

Hope Mennonite Church
June 7, 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

Come take off your shoes;

For where we stand is holy ground.

Come love your neighbor

and seek to do good to all around you;

For where we stand is holy ground.

Come and respect the planet;

For where we stand is holy ground.

Love all that God gave us;

For we are all standing on holy ground.

*Gathering Song

For the Beauty of the Earth

#120

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

We are here in the **heart** of God;

God is here in the **heart** of us.

Like the wind in the summer & the summer in the wind

Scripture reading

Exodus 3:1-6

I Am That Great and Fiery Force

#663

Sermon

Now. Here. God.

Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word

**The Garden Needs Our Tending Now*

#788

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayer

Sending

**This Is God's Wondrous World*

#180

*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. Today we continue our summer worship series *Sacred Ground(s)*.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lori Miller

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Joanna Pinkerton

Time with children: Ruth Harder

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Sound tech: Jesse Graber

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston



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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.

May 31

Attendance 140 (Hope 124; Zoom 16)

Offering - \$12,452

Year to date - \$103,082

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$127,212

*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 (June 7-13)

- Today -Following worship PCRC
(Pastor Congregation Relations Committee)
-Flint Hills outing (weather permitting)
- Monday -7 pm Worship Commission
- Tuesday -9-12:30 pm Fellowship Hall reserved
- Thursday -8:30 am Coffee with Women Friends
@Adelitas 120 East 1st St. N, Wichita
- Saturday -10-11:30 am Library reserved



Mower this week – Travis Cox

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (June 14-20)

- Wednesday -7 am Men's breakfast
@ Egg Crate, 8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150
- Friday/Sat -Library reserved

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky
Next Sunday: Jared & Natalie Regehr
June 21: new schedule coming

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Joanna Pinkerton

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Guests & visitors: Joseph & Rachel Givens; Josh Warkentine & Emily Ekenbecker; Brooklyn & Dougie Garcia; Carly, Adam, Mae Voth Unruh

Our Discipleship Commission budgets for our yearly subscription to the devotional *Rejoice*. Currently we receive 15 copies based on feedback from a number of years ago. With the growth of our congregation, it might be time to increase that number. If you regularly use *Rejoice*, please let the church office know.

The June issue of *Anabaptist World* is now available on the front table. The lead articles address the wrestling with faith and nation as the United States approaches its 250th anniversary. Pick up your copy today.

A couple of exciting items from Justice Together:

1. Justice Together was called a “game changer on local issues” by Wichita’s Active Age newspaper. See the article on the Witness & Outreach bulletin board or at <https://theactiveage.com/justice-together-a-game-changer-on-local-issues>.
2. Join the Justice Together Celebration with food, music, games and the Investment Drive Kickoff on Thursday, **June 18**, 6 pm at Calvary United Methodist Church at 2525 North Rock Rd.
3. Become more involved in Hope’s Justice Together Network by becoming a Team Leader. See Ruth Harder, Grace Parker Sutter or Wendy Wiens for more information.

The Kansas Repair Community is promoting a trip to the annual powwow of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) **June 12-14** in Mayetta, KS. We will learn about the culture and customs of the Potawatomi and meet with staff from Tribal Victim Services of the PBPN who work closely with issues of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People/Women, particularly in areas of prevention and awareness. **Plans are being made to carpool on Saturday, the 13th.** See Marcus Loganbill if you are interested in joining.

Hope Vision Council announces a special congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, **June 28**. Topics of discussion/vote will include our congregational response plan to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on our church properties, as well as proposed changes to our Abuse Prevention and Response Policy, also known as our Child Protection Policy.

Sandwich Saturday coordinators are needed for **July 4 & August**

1. Would you consider gathering a group of church people, family, friends and/or neighbors? At minimum you need 4-5 people, although the more you have the quicker it goes. If you have never participated in this ministry, all the items are purchased ahead of time, and your group simply puts together the 60 sack lunches and then distributes them at St. John’s Episcopal Church downtown at 11:00 am. There are very specific and easy to follow instructions. There are also open slots in October, November, and December.

Western District Conference annual assembly – “Becoming God’s People,” **August 7-9** at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, TX. Hope is entitled to send 9 delegates (we have one so far), so if you are interested, please contact the church office. Most of the costs for attending will be paid by the church.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Western District Conference’s ministry partner Camp Mennoscah and for all the children, youth, volunteers and camp staff who will participate in summer camp, that they may experience renewal and joy as they connect with others, with God and with God’s creation.

... June 5 was World Environment Day. Pray that all God’s people would see the value in preserving and protecting the world God made for us through action and activism. Pray for an end to the destruction of wildlife habitats, nature preserves, jungles and forests, sacred lands, and other places of natural significance.