zoom)

Today we welcome 15 new members:

Brad, Elizabeth & Maddie Anderson; Ruth Harder & Jesse Graber; Kurt & Susie Jantz; John Mark Koontz; David & Sharon Morford ; Alec Rice; Rita Schmidt; Leah Shelly-Unruh; Caleb & Kara Wiens

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 need 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.

With Justice Together's Nehemiah Assembly just around the corner, tickets are available to pick up on the Literature Table! We can "put our faith into action" on *Monday, April 27 at the WSU Metroplex, [5015 East 29th St N, Wichita!](#)* Remember this is our opportunity to let our elected officials know that Affordable Housing/ Homelessness and Gun Violence Prevention are important issues to us. Pick up tickets for yourself and others to join people from over 40 area faith communities. Come on out to help bring more justice to Wichita!

Individuals who have signed up for the ICE (Immigration Response Team) response team have already received an invitation (email) to a special meeting on **Sunday, May 3** - a pizza lunch followed by approximately an hour and half of detailed instructions and discussion (12:45 - 2:15). We are working to provide childcare.. The ICT committee extends an invitation to **all members** of the congregation. If you have not signed but would like to know more or to participate in some way, feel free to attend. Please **RSVP to Marcus Loganbill by Sunday, April 26** if you are able to attend.

New mailbox: Doug & Heather Voran

Hope is partnering with Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) to learn more about accessibility needs and challenges within our physical space of worship, as well as our worship rituals and practices. Natalie Regehr, Emma Graber (Social Work Intern), and Pastor Ruth, with help from ADN and Hope Worship Commission, are beginning to collect data and stories from folks connected to Hope. Included here is a link to a questionnaire: Hard copies of this questionnaire are available at the church as well. For those who are comfortable filling this out online or via paper copy, please do so over the next 2 weeks. Skip whatever sections that are difficult to answer. Whether you complete all, part, or none of this, please know that we will be hosting other response opportunities (online and in person). In other words, see this questionnaire as a starting place or template for what we hope will be good conversation and learning in May and beyond. Thank you. **One additional note:** Pastor Ruth and Leslie James will be attending a learning retreat this week in Pennsylvania (April 21-24), sponsored by ADN. Learning sessions will include topics such as *Disability Theology*, *Intergenerational Worship*, *Navigating Congregational Change*, and *Reimagining Belonging and Behavior*.

Evaluating and learning from each other about accessibility in our worship life at Hope



Shine a Light on Hope



We are continuing a special campaign to upgrade our aging sanctuary lighting system. Our current fixtures are outdated and beyond their intended lifespan. The new system—high quality Chauvet ellipsoidal, PAR, and batten lights — will provide clearer visibility, flexible color control, and improved lighting for music, worship leadership, livestreaming, and seasonal services.

The project will supply ideal lighting levels of **500–1000 lux**, give us greater control and flexibility, and maintain the clean architectural aesthetic of our sanctuary. It is both a practical and transformational investment in our worship life. We have created an informational video that you can access using this QR code.*



The total project cost is **\$32,000**. We are grateful to have already received **\$10,000** from the Alden Warkentine bequest. In addition, we have received an **additional \$10,000** Worship Technology Grant from Western District Conference.

This leaves **us with \$12,000** to raise through this Shine a Light on Hope fundraising campaign from now until May 3.

Gifts can be made in person or online.

- Online giving link - Tithely – note in comments (Shine a Light on Hope or lighting)
- Check with Shine a Light on Hope or lighting in memo
- Cash in envelope labeled “Shine a Light on Hope” or Lighting

Thank you for helping create a bright, welcoming worship space for all. Watch updates in Fellowship Hall via our “shine-o-meter” and plan for a light-hearted event during Sunday School hour on Sunday May 3rd.

*If you have a smart phone, turn the camera feature on and focus on the QR image/code as if you are going to take a picture of it. A website link should pop up, which you can click on. That should take you to an informational video. Contact the church office if you would like another way to access the video. Office email: secretary@hopemennonite.or