

Hope Mennonite Church

October 11, 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

Insert

*Gathering Song

Sing a New World into Being

#809

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

I Saw a Tree by the Riverside

#514

Scripture reading

Judges 9:8-15

Message

Election season...for trees!

Ruth Harder

Responding to God's Word

**This Is My Song*

#710

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *O Love* by George Matheson; arr. Elaine Hagenberg
Prayer

Greeting Our Guests

Seeing and Seeking God

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Work of the Church

Prayer

Blessing

**We Are People of God's Peace*

#797

*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. Our fall worship series is titled Roots and Wings.

Worship Leadership

Worship leader: Jim Voth

Pianist: Brad Anderson

Violin: Jesse Graber

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: David Schmidt

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Sound tech: Jesse Graber

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Offertory text

- O Love, that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
- O Joy, that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.
- O Cross, that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Stay in touch with Hope

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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.

October 4

Attendance 114 (Hope 99; Zoom 14)

Offering \$9,789

Year to date \$219,870

Spending plan commitment year to date \$242,308

*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.

NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK (October 11-17)

Today -4 pm Orienting with the Word group
Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study
Wednesday -8:30 am Coffee with Women Friends
@CoFellow Coffee Parlor, 107 N. Main, Goddard
-6 pm Best Fall Soup supper; peppernut baking
-7 pm Choir
Thursday -7 pm Women's Bible study(zoom)
Saturday -9:45-11:30 am Library reserved



* Preschool: Room 8
*K-1st grade: Room 2
*2nd-5th grade: Room 7
*Youth: Room 1

*Adults(sanctuary): See bulletin announcement



Mower this week – Randy Graber

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman
Next Sunday: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky
October 25: Worship at Camp Mennoscah

NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK (October 18-24)

Sunday -4 pm Orienting with the Word group
-Church retreat registration deadline
Monday -1 pm kitchen reserved
-7 pm Worship Commission
Tuesday -1 pm Women's Bible study
Wednesday -7 am Men's breakfast
@ Egg Crate, 8606 W 13th St N, Suite #150
-1 pm Deacons
Thursday -7 pm Women's Bible study(zoom)
Sat/Sunday -Church retreat at Camp Mennoscah
See bulletin announcement for more information

Coffee preparation next Sunday –Tiffany Regehr

Visitors last Sunday: Don Lemons; Calen Boller

New mailbox: Abram & Emily Rodenberg; Eleanor & Arthur

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God—food sharing and heritage is the theme of our current Adult Education series. Today will center around Wichita's Lebanese Heritage. Joining us today will be **Jay M. Price**, History Professor and Public History Program Director of WSU, as well as the co-editor of the book *Wichita's Lebanese Heritage*.

The Family Promise coordinators invite you to look at the new bulletin board in the fellowship hall and grab a sticky note that has a wish list item on it. Keeping up with families and their needs is ongoing, and we can help by donating items that are on their wish list. Of course, monetary donations are always welcome, too. Thank you for your continued support of Family Promise!

Over the next several weeks, we will continue to post a weekly root word to focus our communal attention and prayer. This week our root word is **Majestic**. What stories, reflections, prayers rise for you when considering this word? If you are so moved, send Pastor Ruth your responses for possible use in a future Hope Advent devotional. Note: Pastor Ruth invites the congregation to join her at the Keeper of the Plains on Monday, October 12 from 6-7 pm. As our nation observes either Indigenous Peoples' Day or Columbus Day or both, let's join for the purpose of reflection and prayer.

The October issue of *Anabaptist World* is now available on the front table. This theme this month is "Faithful & Political." We receive 8 copies each month of this publication. If you would like to receive an at-home subscription for \$49/year, please contact the church office by November 1.

Please join us this Wednesday, **October 14**, at 6 pm, for our Best Fall Soup Competition followed by peppernut baking. You are invited to sign up on the bulletin board – come to eat and if you wish, bring a pot of soup to share.

Our annual church retreat will take place at Camp Mennoscah **October 24-25** with an overnight option. Isaac Shue, owner of Gallery Mostaza (pottery store and studio in Newton) will be joining us together with his family as guest artist and presenter. His participation is made possible by our participation with Anabaptist Disabilities Network grant-funded learning cohort. Registration forms are on the table between the mailboxes or can be accessed electronically by the link posted to Facebook. Deadline-October 18.

Hope Mennonite Church Craft Bazaar

November 14 9 am - 2 pm

Peppernut baking during 2nd hour on Sundays

Today & October 18

November 1 & 8

Hope Friends meals at 6 pm and peppernut baking

Wednesday, October 14 – Hearty Fall soups

Wednesday, November 11 – Pizza meal

Small Groups at Hope: Small groups form and continue in a variety of ways at Hope. Some meet weekly, monthly, or more intermittently, with a defined (however relaxed) purpose such as Bible Study, women's coffee, men's breakfast, gardening, young adult gatherings. If you have any questions about these existing groups, please contact the church office. **In addition, there are five existing five small groups with designated contact for each group.** Now is a good time to indicate your interest in changing groups, starting a new one, or joining one that is open to new members. Over the next two weeks, please contact Pastor Ruth by email, phone, or through a face-to-face meeting to convey your interest or ask questions.

Prayers for the Wider Church

...Pray for Western District Conference commissions meeting this month, as they discern the Spirit's leading in equipping ministry leaders, resourcing congregations, accompanying emerging faith communities, and nurturing relationships and resources to support WDC's ministries.

Beautiful Blue Planet

Written by Carol Penner

God of sea and sky,
God of this great earth laid out under the sun,
we come with thanks on our lips and praise in our hearts.

**Thank you for life and breath,
and senses to experience the beauty all around us.**

Thank you for the dear ones we love, those around us, those far away, and those who we will only see again in heaven, by your mercy.

We come with prayers for this beautiful blue planet,
and help for humankind as we live upon it.

Show us the way to live responsibly, not wastefully.

Open a curiosity in us to learn about the fish
in streams and lakes and oceans near to us,
curiosity about the birds that fly over us,
curiosity about the wild creatures, our neighbors.

We don't want to walk by on the other side
ignoring the living beings you have put in our path.

You are the creator of clean water, clean air, wild spaces.

Open our eyes to how our actions impact our neighbors.

Give wisdom to politicians as they make decisions
that will affect generations after us.

Help us amplify the voice of First Nations and Inuit elders,
the water walkers and the ones who see,
prophets sent by you to guide us.

We live and worship you in buildings built on their traditional
territory, we need paths to peace where treaties have been
broken.

Thank you for this church; help us to grow closer to each
other, so that our love for each other is a beacon
that welcomes others.

**God, you offer us a hope-filled future,
and you tell us we can get there from here.**

Be our guide in all we do and say this week, Amen

