

Hope Mennonite Church
May 3, 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 & call to worship

Choral prayer *I Will Lift My Eyes*

*Gathering Song

We Sing to You, O God!

#80

Rising and dying in Christ

Risen for me

Children's choir

We will shine

Hope girls

Service of baptism: Kloie & Hailey Boese

Oceans (#456)

Ensemble

*Congregational Response

God of covenant, when Jesus came up from the waters of baptism, you claimed him as your beloved child. Through Jesus you claim everyone who comes to you as your beloved.

Strengthen us, O God of love, weave us together as your baptized people, through Jesus Christ, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

**The Lord Your God is with You*

#173

Sung testimonies

Choir

*His Light in Us
Inscription of Hope
Nearer my God*

Responding to God's Word

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Go Down Moses

Choir

Greeting our Guests

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayer

**My Life Flows On*

#605

Sending

Choral Benediction *Praise His Holy Name!*

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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.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader & choir director: Trae Gehring

Children's choir director: Laurie Regehr

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Sound tech: Jesse Graber

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston



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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 26

Attendance 95 (Hope 88; zoom 7)

Offering - \$2,852

Year to date - \$77,518

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$102,981

*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 (May 3-9)

Today -Noon ICT lunch and training

Wednesday -7 am Men’s breakfast

@ Egg Crate, 8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150

-7:00 pm Men’s ensemble

-8:30 pm ADN discussion-Zoom(see announcement)

Saturday -10-noon Library reserved



Today all ages will join in the fellowship hall for Shine a Light on Hope festivities (see announcement).



Mower this week – Eldon & Clinton Chlumsky

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 10-16)

Monday -7 pm Worship Commission

Wednesday -8:30 am Coffee with Women Friends @Coffee Daze
3236 E Douglas Ave STE 100, Wichita

Saturday -10-noon Library reserved

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Greg & Dawn Epp

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Jared & Natalie Regehr

Next Sunday: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

May 17: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman

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Thank you for your **Shine a Light on Hope** contributions so far. We will give an update on our fundraising goal status during sharing time today. To further highlight this campaign, all sorts of festivities are planned for the second hour TODAY, including comedy, bad puns, trivia, sharing, snacks and illuminating drinks from Cuppa Hope.

Hope Mennonite showed up for Justice Together Nehemiah Assembly with more than 40 other faith organizations, to stand before city leaders and advocate for our neighbors seeking lasting solutions to homelessness, affordable housing, and reducing gun violence in Sedgwick County. This is what it means to be the Church: to love mercy, seek justice, and walk humbly with God.

Update on Hope's five-year partnership with Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN). Please note these two opportunities to continue discussing and learning from each other about worship accessibility at Hope. **May 10:** Sunday School roundtable discussions facilitated by Pastor Ruth. We will discuss the accessibility questionnaire that has been circulating the past couple of weeks. For those who can't make it to these Sunday sessions, we will host one zoom discussion Wednesday, **May 6**, at 8:30 pm. Email the church office or Pastor Ruth for a zoom link.

Our next Family Promise hosting week is **June 7-14**. If you are new to Hope and would like to participate in this ministry, please see Vicki Howard, Elizabeth Anderson, or Marcus Loganbill. They will assist you with registering.

Prayers for the wider church

... Pray for the Western District Conference Annual Assembly planning team, as it prepares creative ways for us to join in "Becoming God's People," the theme of our conference gathering August 7-9 hosted by Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, TX. ...MVS San Francisco (California) participant Bella Kephart works with the Eviction Defense Collaborative, where she helps tenants facing eviction stay housed. Praise God for the growth Bella has experienced and the people she has helped during her placement.

Risen For Me

In the sunrise at the waking of the day
When the songbirds celebrate new beginning
And in the springtime when the flowers fill the trees
And the grass is growing green I can see Him.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! He is risen from the grave!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! He is goodness; He is grace
Every day, every hour I'm reminded of His pow'r and his peace
Hallelujah! He is risen for me!

In the colors of each sunset in the sky
As it melts into the night Hope is given
And in the promise of the fading of the moon
That the dawn is coming soon I can see him.

Jesus is risen! He lives again!

I Will Shine

There's light within me, the perfect light of Christ
And I have made a promise to keep it burning bright
By walking in His footsteps and following his plan
In every time in every place in every way I can

Refrain: I will shine light a candle in the dark
All it takes to make a difference is a spark
And it's easy to see that the brightest I'll be
Is when I let His light shine through me

One simple act of kindness will lift a lonely soul
One gentle word that's spoken turns sadness to hope
One choice to be like Jesus will spread the love He gives
And one by one the world becomes a better place to live

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

Total donations to date - \$5,950

Choir texts

I Will Lift My Eyes (Psalm 121)

Zachary J. Moore

I will lift my eyes up to the hills, from whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not allow your foot be moved;
He who keeps you will not fall.
Behold, the King of Israel who shall ne'er slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper;
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you.
He shall preserve your going out and your coming in.
From this time forth, and forevermore. Amen

His Light In Us

words Euan Tait & music Kim Andre Arneson

God's distant call flares in the night,
so long expected, so longed for;
and all my life Christ called my name,
and now at last, I'll answer Him.

Renewed, his hope, his light in us, incarnate, fragile,
our Lord appears, Alleluia, alleluia! Eternal, so perfect,
his cry of changeless love.

Alive, awake; His call is here:
it is the crying of the Child;
I know Christ's call, its hidden flame,
it makes my spirit flare with hope!

Renewed, his hope, his light in us...

This root, this stem, this flowering love,
the mustard seed, it grows to the greatest tree,
the birds of souls have nested there.
The light of the night now blazes at dawn!

You've lead me here, O little child,
your being singing with God's life.
The kingdom sings, it choirs with earth,
all creation lives Christ's peace.

Renewed, his hope, his light in us...

Inscription of Hope

music Z. Randall Stroope

(The song was based on words found scrawled on a cellar wall by Jews hiding from the Nazis in Cologne, Germany during the Second World War.)

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining,
And I believe in love even when there's no one there,
And I believe in God even when he is silent
I believe through any trial there is always a way.

But sometimes in suffering and hopeless despair,
My heart cries for shelter, to know someone's there.
But a voice rises within me saying hold on my child,
I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope, just stay a little while.

Nearer, My God, To Thee

Lowell Mason & James L Stevens

Solo:

Nearer by God to thee! Nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me.
There let the way appear, steps unto heav'n;
All that thou sendest me in mercy giv'n.
Still all my song shall be nearer my God to thee.
Though like the wanderer the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone.
Angels to beckon me nearer by God to thee.
Or if, on joyful wing, cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon and start forgot, upward I fly.

Choir:

In articulo mortis caelitus mihi vires
(*At the moment of death, heaven gave me strength.*)
Deo adjuvante no timendum in perpetuum
(*With God's help, we need not fear forever.*)
Dirige nos Domine ad augusta per angusta
(*Direct us, O Lord, to the great through the narrow.*)
Sic itur ad astra excelsior
(*Thus we go to the higher stars.*)

Go Down Moses

Mark Hayes

Let me tell ya 'bout a story 'long time ago way down in Egypt land.
Seems the Pharoah had taken control of things,
Had the people in the palm of his hands.
But a certain group of people called the Israelites
didn't want to play his game,
So the Pharoah forced the people into slavery
And he caused them grief and pain.
Well the Lord in the heavens looked down and saw
His people and their pain,
so he called out a man from Midian and Moses was his name.
Well Moses was attendin' his flock one day when a bush began to
burn, and the Lord spoke to Moses from the burning bush,
Said "The Pharoah's got a lesson to learn!"

Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land.
Tell ole, Pharoah, let my people go!

Well Moses had some doubts about takin' this job,
he felt a little bit out of his league.
Leading out his people form Pharoah's land was quite a job indeed.
"What will I say and tell me how will they know
that I'm the man that's appointed by you!
A leader I'm not, but I bet for this spot
my brother Aaron will do better for you."

Back by the bush the Lord kept on; He knew He had the right man.
"You need a sign, Well, that's just fine,
just look what you have in your hand."
All it seemed to Mose was a wooden rod until he threw it down.
Imagine his surprise when a snake appeared
As soon as it hit the ground.

Moses started runnin' but the Lord said,
"Stop, pick the serpent up by the tail.
What the Lord commanded seemed crazy to him
And he protested to no avail.
When he fin'ly picked the serpent up you know what occurred.
The snake became a rod in his hand.
The miracle that happened gave old Moses strength
to lead his people to the Promised Land!

Praise His Holy Name!

Keith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.

Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Jesus, Jesus how I love thee.

Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?

No there's a cross for ev'ryone and there's a cross for me.

Holy Jesus, Praise His Name,

Oh! Hallelujah praise His Holy name.

Praise His Name, Praise His Holy name! Praise Him!



A Choral
Finale