

Hope Mennonite Church

October 18, 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

#855

To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars,
before a flower, a leaf in sunlight or a grain of sand.

**To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree
astir with the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud.**

To worship is to work with dedication and with skill;
it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

**To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the
earth; it is to listen through a storm to the still small
voice within.**

***Worship is the mystery within us
reaching out to the Mystery beyond.***

*Gathering Song

All Creature, Worship God Most High (vs. 1-5)

#81

Listening for God's Word

Time with Children

Do Lord, Remember Me arr. Moses Hogan

Choir

Scripture readings

Ecclesiastes 11:3 and Job 14:7

Time of teaching and reflecting

Ruth Harder

Ecclesiastes 11:3 and Job 14:7

Responding to God's Word

**The Deeply Painful Questions*

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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

Blessing

**We Long to Know Her* #44

Choral Benediction *Seeds Sending Song* Choir

*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: Brad Anderson
Pianist: Laurie Regehr
Song leader & choir director: Trae Gehring
Scripture reader: Ryan Henneberg
Worship tech: Grant Bellar
Sound tech: Leon Greaser
Zoom host: Kendal & Marjie Warkentine



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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 11

Attendance 107 (Hope 93; Zoom 14)

Offering \$6,242

Year to date \$226,112

Spending plan commitment year to date \$248,365

*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 18-24)

- Today -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



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

*Adults(sanctuary): The cookbook titled More-with-Less is 50 years old. Our second hour today will include learning more about its creation and history, as well as the global movement it has inspired. In preparation, Pastor Ruth interviewed Dr. Malinda Berry, professor of Peace Studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Clips of that interview will be shared in the sanctuary during the second hour.



Mower this week – Jerold Heide

NURSERY (infant – age four)



Today: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky
Next Sunday: Worship at Camp Mennoscah
November 1: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK (October 25-31)

- Sunday -10 am Worship service at Camp Mennoscah
Tuesday -9:30 am Justice Together team
-1 pm Women's Bible study
-7 pm Vision Council
Thursday -7 pm Women's Bible study (zoom)
Fri/Saturday -Library & fellowship hall reserved all day

Coffee preparation November 1: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

Visitors last Sunday: Clint Stucky (zoom); Jeramiah, Hope, Jonah Zerger; Jeff & Deb Kroeker.

There is an article about our choir director Trae Gehring and the Halstead band on the bulletin board. You'll want to check it out!

The Family Promise coordinators thank you for your continued support. We invite you to look at the 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 contributing financially and/or donating items on their wish list.

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 **Change**. What stories, reflections, and prayers rise for you when considering this word? If you are so moved, send Pastor Ruth your responses.

Our annual church retreat will take place at Camp Mennoscah next weekend, **October 24-25**. 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. **The deadline is today**. NOTE: There will not be a worship service at Hope next Sunday. You are invited to join us at Camp Mennoscah for worship at 10 am. Please register if you plan to attend.

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. If you would like your own at-home subscription for \$49/year, please contact the office by **November 1**.

Prayers for the wider church

...Give thanks for the Western District Conference Resource Library and the many ways that it enriches discipleship, children's and youth formation, preaching and teaching, spiritual growth and congregational vitality.

Hope Mennonite Church Craft Bazaar

November 14 9 am - 2 pm

Peppernut baking during 2nd hour on Sundays

Today; November 1 & 8

Hope Friends meals at 6 pm and peppernut baking

Wednesday, November 11 – Pizza meal



If you wish to order a 2027 Craft Bazaar T-shirt, you can sign up on the bulletin board or use the QR code to place your order.

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 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. Please contact Pastor Ruth by email, phone, or through a face-to-face meeting to convey your interest.

THE DEEPLY PAINFUL QUESTIONS

The deeply painful questions our minds cannot resolve are whys we boldly mention and woes we yearn to solve. God's purposes elude us, those truths that no one knows, as life and all creation, contracts, expands and grows.

God, may we step in, closer, to see continual change not as a line unbroken, but spirally arranged:
one segment, harsh or heavy, one segment mild and light, one arc of change as suffering, the other arc, delight.

To sprout, unfold and flower, there follows endlessly, birth, death and resurrection. What is brings what shall be. Each phase, a crucial action. No loss without a gain. No growth without affliction. No pleasure without pain.

Joy brings its share of anguish. Fulfillment yields to loss. Each helps us to distinguish, life with its gold and dross. Else we would be but phantoms, instead of what is real.

And no good thing would happen, God's love we would not feel.

God, give a new advantage to us so we may find
life from a prayerful vantage, and glimpse some of your
mind –the arc of change is bending to start again, anew,
the ring of love unending, the springboard, God, to you.

Text: John A Dalles

Choir Text: *Seeds Sending Song* Arr. Lyle Stutzman

These seeds you have sown in our hearts and in our bones;
cover them with your love.

Use our hands, use our feet to show Your love and Your peace.

Cover us with love.

Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord, to Thee.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.