

Hope Mennonite Church

July 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

Introit

Between Rock & Sky by Joan Shelley

*Call to worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul. You stretch out the heavens like a tent; you set the beams of your chambers on the waters; **you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind; you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.**

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment. By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth.

The trees of the field are watered abundantly. In them the birds build their nests;

You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

-From Psalm 104 NRSV, Updated Edition

*Gathering Song

Morning Has Broken

#495

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

Scripture reading

Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 8:18-23

Spoken reflection

Leslie James

Awe and Wonder, Mycorrhizae and Bioluminescence

Sung reflection

Now is the Cool of the Day by Jean Ritchie

Responding to God's Word

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer

Greeting Our Guests

Seeing and Seeking God

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Work of the Church

Prayer

Sending

**There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

#156

**Sung Benediction*

We will shine in the light of God.

God will shine in the light of us.

Like the stars in the cosmos and the cosmos in the stars...

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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: Ryan Henneberg

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Kendal Warkentine

Time with children: Ruthie Goering & Logan Regehr

Musicians: Jesse Graber, Bethany Amstutz, John Koontz

Worship tech: Grant Bellar Sound tech: Jesse Graber

Zoom hosts: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

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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.

July 12

Attendance 112 (Hope 96; Zoom 16)

Offering - \$7,577

Year to date - \$156,017

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$169,615

*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 (July 19-25)

Today -Lunch at Barn'ds – all are invited
Tuesday -1 pm Care & Nurture Commission
Wednesday -Hope Headlines deadline (August newsletter)
Saturday -10 am – noon Library reserved



Mower this week – Randy Pinkerton

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky
Next Sunday: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman
August 2: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Jerold Heide

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (July 26-August 1)

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (we need 10 dozen cookies)

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Visitors last Sunday: Kerri Anderson; JB Hunt; Doug & Ashley Maury

Following worship today, you are invited to join other Hope folk at Barn'ds for lunch. It's a great time eating and fellowshiping together. Even if you didn't sign up, please come!

Our Mennonite Mission Partners—the Givens— will share about their ministry **this evening, July 19, at 6:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, Halstead**. Refreshments will follow. All the supporting churches are welcome. You can also join the livestream on their Facebook page.



Sharing our gifts and rotating leadership at Hope! We'd love to get a strong response to a newly created **Count Me In** form. If nothing else, look over this form to be reminded of the many ways people contribute to the life and mission of Hope Mennonite, and let's keep giving thanks to one another and God. Paper copies available. **The deadline is August 1.**

Kids Vacation Bible School at Hope **August 15:** 9am-12pm and **August 16:** 12pm-3pm. Kids ages 3-10 (note change) will gather around the theme: God is out of (and in) this world! Lunch will be provided for the kids on Sunday, **August 16** prior to activities. We are asking for a \$5 contribution per kid to help cover craft supplies and lunch. Contact Natalie Regehr (nataliekgraber@gmail.com) if you need assistance with the attendance cost or questions about the weekend program. To register kids for VBS, please contact the church office (secretary@hopemennonite.org) **August 12** with the names and ages of kids for planning purposes.

The July issue of Anabaptist World has arrived. This issue highlights the 50th anniversary of the Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interest event and personal stories. Pick up your copy.

CHASING WONDER

• PHOTO BINGO CHALLENGE •

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS FOR CHASING WONDER AND YOUR CHASING WONDER PHOTO. THE OBJECT: FIND, SHARE, AND CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY OF THE WORLD AS YOU GO. APPROVED FOR A "WONDER" OR "CHASING WONDER" PHOTO.



"Pay attention. Be intentional. Tell about it."

Earlier this summer, we distributed a Chasing Wonder bingo card (see image). It's not too late to participate! **Next Sunday, July 26, we will share our bingo findings (photos, drawings, reflections) during the second hour.** If you have images you'd like to share, send them to Ruth (pastor@hopemennonite.org) so she can share them on the sanctuary monitors during second hour.

Western District Conference (WDC) annual assembly

From Pastor Ruth: Anyone interested in joining me (and Kendal Warkentine) as a Hope delegate at our upcoming annual WDC assembly in Dallas, TX? You would be welcome to travel with me in a vehicle I plan to rent, leaving Friday late morning, August 7th, and returning Saturday evening, the 8th. Please let me know ASAP. All costs and expenses for our delegates will be covered by the church.

Our next Family Promise hosting week is August 23-30. If you are not currently a volunteer, but would be interested in becoming one, there is a one-time required on-line training. Please contact Marcus Loganbill, Vicki Howard, or Elizabeth Anderson for further information.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) announcement: Don't forget that Quilters Corner is seeking your donations year-round. Donations can be dropped off at MCC Center in North Newton labeled for QC, or if you need delivery options or help sorting, call Ann Yoder Smith 919-604-3282. Thank you!

Prayers for the Wider Church

...Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team, staff and volunteers as they finalize preparations for this special gathering, August 7-9 at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, TX.

...This week, this year's new Service Adventure leaders will attend orientation in Elkhart, Indiana. Pray for these new unit leaders as they learn about Mission Network, the Service Adventure program and their role as unit leaders. Pray also for guidance as they plan and prepare for the participant in August.

...The German Mennonite Peace Committee (DMFK) works in and leads several trips to Israel-Palestine each year. With rising hostilities in the region, they had to cancel a learning trip for 14 participants, as well as some volunteer placements, this spring.

Text *Beyond Rock and Sky*

While this rock's still turning | While our star still shines | Hear the crickets calling |

To the hawk in flight | Over hills and valleys | Between rock and sky | Sound a thousand colors | In the narrow light

Like the fading flowers | On a climbing vine | So few precious hours | To be you and I | Over hills and valleys | Between rock and sky | Hear the child arriving | Heaving heart's first cry

So sing joy and sorrow | In this fold of time

Like there's no tomorrow | Raise the glasses high | Over hills and valleys | Between rock and sky | To the ones that made us | And the ones for whom we'll die

Text *Now is the cool of the day*

My Lord, He said unto me | "Do you like my garden so fair? | You may live in this garden if you keep the grasses green | And I'll return in the cool of the day"

[Chorus]

Now is the cool of the day | Oh, this earth is a garden | The

garden of my Lord | And He walks in His garden | In the cool of
the day

Then my Lord, He said unto me | "Do you like my pastures of
green? | You may live in this garden if you will feed my lambs |
And I'll return in the cool of the day"

