

First Mennonite Church of Halstead

January 18, 2026

Faithful God, you have been our help in the past and our strength for today. Teach us to trust your goodness and follow your ways in every season of life.

Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

I Worship You with Holy, Holy, Holy – arr. Mark Hayes

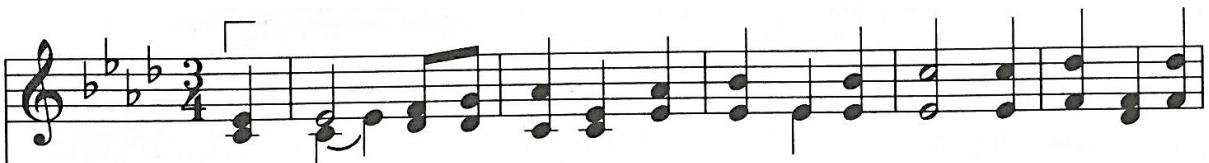
Welcome and Announcements - Ruth Mueller

Centering Music – Cindy Siemens

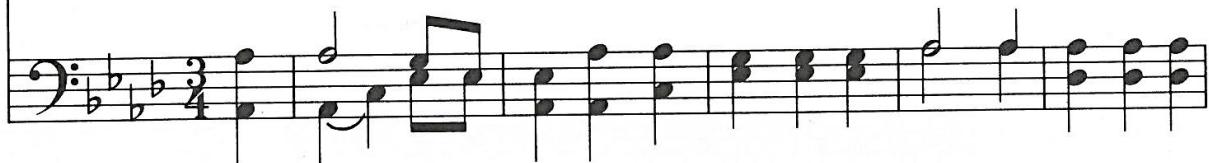
Servant Medley – arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship – Pastor Steve

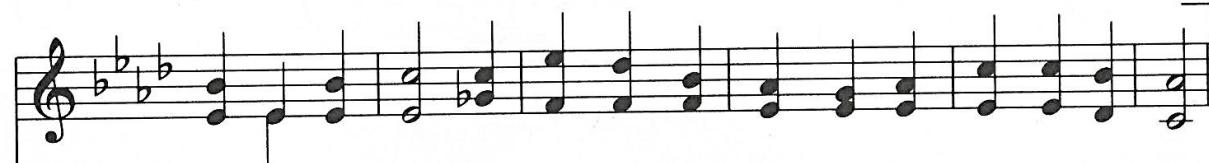
*Worship Through Singing – *To God be the glory* – HWB #102



1 To God be the glo-ry, great things he hath done, so loved he the
2 Oh, per-fect re-demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev-'ry be-
3 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re-



world that he gave us his Son, who yield-ed his life an a-
liev-er the prom-ise of God. The vil-est of-fend-er who
joic-ing through Je-sus the Son, but pur-er, and high-er, and



tonement for sin, and o-pened the life-gate that all may go in.
tru-ly be-lieves, that mo-ment from Je-sus a par-don re-ceives.
great-er will be our won-der, our trans-port, when Je-sus we see.



Refrain
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the



A musical score for a hymn, featuring two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef, both in a key signature of four flats. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first line of lyrics is "Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through". The second line is "Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done." The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns, with a fermata over the last note of the second line of lyrics.

***Worship Through Singing – *Hymn of Heaven* – Lyrics
Projected**

**Offering & Offertory – Western District Conference
On Eagle's Wings – arr. Mark Hayes - Cindy Siemens**

Scripture – John 1:29-42 (p. 1647)

Children's Time – Brocia Mueller

Worship Through Singing – *I am thine, O Lord* – HWB #505

I AM THINE 10 / 10 / Wittenberg

1 I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it
2 Oh, the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be -
3 Con - se - crate me now to thy ser - vice, Lord, by the

told thy love to me. But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
fore thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
pow'r of grace di - vine. Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,

and be clos - er drawn to thee.
I com - mune as friend with friend! Draw me near - er,
and my will be lost in thine. near - er, near - er,

near - er, bless - ed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me

near - er, near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord, to thy pre - cious bleed - ing side.

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Worship Through Singing – When we walk with the Lord – HWB

#544

TRUST AND OBEY 669D

1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a
2 Not a bur-den we bear, not a sor-row we share, but our
3 But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love, un - til
4 Then in fel - low-ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a -
toil he doth rich - ly re - pay. Not a grief nor a loss, not a
all on the al - tar we lay, for the fa - vor he shows, and the
walk by his side in the way. What he says we will do, where he

bides with us still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
frown nor a cross, but is bless'd if we trust and o - bey.
joy he be - stows, are for them who will trust and o - bey.
sends we will go, nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

Refrain

Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way to be

hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Message – Pastor Steve

What Are You Looking For?

Response Song – *Come Just as You Are* – Lyrics Projected

***Closing Prayer**

***Sending Song** – *Jesus Strong and Kind/Jesus Loves Me* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

Jesus is Lord of All – arr. Carol Tornquist

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Jan. 19	6:00 p.m.	Nurture meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council meeting
Jan. 20	7:30 p.m.	Vision team meeting
Jan. 21	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Jan. 25	10:30 a.m.	Covenanting & Anointing Service
	12:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Group Fundraiser Lunch
	12:30 p.m.	Annual Church meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention ministry chairs! Please have your ministry reports emailed to the church office by tomorrow, Jan. 19, for inclusion in the Annual Report document. Thank you!

Plan to join us next Sunday, January 25, for our annual covenanting and anointing service that will be part of the worship service. Covenants are on the back table. Feel free to take one and review it, then sign if you would like to be part of our congregational covenant. There will be a space during the service on the 25th to put them in the offering. If you won't be here, they can be put in Pastor Steve's mailbox at any time. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor Steve.

The Church Annual Meeting is planned for Sunday, January 25, following the worship service. We will enjoy a meal prepared by the senior high youth group following worship, and the meeting will begin around 12:30 p.m. The meal is a fundraiser for the youth group to help with expenses for attending Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in February.

If you would be willing to help provide meals for people in our congregation at different times, please let Melanie know so that you can be added to an email list alerting people of opportunities as they arise. A survey form was emailed with the bulletin packet that can also be utilized to indicate your interest in participating.

Kids Club has begun and will meet every Wednesday from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. through March 4. Kids Club is for ages 3-6th grade. A meal will follow at 6:00 p.m. Encourage kids you know to join us!

Wednesday night adult Bible study has begun, and Debbie is leading a study titled "Ephesians: Your Identity in Christ" by Tony Merida. The study begins at 6:45 p.m. following a supper at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend both the supper and the study.

The Hospitality Ministry invites you to participate in a Just-for-Fun Bob Ross Painting Party on February 1 at 6 p.m. We will provide painting supplies. Please reserve your spot by signing up on the bulletin board, as we are limited to the number of people that can fit in our space. We will follow along with one of Bob's

painting tutorials using some modified supplies and paint. We're not going for perfection, just hoping for some fun and fellowship together. Please bring a snack to share!

Would you like to play with a bell choir? Let Casey know!

Maybe you have played in the past or maybe you have never read music at all. There are intergenerational opportunities to interest all abilities every spring and fall. Just ask!

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus (KMCC) is looking for singers for the upcoming 2026 KMMC concerts. There are six rehearsals at Hesston Mennonite Church beginning January 25 at 2:30 p.m. The

rehearsals last for 2 hrs. If interested in singing or to get more information, contact Aaron Stucky via email at stucky2003@yahoo.com. KMMC can also be found on Facebook at Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus.

WANTED—Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the KS MCC Sale. Items you no longer need help feed and clothe thousands in desperate living conditions. All donations are tax deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620-367-8257.

CALLING FOR 2026-2027 MCC SALT PARTICIPANTS! MCC's

Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program is a year-long, cross-cultural experience for young adults ages 18-30. Whether your interest is in a specific region of the world, specific country, type of work or a language, there are numerous possibilities waiting to be explored. There is no cost to participate and there is student loan assistance available. Dates: August 12th, 2026 – July 17th, 2027. Visit mcc.org/salt for more information, applications due Feb. 15.

MCC is recruiting Canner Operators to join its mobile meat canning team, which prepares about 600,000 cans of meat annually for global communities in need. These operators travel to 30 U.S. locations from October to April, managing machinery, operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring compliance with USDA regulations. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25 OR until position is

filled. Apply online at mcc.org/careers. For more information, call 1-888-563-4676 or email marilypeters@mcc.org.

Parents, grandparents, and teachers are invited to read *Woven* by Meredith Miller in an online book study with Western District Conference. The book study will be held on Zoom from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month beginning January 13 and ending April 7. Using spider web imagery, we'll discern healthy ways to nurture faith in our congregation's kids. Talk to Casey about getting a hardback or an audiobook to discuss with the group. Drop-ins or occasional attendance welcome!

Bethel College Updates: Sun., Jan. 18-Mon., Jan. 19 – Bethel College and Hesston College, with Newton Community for Racial Justice and the Newton Public Library, will collaborate to celebrate the annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. **Sun., Jan. 18, 3 p.m.**, Hesston Mennonite Church: concert featuring Hesston College Bel Canto Singers, Bethel College Concert Choir, Central Kansas Master Chorale, and Roz McCommon and her band; **Mon., Jan. 19, 8 a.m.**, Bontrager Student Center at Hesston College: prayer breakfast with local clergy; **Jan. 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**: escape room with clues based on Dr. King's life and work, sponsored by NCRJ at the Newton Public Library; **Jan. 19, 6 p.m.**, Memorial Hall at Bethel College: listening event for Dr. King's January 1960 speech at Bethel; **Jan. 19, 7 p.m.**: program in Memorial Hall with Roz McCommon, Bethel choirs, HC Bel Canto Singers and Bethel orchestra.

Camp Mennoscah Update: Thank you to all who choose to invest in Camp Mennoscah during 2025! With nearly all gifts counted, we are pleased to report that contributions in 2025 exceeded 2024 by over 8.5%! Combined with lower expenses, we ended the year with an operating surplus of over \$63,000 which can be applied to the repairs needed at the retreat center. While this is short of the overall goal, it is a positive step forward made possible by your support, and for that, all of us are endlessly grateful.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for Dale Ortman as he recovers from shoulder surgery. Praise God that it was successful.
- Keep Maeanna Regier in prayer as she recovers from a recent surgery. Give thanks that it was a success and pray that the healing process goes as smoothly and as quickly as possible.
- Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as it begins its work for this year, and for the Holy Spirit to guide the committee with wisdom in discerning potential nominees to serve in elected leadership roles in our conference.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Seth and Stephany Rudeen are serving in Carchá, Guatemala, through the Central America Study and Service program. Pray for them as they acclimate to working in a small rural school, as well as with ODIGUA, an agricultural organization that provides resources, education and help to rural farmers.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY

Jason Mueller, Kaitlen Ortman, Emmit Jacob

PIANIST/ORGANIST

Cindy Siemens

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Church Budget	\$5,756.00
MCC	250.00
MCUSA	100.00
Western District Conference	150.00

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

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OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

MCC Relief Sale

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Marilyn Mueller, Tia Regier, Kalyn Ortman