

Hope Mennonite Church

August 9, 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: Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the Lord had made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Gathering Song

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns

#101

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

We love you and Jesus does too;

Jesus loves you and so do we;

May you grow from your learning

and keep learning as you grow.

Scripture reading

Matthew 6: 24-34

Instrumental

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,

'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be;

And when we find ourselves in the place just right,

'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,

To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;

to turn, turn, will be our delight.

Till by turning, turning we come round right.

Responding to God's Word

**Touch the Earth Lightly*

#145

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

**God, Whose Giving*

#745

*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 Leadership

Worship leader: Connie Luty

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Steve Pankratz

Instrumental: Jesse Graber

Scripture reader: Justin Regehr

Time with children: Greg Shelly-Unruh & Ruth Harder

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Sound tech: Rod Kremer

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

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Church Office Hours

Cynthia Mon-Thurs 9-1:30pm
Kim Fri-9-1pm
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.

August 2

Attendance 108 (Hope 96; Zoom 12)

Offering - \$3,185

Year to date - \$177,298

Spending plan commitment year to date - \$187,788

*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 (August 9-15)

Saturday -9-noon Vacation Bible School



Mower this week – Eldon & Clinton Chlumsky

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

Next Sunday: Ben & Grace Parker Sutter

August 23: Jared & Natalie Regehr

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Scott & Connie Luty

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (August 16-22)

Sunday -noon- 3 pm Vacation Bible School

Monday -8:30 am Coffee with Women Friends
@Goldfinch 1640 E. Waterman, Wichita

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

Saturday -9:45-noon library reserved

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Visitors last Sunday: Rose Haury; Shin-Hee Chin & Ku-Sup Chin;
Keith & Judy Harder; Larry & Betsy Buller; Tom Voth

This week a “phishing” email impersonating Pastor Ruth was distributed across Hope. After consulting with an IT specialist, nothing seems to indicate that our church accounts were hacked; rather, bogus email addresses were created, with Ruth's name attached to them. Therefore, this is a reminder: Only respond to email messages from Pastor Ruth that come from pastor@hopemennonite.org

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.

The new issue of Anabaptist World is available on the entryway table.

Vacation Bible School next weekend **August 15:** 9am-12pm and **August 16:** 12pm-3pm. Kids ages 3-10 will gather around the theme: *God is out of (and in) this world!* Lunch will be provided for the kids on Sunday, **August 16.** We are asking for a \$5 contribution per kid. Contact Natalie Regehr with questions (nataliekgraber@gmail.com). To register kids, please contact the church office (secretary@hopemennonite.org) by **August 12** with the names and ages of kids for planning purposes.

Coming up in August: New! We invite teachers and students to bring their personal backpacks, satchels, or briefcases to worship Sunday, August 30. **We have a special Hope backpack blessing for you to carry with you this new school year.** In addition, during the second hour on the 30th, we will have a multi-generational time of backpack show and tell. Start thinking about what you took to school back when, and in what kind of bag!

Prayers for the Wider Church

...Seth and Stephany Rudeen are returning to Kansas after spending a year in Guatemala at the Bezaleel school in San Pedro Carchá. Pray for the Rudeens as they readjust to living in the U.S. and find new patterns in the home they left behind a year ago.
...On June 24, Venezuela experienced two devastating earthquakes that resulted in the confirmed death or injury of more than 20,000 people, with tens of thousands more still missing. Pray for everyone affected, as they continue to mourn the lost, search for the missing and rebuild, as many have been left homeless or displaced.

Sharing Prayers & Praise

August 2, 2026

- * Please pray for Natalie Hand and her family as her brother Fred Bartel is in his final days.
- * Pray for Mennonite Church of the Servant here in Wichita. Their current pastor is moving to Canada and one of their long-term members died recently.